

To Learn  
To Care  
To Give



I Show my **love**  
**for & faith in**  
**God** through

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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL**  
Kindy - Year 6

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# Sacred Heart School's Vision and Mission



## MISSION

Sacred Heart School is centred in Jesus. We strive for educational excellence encompassing the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, emotional, religious and creative development of our students.



## VALUES

\*Compassion\* Courage \* Forgiveness \* Humility  
\* Respect for Human Dignity \* Service to Others



## AFFIRMATION

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We value the wonderful community spirit and pastoral care, which permeates all aspects of our school life. It is within this nurturing environment our parish priest, parishioners, staff, parents, guardians and students work collaboratively to maintain our Catholic practice and deliver a lifelong love of learning. We live fully in the present and are mindful of our responsibility for the future care of God's creation as we travel lightly and love simply to see the God in you, looking at the God in me... a clear and authentic presence in the lives of each other.

## **DUTY OF CARE – SCHOOL TIMES**

Teachers are on duty Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 3.30pm to ensure the safety of your children. We encourage you to bring your children to school between 8.30am – 8.45am so that they have time to hang up their school bag, pop on their hat and actively play with their friends prior to the first bell.

### **BELL TIMES:**

FIRST BELL - 8.50 AM

### **RECESS -**

Start 10.50 AM

Finish 11.10 AM

### **LUNCH -**

Start: 12.45 PM

Whistle: 1.20 PM

Finish: 1.25 PM

FINAL BELL - 3.10 PM



## **COMMUNICATION**

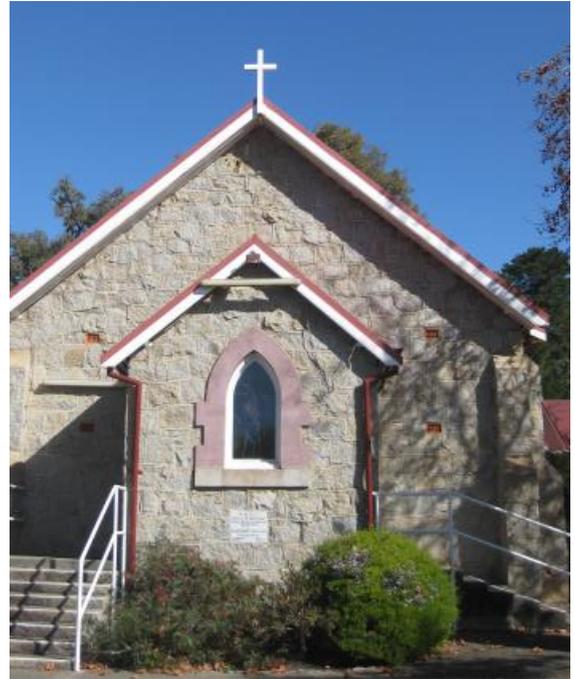
Effective communication is vital to a happy and well informed community. Sacred Heart School emails a Term Planner during the first week of every term to enable the parents to be well prepared for upcoming school events. A newsletter is emailed out once a fortnight containing photographs and class events, along with reminders of upcoming activities. Teachers are available for an appointment; the time is negotiated between the teacher and parents.

## **FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND PRACTISE**

We are fortunate to have our parish church next door to the school. The parishioners are very interested in the everyday life of the school and are often involved in our activities especially our school masses. Parents are always most welcome to attend our masses and classroom liturgies.



Our Sacramental Program consisting of; Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, is Parish Coordinated, School Based and Parent Supported. The children in year four to year six receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation each term. All children from



kindergarten to year six learn about our Catholic faith through the Religious Education Guidelines as set by the Bishops' of Western Australia. Staff and children share daily prayers and role model the values of Jesus in our words and actions.

We have whole school celebrations for our patron the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and our Australian saint, St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop). We are involved in the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal and the Winter Drive through gold coin collections and donations of non-perishable foods.

## **CURRICULUM**

Sacred Heart School as with all Catholic schools, teach Religious Education as our first learning area centred in the person of Jesus to develop the whole child. We also teach eight other learning areas; English, Mathematics, Society and Environment, Science, The Arts (Visual Art, Music, Dance and Drama), Physical Education and Health, Technology and Enterprise and Italian. We strive for excellence in our teaching and learning opportunities and ensure our assessments are valid, fair and educative. We participate in the NAPLAN, WAMSE and the Archbishop's Literacy Religious Assessments gaining valuable knowledge about individual children and whole school development.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children have their own Early Childhood Centre. Both indoor and outdoor areas with the appropriate activities for your child in their early years of education.



Following the parent and principal interview for enrolment, the kindergarten teacher has a morning tea with the parents to share information and answer questions about the curriculum and daily routines. During this time the incoming Kindy children are invited to the Early Childhood Centre to spend a session with the staff, either as an organised activity or free play. Letters of invitation are sent to the parents and the children in a timely manner.

## TRANSITION FROM PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR ONE

We know and understand the transition from Pre-Primary to year one can be quite intimidating for the parents and occasionally for the children. Therefore we conduct a 'Welcome to Year One' parent session to share routines and procedures to aid in a smooth transition. Your children will spend time in the year one classroom during term four to allow them the opportunity to practise the routines and procedure of the 'big school.'

## ARTS

A very special part of our curriculum is the focus we have on the ARTS. We offer both a visual arts and Music program. All students in Pre Primary to Year 6 participate in lessons in both these ARTS areas. We have a dedicated Visual Arts room where lessons are conducted.

## LOTE

Italian is offered to all students in the school. The focus is not only on the ability to learn to speak Italian but also the development of an understanding of the culture.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT**

We conduct physical education and sport sessions throughout the week for the year one to year six classes. Sacred Heart School has their own Faction Cross Country and Athletics Carnival. We are in the Eastern Region Sporting Association for surrounding schools involving; Athletics and Cross Country as well as a Lightning Carnival for our years four to six students.



## **SCHOOL POLICIES**

We operate within the Federal and State Government Education requirements as well as the Catholic Education Commission of WA, as such we are required to have particular policies to ensure we are operating according to the principles and procedures set down. We also have our own school policies such as our Pastoral Care Policy and Medication Policy for the optimum care and safety of all. The Staff Policy Handbook is available to all teachers and a hard copy is in the office. Parents are most welcome to read the policies and discuss any matters for further clarification. The School Board members view the updated policies every year and are invited to critique and discuss the policies.

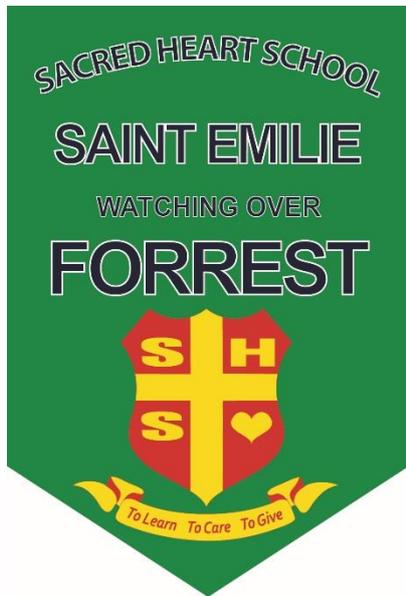
## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

The children in year one to year six are to wear their summer and winter uniform during the appropriate season. A sports uniform including; faction tee shirt, sports shorts and track suit are worn sport / PE days and during all physical education and sporting events. A school hat and a water bottle for personal use are compulsory for all outdoor activities.

While the kindergarten and pre-primary children are welcome to wear the school sports uniform, it is not compulsory. If you choose for your child to wear the uniform it must be the whole sports uniform, not just one part of it. When not wearing the uniform they must wear sun smart free dress with appropriate footwear. A school hat or cricket style hat and a water bottle for personal use are compulsory for all outdoor activities.

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is currently open on Thursdays form 8.45am - 9.15am. Special arrangements are made to accommodate new families to the school.



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