

ST PIUS X CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MANNING

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INFORMATION BOOKLET 2011

St Pius X Catholic Primary School was founded in 1957 by the Sisters of St Joseph of The Sacred Heart. It caters for girls and boys from Kindergarten to Year 6.

SCHOOL VISION

St Pius X Catholic Primary School is committed to becoming, ever more fully, a learning community. We take the values lived by Jesus Christ as the foundation for everything we do. At our school, we achieve excellence through cooperation and positive interdependence. We strive continually to become a place where all people will:

Learn to love and love to learn

We are unashamedly – though not uncritically- optimistic. We believe in the future of our children. At our school, people are encouraged to reflect on their lives and learning, to act courageously, and to commit themselves to the journey towards realisation of God's plan for them. St Pius X is a place where people take time to celebrate life together. We especially value prayer and questioning in the pursuit of truth. We actively search for authentic ways of defining and recognising success. We believe that our school is a place where Jesus is comfortable.

NEW ADMISSIONS

Enrolment Application Forms are available from the school office or our website. Applications need to be completed and returned to the office together with a copy of the birth certificate and baptism certificate if the child is baptised. Enrolment interviews are carried out in Term 2 of the year preceding entry into school for children in Kindy or Pre-primary, or as vacancies occur.

ENROLMENT POLICY

Rationale

Catholic Schools exist to further the Mission of the Church. In Western Australia, the Mandate of the Bishops requires the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia to make Catholic school education available to all Catholic children, as far as resources allow.

Parents are the prime educators of their children and the role of the school is one of support. The following priorities are given to enrolment applications:

1. Catholic baptised children from the Parish – siblings have priority.
2. Catholic baptised children from surrounding parishes who are unable to obtain a place in their local Catholic school.
3. Siblings of non-Catholic students.
4. Non-Catholic baptised children whose parents desire a Christian education for their children – class numbers permitting.
5. Non-Catholic children whose parents desire a Christian education for their children – class numbers permitting.

Following consultation with the Director, the Principal may vary the above priorities to suit particular local circumstances prevailing at the time.

6. Parents must provide a completed Parish Priest Reference.
7. Before an offer of a place is made prospective students and their parent(s) / guardian(s) shall be interviewed by the Principal or a member of the Leadership Team.
8. The Catholic/non-Catholic Enrolment percentage parameters approved by the Bishops of Western Australia is referred to when enrolling students.
9. Before offering enrolment to students requiring specific educational needs:
 - 9.1 The Principal shall ascertain whether the student has any special educational needs which will require differential resourcing if schooling is to achieve educational outcomes appropriate to the student's learning needs.
 - 9.2 Where the student has a disabling condition, disorder or significant health care needs, the Principal shall consult with the Special Learning Needs Team at the Catholic Education Office to ensure that the school has the capacity to make

adequate provision for the student's specific educational needs. If the Principal determines that the school, after appropriate consultation as in 9.1 and 9.2 above, does not have the resources to respond to the student's educational needs, then the parent(s) or guardian(s) may be referred to one of the Special Education Support Centres located in certain Catholic Schools.

SCHOOL FEES - 2011

Pre-Primary - Year 6

\$300.00	for first child per term
\$240.00	for second child per term
\$180.00	for third child per term
\$50.00	Amenities fee per child per year
\$15.00	Art & Craft fee per child per year (Years PP-6)
\$12.50	P & F Levy per family per term
\$60.00	Building Levy per family per term
\$20.00	Puzzle & Games Levy per year (PP)
\$15.00	Cooking Levy per year (PP)
\$30.00	Mathletics (PP-6)
\$15.00	Spellodrome (PP-6)
\$5.00	Lexile Reading Program (Years 3-6)

Kindy – 4 sessions per week

\$480.00	for first child per annum
\$384.00	for second child per annum
\$288.00	for third child per annum
\$100.00	Amenities fee per child per annum
\$20.00	Puzzle & Games Levy
\$20.00	P & F Levy per annum
\$96.00	Building Levy per annum (if only child in school)

Parents with Health Care Cards or Pensioner Concession Cards will need to pay \$220 per annum (K-6) for tuition fees plus all other fees.

The following discount structure applies to the above

Second child	20% discount
Third child	40% discount
Fourth child	Free

CURRICULUM

Religious Education is taught for thirty minutes each day and is based on Units set by the Archdiocese of Perth. There is regular contact with the Parish Priest and special children's liturgies are celebrated throughout the school year.

The Curriculum Framework has been implemented into the school and the Learning Areas have been developed along these lines with the focus on child centred learning.

There are a number of specialist teachers in the school to support the classroom teacher in Years, Pre-primary – Year 6.

- Physical Education
- Music Teacher

- Italian Teacher
- Librarian / Library Assistant
- Language Support
- Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Support – junior grades

Tennis and Instrumental Music Lessons are options carried out by private companies external to the school. These lessons are not included in the school fees.

Children are encouraged to participate in a range of sports and there are many opportunities to participate in interschool sport throughout the year.

All classrooms have access to the Internet and computers. There is also a bank of computers in the library for the children to use. The Library is fully automated and uses the Athena Library Software Package.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Children are prepared for each of the following Sacraments through their daily Religious Education lessons. There is an eight-week preparation leading into the Sacraments. There is, however, the need for parents to be active in their support for their children as they prepare for each of the Sacraments. Parents may be required to attend information evenings, enrolment ceremonies, organizational meetings and student / parent workshops for each of the sacraments.

Reconciliation is prepared when the children are in Year 3 (Term One); **Eucharist** is prepared in Year 4 (Term Three) and **Confirmation** in Year 6 (Term Two).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform shop operates each Friday morning from 8.30-9.00am.

ST PIUS X UNIFORM POLICY

The parents and staff at St Pius X School expect a high standard of dress to be maintained by all children.

Our uniform is a sign of our School Community and all are expected to support the Uniform/Grooming Policy.

Wearing correct uniform encourages a sense of pride in self and school and provides consistency and equality for all students. Parents are asked to vigilantly ensure that uniform and grooming requirements are adhered to, as many valuable teaching hours can be lost during the year ensuring the children follow these requirements.

Notes will be sent home for breaches of Uniform Policy. All children are expected to wear the correct school and sport uniform on the appropriate days. There should be no mixing of the regulation uniform and sports uniform. On excursions and attendance at out-of-school functions where students represent the school regular uniform will be worn.

Parents and children are asked to adhere to school uniform expectations when purchasing items. This prevents added expense of re-purchase or children and staff needing to address breaches of uniform expectations.

The school uniform shop is extremely well equipped with both new and sound quality secondhand items and uniform items must be purchased from the shop. Shoes and black stockings are the only items not sold through the uniform shop and are readily obtained from many outlets.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

GIRLS

Summer Uniform Terms 1 & 4

Winter Uniform Terms 2 & 3

Green checked school dress with crest Brown sandals (no Velcro) with no socks OR Black leather shoes (laced) with short white turnover socks School hat	Green pleated school pinafore White long sleeve school shirt with crest Maroon school jumper with crest Green tie Black leather shoes (laced) with Black stockings or short white turnover socks School hat
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BOYS

Summer Uniform Terms 1 & 4

Winter Uniform Terms 2 & 3

White school s/sleeve shirt with crest Grey school shorts Brown sandals (no Velcro) with no socks OR Black leather shoes (laced) with grey school socks School Hat	White long sleeve shirt with school crest Grey school trousers Maroon school jumper with crest Green tie Black leather shoes (laced) with Grey school socks School Hat
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SPORTS UNIFORM – to be worn Tuesdays & Fridays – Terms 1-4

GIRLS & BOYS

Maroon knit sport shirt with crest Black taslon shorts with crest Maroon school tracksuit with crest White sports sock with school name All black lace up sport shoes (Junior Primary may have Velcro instead of laces) School hat

Grooming

Hairstyles for both boys and girls should be neat and tidy and reflect accepted standards. Shoulder length hair or longer is to be tied up. Boys’ hair length should not be longer than the shirt collar or shorter than a Number 2. The Principal reserves the right to decide the acceptability of hairstyles. Parents are requested to refrain from allowing children to dye their hair during school terms. Scrunchies or ribbons need to be in school colours (maroon or green).

Hats

School regulation hats are compulsory. A ‘NO HAT NO PLAY’ rule is enforced throughout the year. Children not wearing the school hat must remain undercover during breaks. Children will be excluded from sport if no hat is worn. Children will be issued with a note to inform parents when they have been excluded from the lesson. ALL school hats should be clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. To reduce the incidents of head lice, each child needs to wear his/her own hat. (no lending or borrowing.)

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery is not encouraged for safety reasons. A watch and/or necklace with a Christian symbol may be worn. One stud or sleeper (plain – eg. gold or silver) in each ear lobe. No nail polish, tattoos, makeup may be worn during school hours.

School Bags

The St Pius X school bag is available for purchase, however is not compulsory.

Library Bags

The St Pius X library bag is available for purchase, however is not compulsory.

Hair Accessories

In keeping with the school uniform shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back with green or maroon hair ties, scrunchies, ribbons or hairclips.

Excursions

Full school uniform appropriate to the season should be worn on all school excursions to maintain a good image for our school. Should the nature of the excursion require the wearing of the sport uniform this will be specified at the time.

Exceptions to school uniform rules

1. If a product or item has been brought into the uniform there will be a phase in and phase out period e.g. new tracksuits – an allowance of 2 years will be given to allow students to outgrow their current uniform and replace with a new style one. For items \$15 and under a phase in period of 1 year will be given e.g. new sport socks.
2. At the start of term 2 and at the end of term 3 there will be a 2 weeks only allowance for students to wear short-sleeved shirts in place of the long sleeved shirts if the weather is warm.

GROOMING REQUIREMENTS

The following conditions reflect:

- The school communities concern for safety, health and the whole development of the child.
 - The promotion of our Vision Statement.
1. Wearing of full school uniform is compulsory from Years 1-6.
 2. School shoes are to be polished and sport shoes kept clean.
 3. A watch: a chain with a small religious symbol and one sleeper (plain) or stud (plain) in each ear lobe are the only items of jewellery permitted.
 4. No make up.
 5. Longer than collar length hair is to be tied back using maroon or green elastics, ribbon or scrunchies.
 6. No fad haircuts.
 7. No shaved heads.
 8. The school hat is to be worn in all terms for all outdoor activities.
 9. The principal reserves the right to determine the suitability of an individual's grooming.

SCHOOL BOARD

St Pius is under the financial management of the Manning Catholic School Board. Members of the school board are elected from the school/parish at the Annual School Community Meeting held each November.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

The P & F have monthly meetings in the school library on Tuesday evenings on dates determined at the commencement of the school year. All parents of children attending the school are encouraged to attend these meetings.

The P & F is largely responsible for the fund-raising and social activities of the school.

The P & F is also responsible for the operation of the uniform shop and the canteen.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen operates entirely with voluntary help. It is open on Mondays and Fridays and Tuesday if Monday is a holiday. Parents are asked to add their name to the roster.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Primary Schools

- 6 Professional Development Days per year
 - 2 days at the beginning of the year immediately before first pupil instruction day (i.e. Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2011)
 - 4 days throughout the year – Monday 18 April; Tuesday 19 April; Monday 15 August; Thursday 15 December
 - 1 extra day for staff for commitment to church activities will be taken on Friday 8 July

These dates could change and parents will be notified in advance via the school newsletter.

SCHOOL HOURS

Years 1-6	8.45am	School commences
	10.40-11.00am	Recess
	12.30-1.15pm	Lunch (Yrs 1-3)
	1.00-1.45pm	Lunch (Yrs 4-6)
	3.05pm	Dismissal

Children are not supervised prior to 8.30am and are discouraged from arriving at school before this time. Teachers finish their duty at 3.25pm.

Between 8.30am-8.45am there is no play. This is preparation time for all students.

Pre-Primary	9.00am	School commences
	3.00pm	Dismissal

Kindergarten	9.00am-2.50pm	Tuesday and Wednesday
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Children in Pre-primary and Kindergarten need to be delivered to and picked up from the door by an authorised adult.

PARKING

For safety reasons, parents are requested not to park in the driveways, nor drive into the school grounds.

PARENT TEACHER INTERACTION

Parents are encouraged to meet with teachers on a regular basis to discuss aspects of their child's development.

If after discussing an issue with the teacher, the parent remains unsatisfied they should then make an appointment to see the Principal.

An Information Night will be held at the commencement of each year for children in Years 1-6. Orientation is held the previous year for Kindy and Pre-primary parents.

Reports are sent home at the end of each semester. Parents will have the opportunity to have an interview at the end of the first term to discuss their child's progress.

Student Portfolios are sent home at the end of term 1.

Learning Journeys take place at the end of term 3.

A **school Newsletter** is sent home each Wednesday providing parents with important information.

Teachers will also inform parents on the many ways they can be involved in the classroom over the year.

HOMEWORK POLICY

A copy of the school's homework policy is available on request and will be sent out at the commencement of each year.

Children from Year 1-6 have a homework diary. Parents may also use this to communicate, through, notes to the teacher.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS AND YEAR 6 CAMP

These are considered a valuable part of the educational process and all students are expected to participate. The school will undertake to give parents full details of any excursion or camp well before the event takes place.

ABSENCES AND ILLNESS

If a child is absent a note explaining the reason must be given to the teacher.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

It is vital that all details on the Enrolment Form are kept up to date. If at any time your address, phone number, work number or emergency contact number is changed, please notify the office and class teacher immediately.

SCHOOL PRAYER

We the members of St Pius X family, ask you Lord to strengthen and guide us
as we strive each day to grow closer to you.

Help us to live by our Patron's motto:
"To restore all things in Christ, so that Christ may be in all that we do"
and
"To love God and lead good Christian lives".

Through Faith and Friendship
help us to respect each other.

Bless everyone in our school community.

Amen