



## A snapshot of St John the Baptist Woy Woy and what we offer our students

### What makes us different?

- Welcoming and supportive community
- Faith formation and spiritual development
- Inclusive education for students at all levels
- Focus on strong and continual learning growth
- Commitment to student wellbeing
- First-class facilities and resources
- Extensive grounds and a variety of play areas in a quiet leafy and safe setting
- Successful Music and Band Program
- Annual whole school End of Year Concert
- Modern Greek Language Program (K - 6)
- Kinder Transition To School Program for students starting Kindergarten
- ASPECT satellite classes for students on the Autism Spectrum
- Early Learning Centre run by CatholicCare on site
- OSHC & Vacation Care run by CatholicCare on site
- Combined Parish and School Celebrations
- We offer siblings discounts and fee relief.

### Facilities

- Recently renovated air-conditioned and heated classrooms, enhance contemporary learning
- Flexible learning spaces including break-out areas, writable surfaces on desks
- Interactive whiteboards in every classroom
- Large bright Library and Resource Centre
- Multi-purpose Hall
- Canteen Everyday - online ordering & delivered to classroom
- Very large Oval for Sport and Play
- Adventure Playground & Climbing Equipment
- Undercover Play areas, Netball and Basketball courts
- Chicken Farm and Vegetable garden
- Drive-Through drop off and pick up available
- Early Learning Centre, OSHC & Vacation care on site.

### Academic

- NAPLAN results in years 3 and 5 above State and similar schools average in Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation
- Learning growth tracked from K - 6
- Weekly specialised Music, Library and Greek lessons
- Public Speaking (K - 6) and Debating
- For 21st century learning, the school has: 1:2 iPads in all K - 2 & 1:1 Chromebooks in all Yr 3 - 6 classes
- Library houses a class set of both Chromebooks and iPads.

### Curriculum

- English
- Maths
- Religious Education including liturgies, prayer, scripture study and the sacraments
- PDHPE
- Creative Arts (art, music, dance, drama)
- Science & Technology
- History & Geography
- Modern Greek.

### Extra Curricular

- Debating & Public Speaking
- Band (Years 3 - 6)
- Lunch Time Clubs: coding & robotics, chess, dance, choir, chicken care, art & crafts, book club, rubik's cube, guitar
- Wide range of sporting opportunities through Gala Days and representative levels
- Premiers Reading Challenge.

### Gifted and Learning Support

- Inclusive education for all students at all levels
- Point of Need Learning Programs catering for diverse abilities
- Individualised Programs & Intensive Multi-Sensory Groups for students with learning needs
- Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW).

**If you would like a tour of our school or any further information,  
please call our office on (02) 4341 0884.**





## Wellbeing

- Zones of Regulation Program
- Professionally facilitated Mindfulness sessions for every class every term
- PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)
- Growth Mindset and Gratitude practices embedded
- School Counsellor to support Families
- Student Awards e.g. Merit, Behaviour, Reading
- Year 6 and Kindergarten Buddy Program
- Buddy Benches in the Playground
- Recognition and celebration of Indigenous culture
- A safe and nurturing environment for your child.

## Student Leadership

- Year 6 School Captains
- Sports Captains
- Student Representative Council
- Student led Liturgies
- Mini Vinnies Student Group
- Multi-age group activities
- Year 6 transition programs to local high schools.

## Parent Engagement

- Parent Representative Group (PRG)
- Volunteering opportunities
- Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC)
- Liturgies each term and special occasions – Mother's & Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, Feast Days
- Open classrooms each Term
- Little Angels Playgroup held weekly for pre-schoolers.

## Excursion Program

- Year 6 excursion to Canberra
- Year 5 excursion to Bathurst
- Excursions and incursions for K - 6.



## Sport

- Weekly Sports Lessons and Gala Day Participation: soccer, netball, touch, cricket, rugby, league, AFL
- Progression to Representative Levels from school right through to National Level in Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country and a wide range of sports
- Intensive Swimming Program (K - 2)
- Surf Safety Days (Years 3 - 6)
- Additional Sporting Opportunities with professional coaches visiting the school for Tennis, Basketball & Gymnastics.

## Mission

- Mini Vinnies Pastoral Care & Social Justice Program
- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper & Winter Appeals
- Liturgies and Masses throughout the year
- Sacramental Programs - Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion Parish Programs and supporting school preparation program
- Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and a Family Christmas Mass, both outdoors on the school oval
- Participation in ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day & NAIDOC week.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Do you have to be of the Catholic faith?** No, we accept all families, we only ask that you support us in our teaching of the Catholic faith.

**Are the school fees expensive?** We have school fees but they are much less than sending your child to childcare/preschool. We offer fee relief, and no family will be refused a place in our school for financial reasons.

**How are playground issues handled?** At SJB we believe an individual's wellbeing is fundamental to them reaching their potential. The *Zones of Regulation* is used across the school to help students consciously identify and regulate their emotions, which can lead to increased control and problem-solving skills. We ensure on the playground and in the classroom that your child is physically safe, cared for and nurtured.