



Our Vision
An inclusive community committed to high levels of learning for all.

Our Mission
In the spirit of Saint Mary Mackillop, we strive for excellence with love, dignity, integrity and justice.

Dear Families,

Valuing Learning — At St Patrick's School, our 'Behaviour Management Policy' outlines the high level of behaviour expected of learners. We know, when these expectations are reached, that learning conversations in our classrooms outstrip management conversations. Teachers know that when redirections to learning are occurring excessively, learning is interrupted for everyone.

In the last week, teachers have been reminding students of the behavioural expectations and have revisited what constitutes 'minor' and 'major' behaviours. Our school behaviours fall under 'Be Safe', 'Be Respectful' and 'Be Responsible'. The classroom expectations of these have been listed below for ease of reference, however, the whole policy can be located on our schools website.

It's important to note that our policy is not just for 'naughty students'. Two of our values at St Patrick's are 'justice' and 'integrity'. These values call all students to be safe, respectful and responsible in all of their interactions throughout every day.

Feeling Safe

Our School Student Protection Contacts are:

**Miss Donnelly,
Mr Maher and Jayne
(school counsellor)**

Reminders and To Do List

- **Change to FlexiSchools**— please note that we have now changed over to 'FlexiSchools'. [Click here for instructions](#)
- **Please remember that we are a 'Nut Aware' School.**
- **Church Times** - Church celebrations are up and running again with social distancing measures in place. Times for masses are as follows:

**1st Sunday - 9am,
2nd and 3rd Sunday
– 5.30pm**

**4th & 5th Sunday -
Liturgy of the Word
with Communion -
9am**

	Minor	Major (3 minors = major)
Class tasks	Not completing set tasks that are at an appropriate level Refusing to work	Refusing to work after redirection
Being in the right place	Not being punctual (eg: lateness after breaks) Not in the right place at the right time	Leaving class without permission (out of sight) Leaving school without permission
Follow instructions	Low frequency failure to respond to adult request Low frequency non- compliance Unco-operative behaviour	Repeated failure to respond to adult request repeated non- compliance
Accept outcomes for behaviour	Minor dishonesty (lying about involvement in a low-level incident)	Major dishonesty that has a negative impact on others
Language (including while online)	Inappropriate language (written/verbal) Calling out Poor attitude Disrespectful tone	Offensive language Aggressive language Verbal abuse / directed profanity

Covid 19 Safe— As of Monday morning, the Darling Downs region was included with those areas that have restrictions in place for minimising the transmission of Covid 19. This change has prompted some very good questions from our community. Please be aware, that schools and other educational settings are exempt from these restrictions. We continue to apply safe practices and plan for an event such as a school closure.

God Bless

Tyronne Maher
Principal

“It is what we know already that often prevents us from learning.”

Claude Bernard

St Patrick's School Allora— Newsletter

School News



Resilience Workshops – September School Holidays– ‘The Resilience Revolution’, run by Lena Redman, is offering workshops for children and teenagers to boost mental health and wellbeing. These programs are being offered during the September school holidays and are being delivered at St Anthony’s Catholic Parish Hall. If you feel your child could benefit from the opportunity to build skills of resilience, then [click here](#) to find out more information regarding these upcoming workshops.

Library news—The library is collecting “Little Treehouse” books which are being given away to customers on purchases of \$30.00 or more. If you shop at Coles, we would be grateful for any donations of these little books. We are putting them together as a kit to be borrowed by the students.

Reconciliation Preparation— Congratulations to Logan, Cassie, Tom, Molly and Arthur who yesterday, began their preparations to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. At the heart of Reconciliation, is the notion that we all make mistakes and can be forgiven.

Socktober—This year we are supporting the work of Catholic Missions in Cambodia through ‘Socktober’. Each week children are being exposed to impoverished countries and their challenges. Just a few dollars can make a massive impact on children in Cambodia. Children can register by [clicking here](#). Then, simply share the page and encourage family and friends to get behind your child/ren’s Socktober journey. On the 23rd October, we’ll be having a fun day including a ‘soccer shootout’ with some guest goal keepers. Let’s ‘sock it to poverty’ in Cambodia.

Darling Downs Cricket Trials— Congratulations to Archie Brown, Joshua Millard, Marty May and Caleb Millard on recently being selected as part of the Southern Downs Cricket Team to trial at the Darling Downs competition. These boys were commended by selectors on their exceptional level of sportsmanship throughout the trial.

2020 St Patrick’s Athletics Carnival—This Thursday, we will hold our athletics carnival. The size of our school community means that it is possible to do this within the current Covid 19 environment. Hand sanitizer will be available and we ask all families attending to observe the social distancing required of adults in our schools (1.5m). The day will have the usual events but will not include high jump this year. A ‘run sheet’ of the day can be viewed by [clicking here](#) or by visiting the ‘Newsletters’ page of our website.

Under 8’s Day Dress Up Theme - Our younger learners are getting excited about their day at Clifton next week with other children from our district. Children are encouraged to dress up as who they would like to be when they grow up. We look forward to hearing of their fun and learning.

DATE CLAIMERS

- **2nd September** - 'Early Years Morning', 9-11am - all under 5's and their families are welcome.
- **3rd September** - St Patrick’s Athletics Carnival.
- **4th September** - **School Closed** Planning & Professional Learning Day.
- **7th September** - Prep Enrolment Interviews begin - Click [here](#) to arrange.
- **11th September**— Central Downs Gala Day (League, Netball and Soccer). Please complete the [online form](#).
- **11th September**—Under 8’s Day – Theme—Who I want to be when I grow up. Bus (8:45am) and lunch provided.
- **15th September**—Allora State School Transition day—all day (yr 6)
- **17th September**—Assumption College Transition Day
- **17th September**— last day term 3
- **18th September** - **School Closed** Professional Development of Staff
- **6 October**—Term 4 Starts
- **21st October** - First Prep Transition Morning - 8:40 - 11:25am
- **23rd October**—Socktober event.
- **4th November** – Prep Transition Afternoon – 2-3pm (NEW to 2020 in response to family feedback)
- **18th November** - Second Prep Transition Morning - 8:40 - 11:25am
- **2nd December** - Prep Transition Afternoon – 2-3pm (NEW to 2020)