

**Term 4 Core Value:** Compassion

**School Rule:** Learn and let others learn

**Respectful Relationships Focus:** Respect other people's points of view/opinions

Staff and students **who suspect they may have** COVID-19 **must not return to school** or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom-free. Schools **must sight the negative COVID-19 test result.**

Please read the list of symptoms that the Dee Why Respiratory Clinic suggests indicating when testing should occur.

\* **Fever**      \* **Dry cough**      \* **Sore Throat**      \* **Runny or stuffy nose**      \* **Shortness of breath**

**Covid safety requirements - checking in using the QR code.**

**If you must enter the school, please remember to check in using the QR code displayed on all gates and around the school. You must wear a mask if you enter the school.**



Dear parents

It has been a wonderful week with our Kinder, Year 1 & 2 students all back for face to face learning with their teachers. I had tears in my eyes as I watched so many of the children walk back through that gate on Monday.

There has been lots of smiles, laughter and fun with friends again as well as great learning. We have been very impressed with how quickly these students settled back into school routines. Thank you and well done parents for all you have done to make the return to school so positive for your children.

We are so excited to be able to welcome back the rest of the students, from years 3-6 from Monday 25 October. Our amazing [video](#) from Monday summed it all up.



We have provided information about the details of return to school on our website:  
<https://www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au/how-to-support-your-student-return-to-st-josephs/>

This information is sorted under 3 headings:

- HEAD:** Logistics – the what, when and how
- HEART:** Feelings – how we can best support our children
- HEALTH:** Safety – how we are planning to best protect us all

**Please take the time to click on the link and read the information as there are changes due to meeting the government regulations for return to school.**

Parents cannot enter the school for drop off or pick up. We know some of the children may be nervous or shy about returning. The teacher on playground duty is aware and will look out to see if you need help at the gate.

Pick up in the afternoons will look different too. We have made plans to relieve some congestion at the gates at that time.

If you have children in JUST kinder to year 2 you can pick up at 2.50pm at either kiss n ride or in person at the Lagoon St pedestrian gate. Those children being picked up in person, will be lined up at the gate in single file and we ask that parents line up in single file on the street, starting at the gate then down towards the church. Say your child's name to the teacher and they will be brought to the gate.

Thank you to the parents this week who have been patient and worked with us to make this new dismissal process work. Could you please inform your child how you will pick them up, by car or walking so we know which line to put them on. This will help us enormously.

### Catching up with learning

All teachers are spending time this week assessing where kids are at in the key learning areas of English and Maths. We are allocating days to teachers in the next two weeks to be able to withdraw children and do some quick one on one reading and maths assessments, so we know exactly where to plan and target our teaching. We spent our professional learning meeting yesterday afternoon planning this process.

### Masks

For those who have been asking, masks for primary school children are encouraged but not mandated. This is your choice. Children would need to bring their own mask and be responsible for it. Teachers and staff will be wearing masks both inside and out until such time the government changes the rules for schools.

This graphic will be displayed in our school and helps us all to be reminded of the protocols.

**SCHOOL PROTOCOLS**  
Covid 19 - Safe return to school

Children dropped at normal entry points. Pick up at Lagoon Steet - single file

Face masks to be worn by all teachers and staff. (Optional for students)

Regular inspections of fans and air conditioners.

Social distancing for teachers and students where possible

School canteen will be closed

No parents or visitors allowed onsite

Enhanced cleaning and hygienist services delivered daily

Not permitted: sporting competitions, singing, assemblies, school performances, excursions, parent events

Any staff or children with the mildest of COVID 19 Symptoms must get tested and isolate until they receive a negative result. Must be symptom free to return to school

St. Joseph's  
Catholic Primary School  
Narrabeen  
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### School Photos – Portraits Only

We have a **tentative** booking for our annual school photos on **Tuesday 2 November**. At this stage MSP Photography are awaiting confirmation from NSW Government that they can attend schools.

We will not be able to have class group photos due to Covid restrictions.



### Uniform - changes coming - Watch for the announcement, communication and visuals coming soon

In Term 2 we formed a P&F uniform committee to look at changing and simplifying the uniform. We have finalised the process of changing the school uniform and will update you shortly as to what that involves. We will communicate this to you via a designated page on the website complete with photos.

We recommend you hold off purchasing new items for a couple of weeks if you can. This mainly affects the girls summer dress and the boys shorts.

The boys summer shirt is not changing, in fact it will be the only shirt for all year, the sports uniform is also the same, so if you need to update those items you can go ahead and order from Cowan and Lewis.

The second-hand uniform shop is not operating now, due to Covid restrictions. Please do not contact Naomi. We have been able to assist Year 6 students who have grown out of their summer uniform for this term.

### New volunteer and looking for a parent volunteer for the second hand uniform shop for 2022

Hip hooray! We have a volunteer to take over from Catherine Strbik for the stock ordering in the canteen for 2022. Big thanks to Debbie Carter for her generosity.

We still need a parent to coordinate the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop. Naomi is happy to explain the processes to someone new. This role could be shared if you want to volunteer with a partner and share the load. Please contact the office if you are interested.

### Sympathy

Our Year 1 teacher, Mrs Carmel Sekulich's mother passed away last Friday. We hold Carmel and her large extended family in our prayers. Carmel will have some leave time late next week to attend the funeral and grieve with her family.

Warm regards

**Virginia Outred**  
Principal

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[St Joseph's website](#)  
[St Joseph's Google School Calendar](#)



## 2022 Start Dates, Best Start & MAI Assessments – All students

To assist parents who are planning holidays in January, please note assessment dates below. All children are required to attend a compulsory assessment in January.

Assessment bookings will be via the Compass Parent Portal. Students attend only for their booked time slot. Parents will be advised once bookings open in December.



<b>Friday 28 January</b>	<b>Afternoon - Assessment Day for Kinder – Yr 6</b>
<b>Monday 31 January</b>	<b>Assessment Day for Kinder – Yr 6</b>
<b>Tuesday 1 February</b>	<b>Assessment Day for Kinder</b>
<b>Tuesday 1 February</b>	<b>Yrs 1-6 commence</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 February</b>	<b>Kinder commence</b>

All students attend a compulsory assessment. Bookings will be via Compass. We will advise you once bookings open.

## School Buses – Student Opal Card

### Message from Transport NSW – School Bus Opal Cards

Applications for student travel in 2022 opened on **Tuesday 12 October 2021**. Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (eg joint custody).



Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

## School Band

### Band 2022

This is the time of year when our Band director Monique, seeks expressions of interest for children who would like to take up an instrument in 2022. There are opportunities for students in Year1-6. with training band (for beginners) open to students in Year 3 2022.

Enquiries and enrolments for Band and instrumental/vocal lessons in 2022 are now open! Email or sign-up here for more information:

<http://roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com/newstudentform> Or [info@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com](mailto:info@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com)



### ST LUCY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE!

Please support St Lucy's School by purchasing tickets in our 2021 raffle. The aim of the raffle is to raise funds for our Central Coast Bus Service.

**8 FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!**

We have just launched our 2021 St Lucy's Raffle which will be drawn in December. The aim of the raffle is to raise funds for our Central Coast Bus Service.

The Central Coast has a limited selection of schools for students with disabilities. St Lucy's School located in Wahroonga has been a vital choice for Central Coast parents. Funding the bus service ensures that current and future families have greater choice of education for their child. St Lucy's is committed to providing education for children with disabilities who live on the Central Coast. Your support through funding will help us achieve this goal.

1 Ticket for \$10 | 3 Tickets for \$25 | 10 tickets for \$75 | 15 tickets for \$100  
Please visit: [rafflelink.com.au/stlucysraffle2021](http://rafflelink.com.au/stlucysraffle2021) or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. Drawn on 10th December 2021.



#### \$50 St Lucy's Limited-edition umbrella

The beautiful artwork 'Sunshine Through the Rain' featured on the limited edition St Lucy's School umbrella was painted as a collaborative piece by St Lucy's students as featured in the photos below.

St Lucy's Visual Art classes are a time for joy, expression and exploration. By experimenting with materials and techniques, students discover their artistic talents, build skills and develop confidence and self-esteem.

All profits from the sale of umbrellas will go towards the refurbishment of the school playground to ensure all our students have the opportunity to learn through play.

The school playground provides an environment for students to develop their social skills, along with flexibility, motor skills and made through.

If you would like to purchase any St Lucy's limited-edition umbrellas, please contact our fundraising and events officer Amy Tatham [amy@stlucys.com.au](mailto:amy@stlucys.com.au) to place a bulk order and co-ordinate collection from the School.

Size: 27" • Black auto open golf umbrella  
Fiberglass shaft and frame • EVA foam handle



## Contact information from the office

### Parent Volunteers

We love parents volunteering at St Joseph's.

All volunteers should sign in at Compass Kiosk in the office on arrival, and sign out when leaving.

When you volunteer for the first time please attend the office to complete a [Volunteer Declaration Form](#) and provide ID (drivers licence). You will also be taken through a short induction regarding emergency procedures at St Joseph's.



### Compass Parent Portal

There are two ways to access Compass - using the parent portal on any modern web browser or using the 'Compass School Manager' app on your mobile device. Parents can enter full day absences, access student academic reports, school calendar and update contact numbers and email addresses via Compass. All parents have their own individual login details (emailed direct to you from the CSO). Parent guides can be found on the Compass Parent Portal page of our website [here](#).

**WHOLE DAY ABSENCE** ..... Enter via the APP on your phone (sick, holiday) – you do not need to change the times, the default of “8am to 5pm” covers the school day. Absences of 10 or more days - [Request for Leave](#) form must be submitted to the office as well as entering via APP

**ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE** .. Enter via Kiosk in school office

**LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY** ..... Enter via Kiosk in school office



### Kiss & Ride Reminders

Please exit the K&R zone as soon as you have loaded/unloaded your child/ren. **Please do not stop to chat / leave your vehicle.**

Please enter the queue from Wellington St, making a left turn into Lagoon Street and the K&R zone.

For the safety of all students, please do not make U-turns in Lagoon St outside the school/church/bus zone/K&R zone

### School Fees

The Fee Liaison Unit (FLU) at the Catholic Schools Office looks after all enquiries regarding overdue school fees and financial hardship.

#### [2021 School Fees Schedule](#)

The contact for St Joseph's Narrabeen at FLU is:

Name: Brendan Smith  
Tel: 9847 0738  
Email: [schoolfees@dbb.org.au](mailto:schoolfees@dbb.org.au)

### Qkr & canteen orders

Did you know you can place your Qkr canteen orders days, or even two weeks, in advance?

You do not need to wait until the day you require the lunch order.

Avoid missing the cut off by placing your orders a few days before.

Qkr FAQs can be found on our school website [here](#).



### Second Hand Uniform Shop



New uniform items can be purchased from [Cowan & Lewis](#) via their online store.

Full details for both Cowan & Lewis and our Second Hand Uniform Shop can be found on our website [here](#).

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**  
**currently closed due to Covid restrictions**



### School Band

#### Roar Music Northern Beaches

If your child is interested in joining the school band, keyboard or recorder groups, please contact Monique Warokka at [monique@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com](mailto:monique@roarmusicnorthernbeaches.com) or 9984 0369



### OOSH Northern Beaches

All enquiries for Before and After School Care can be directed to OOSH staff (on site before and after school), by phone to OOSH head office (9984 8089) or email [manager@ooshnb.com.au](mailto:manager@ooshnb.com.au).

Before school care is from 7am-9am, and after school care finishes at 6pm.

Website: [www.ooshnb.com.au](http://www.ooshnb.com.au)  
Head Office: 9984 8089  
St Joseph's OOSH: 0422 000 693

### No Nuts

Please help us keep our students with allergies safe.

No nuts, tree nuts, pine nuts or products made from or containing any nuts to be brought to school (including pesto, peanut butter, almond butter, Nutella, nut oils).

