

St Pius X Primary School



Information Booklet



LIVING IS GIVING

The School's crest motto is illustrated on the left.
The words "Living is Giving" truly illustrate the beliefs of St. Pius X

The staff and parents at St. Pius X welcome you and your child to the school. St. Pius X is a Catholic co-educational Kindergarten to Year 6 school in the Bathurst Diocese. In choosing St. Pius you are making a commitment to the Catholic Education of your child.

The following poem adequately sums up the family atmosphere that exists at St. Pius X.

"I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care."

"One was a teacher, the tools he/she used
Were books and music and art;
One a parent with a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart"

"Day after day the teacher toiled
With touch that was loving and sure,
While the parent laboured by his/her side,
And polished and smoothed it o'er"

"And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child,
Could neither be sold nor bought"

"And each agreed he/she would have failed
If he/she worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher, the home"

"To teach means not only to impart what we know, but also to reveal who we are by living what we believe. It is this latter lesson which tends to last the longest...
No one else will ever have the opportunity to accompany students for the search for truth".

Pope John Paul II, 1984

Katrina Isbester
Principal

Vision Statement



Our vision for the St. Pius X school community is that in providing a quality, positive learning environment, all children will reach their true potential and be witnesses to the Catholic faith.

St. Pius X Mission Statement

- To be a witnessing Catholic community where values are understood, enunciated and practised by staff and pupils
- To create an atmosphere of love in which the child will feel secure and accepted and so be able to develop his/her individuality to his/her potential
- To guide the children's learning experiences so that they acquire the appropriate knowledge and skills to satisfy curriculum requirements
- To provide experiences that will foster the total development of the child
- To help the children realise that they compete for the personal satisfaction that competition provides and not just for the winning
- To provide an acceptable discipline that will foster the growth of self discipline in the child
- To encourage our students that as Christians they are aware
- of their place in the community and provide them with an education for life.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri peoples, the traditional custodians of the lands on which our school resides. We also pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

General Information



School Address: Saint Pius X Catholic Primary School
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SCHOOL TIMINGS

9.00 a.m.	School commences
11.00 a.m.	Lunch
11.50 a.m.	Class resumes
1.50 p.m.	Recess
2.20 p.m.	Class resumes
3.20 p.m.	School concludes for Kindergarten to Year 6

Supervision of children commences at **8.30 a.m.**

The school will not be held responsible for children who arrive before 8.30 a.m.

St. Pius X School is a smoke free and alcohol free workplace.

St. Pius X General Policy



Assemblies

Assembly is held every Friday, in the School Hall

The School Captains and S.R.C. run the assembly.
Announcements for the coming week are made. Awards are presented.
The Assembly concludes with the singing of the National Anthem.

All class teachers are present at all assemblies.

Playground

8.30 a.m. All pupils who have arrived early MUST SIT and wait until 8.30 when the teacher goes out on duty

8.30 a.m. Supervision is to begin. The ringing of the bell will indicate that supervision has begun and the pupils may, at discretion of the teacher, proceed to the grassed or paved area to play.

9.00 a.m. A bell will be rung for children to go to class. They assemble under the large covered area.

11.00 a.m. Lunch
The pupils eat their lunch in the classrooms.
At the discretion of the teacher, the pupils will be directed by the teacher on duty to move to the playing area. The play equipment is used on a rostered basis.

11.50 a.m. The bell is rung for the pupils to assemble under the large covered area.

1.50 p.m. Students go out for Recess

2.20 p.m. Students to assemble under the large covered area

3.20 p.m. Children dismissed from class

Pastoral care of Students



We recognise the uniqueness, potential and dignity of each student. We are sensitive to their social and cultural backgrounds and actively foster their self esteem and ability to interact with others. We encourage justice and equity for all students.

A Pastoral Care and Discipline Policy has been developed to assist with consistency and good order generally.

Children Leaving School Grounds

No child is to leave the school grounds unless he/she has written consent. Children who arrive late or leave early must fill in a form at the School Office. Parents must sign children in and out. Changes to a child's bus routine must be notified in writing by the parents to the class teacher.

Absenteeism

It is mandatory that if any child is absent for any length of time, a letter must be sent to the class teacher or an absent note needs to be added to 'Compass' via the parent portal. The roll is an official and legal document.

Homework

This will be discussed at the beginning of the year with your child's teacher.

Accident Routine

It is our policy to call the Ambulance if the injury is severe or needs more attention than we can provide e.g. deep cut/gash, abrasions to a large area, suspected fracture or break, injury to eye or ear. Parents will be contacted immediately after the ambulance has been called and the advice of the officer sought. Please update your information as we cannot ring you if we don't have your number.

Sick Children

When a child reports sick, they are sent to the Secretary's office. The child will be placed in the foyer and observed for a short period before parents are contacted. The Secretary will contact parents where necessary.

No medicine is to be given in the classrooms. All medicine needs to be clearly labelled with the child's name, class and directions for administration, time to be administered, together with written permission from the parents. This medication is to be kept in a secure place in the staff room. Medication forms are on the website.

Parental Involvement



It is desirable to encourage parents to help with class reading or in other areas where they have a special aptitude. Please consult with the Principal before approaching any parent or other resource person for help within the classroom learning situation. Parents/helpers are NOT to be left alone in charge of children. No pre-schoolers allowed in classrooms.

Banking

The Catholic Development Fund operates a banking system in the school every Thursday. The money to be banked is to be placed in the bag provided and sent to the secretary soon after class begins on Thursday.

Children's Book Club

As a service to the children, so that they have access to cheap, interesting books, suited to their age and interest, the school participates in the Ashton Book Club. A catalogue and order form will come to you from your children approximately every six weeks. There is no pressure on you to purchase any books.

Providing this service, can create many headaches unless the following points are observed:

- return order to teacher in charge before the specified day
- place money in envelope with order form and write on front "book club"
- correct money is essential
- only book club money to be placed in book club envelope

School Fees: These are set by the Education office and are billed in three instalments in the first three terms. The accounts are sent from our school office.

If there are any difficulties with the fees your first approach is to the Secretary of the School, then the Principal.

Book Fees/Class Charges: These fees will be added on to the school fees and are set by the school.

Schedule of School Fees (2020)

Kinder to Year 4	\$1,647 for full year or \$549 per term (3 terms)
Year 5 to Year 6	\$1,872 for full year or \$624 per term (3 terms)

Diocesan Capital Works Levy (per family) \$558 per family per year or \$186 per term

The sibling discount is only applicable to the "School Fee"

2nd child	15% discount
3rd child	30% discount
4th and over	45% discount



The School Fee Agreement form must be returned before the end of this year.

Statements are issued in the second week of February and charges are for **three terms**
You may choose - weekly, fortnightly, monthly, term, whole year - at the start of the year.

Ways to pay -

Credit Card
Cash
BPay

Centrepay
Cheque
Direct Debit

Example: Kinder payments could be made weekly (52 weeks) at \$42.40 per week.

Library

Our Teacher/Librarian works two days a week.

No class or child will be in the library unsupervised.

If a child loses a book a note will be sent home requesting money to pay for the book.

Newsletter

To strengthen communication between school and home a Newsletter is published each Monday on the Website and Compass Parental Portal.

“Pupil Free” Days

There will be some days, possibly 6 during the year where you will be asked to keep your children at home and not send them to school. These days are used by the staff to provide more intense and detailed planning to be carried out. Your assistance during these days is most appreciated.

St. Pius X Parents and Friends

This association represents the parents and friends of pupils attending school at St. Pius X. The role of the P and F is to provide parents with a platform to discuss various aspects of the school, including education, sense of community and student and family wellbeing. The P and F holds community events and raises money for the school by means of a variety of functions. The money raised is used in assisting the school to purchase resources.

Principals Availability



The Principal is available to teachers at most times of the day to discuss problems or answer any queries the teacher may have.

The Principal is available most days via appointments and both the Principal and staff are not available on Tuesday after school as this is staff meeting day.

Parents wishing to see the Principal are asked to ring the secretary who will let them know of a suitable time for an interview.

Reporting to Parents

Reporting will take several forms and does not exclude the possibility of individual parents talking to teachers outside these times. Reports are sent home twice a year, mid year and end of the year. Currently students receive a mid year and end of year report. Parent/teacher interviews will occur at the end of Term 1.

Grade Evenings

This is an evening early in Term 1 where the teacher explains to the parents her/his class expectations and any special programmes she/he intends to organise. This night is purely an information night not a parent interview night.

Sporting Houses

At St. Pius X the pupils are allocated to various sports houses to assist in sports organisation during the year. The children represent their houses in the school swimming and athletics carnivals each year as well as during normal sports days and often P.E. times.

Sports uniform should be worn on Fridays.

House captains are elected by each house at the beginning of each year.

The Houses are:

- Quinn - named after Bishop Matthew Quinn, first bishop of the Bathurst Diocese in 1866
- SHANNON - named after the first priest of St. Pius X
- MCAULEY - named after the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy Mother Catherine McAuley
- MOORE - named after a sister of Mercy who came from the Dubbo area Sr. Therese Moore

The colours of each house are:

Moore/Blue, Shannon/green, McAuley/red, Quinn/gold

Children are provided with the opportunity to learn a large variety of sports. In today's world of increasing leisure time and the need for exercise, it is important that the child's total development to participate as fully as possible in the program is provided.



A note must be given to the class teacher if your child is unable to participate in sport or PE. Such non-participation should be kept to a minimum for the sake of the child's health and well being.

You should be aware that participation will have a cost. Representative sport incurs a cost, this is not included in the Class Charges.

School Uniform

Teachers are asked to encourage the pupils to wear the correct school uniform and take pride in it. Each class should endeavour to have all its pupils correctly attired at all times. Pupils not wearing the correct school uniform should present a note to the class teacher explaining the reason for the incorrect uniform.


ST. PIUS X UNIFORMS




 denotes purchased from school

GIRLS



Summer

Pink gingham dress
White socks turned over
Black shoes
School hat 

Winter


Maroon tunic or slacks
Maroon jumper or cardigan
Fawn blouse and stockings
Tie
White socks
Black school shoes
School hat 

Sports uniform - Summer and Winter


Royal blue shorts
Polo shirt
White socks
Clean sneakers
School track suit for winter 
School hat 
V-neck maroon top with school crest

BOYS


Summer

Blue shirt
Grey shorts (Polyester and cotton blend)
Grey socks
Black shoes
School hat 

Winter

Short or long grey trousers
Long sleeved blue shirt
Grey jumper (maroon/blue/gold - V-neck)
Royal blue V-neck jumper with school crest
Tie
Grey socks
Black school shoes
School hat 

Sports uniform - Summer and Winter

Hats - available from school office 
Royal blue shorts
Polo shirt
Football socks - Gold with blue and maroon stripes
Clean sneakers
Royal blue v-neck top with school crest
School track suit for winter – must be purchased from school
School jacket – must be purchased from school

Please note that riding boots are not acceptable.

All uniforms are available at Lowes Menswear EXCEPT those marked ☸ which are available for purchase at school.



Unacceptable Uniform Items

- Tattoos – transfers or permanent
- Nail polish, make-up
- Chains unless it is a chain which has a religious pendant
- Any earrings other than sleepers or stud (small), one on each ear only pierced ears
- Any dress rings unless a signet ring only
- Trench coats, flannel coloured shirts
- Dangly bracelets e.g. charms
- Boots

The school reserves the right to determine the appropriate standard of uniform at all times.

The school policy is that the students hair should be neat and tidy and as such the following is **not allowed**

- Pigtails on a close shaved head, names or symbols engraved on head,
- long hair needs to be tied back
- Colour variations, hair art eg spikes, jewellery in hair
- No Mohawks
- No coloured hair sprays (except on school specific occasions)
- No ornaments in hair except maroon scrunchies, maroon ribbons, maroon headbands

The school reserves the right to determine the appropriate standard of hair styles at all times.



Banned Items

- Cigarettes, matches, lighters, cap guns, fireworks, peashooters
- Mobile phones, I pads, I phones, cameras
- No electronic games
- Laser pointers, aerosol and pump sprays (e.g. deodorants) hair sprays
- Knives and related items, personal stereos, DVDs
- Chewing gum (unless medically recommended),
- liquid paper and spirit-based marker pens because of damage to carpets and furniture
- Steel rulers or sharpened implements at school are illegal and a safety hazard to themselves and other students