HOUSE PATRONS

de Sales - Joy in Loving
Savio - Joy in Christ
Mazzarello - Joy in Serving
MacKillop - Joy in Caring

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
St Dominic Savio (1842-1857)
St Maria Domenica Mazzarello (1837-1881)
St Mary MacKillop (1842-1909)
MOTTO

“JOY IN LEARNING”

The College motto “JOY IN LEARNING” is strongly exemplified in the person, life and teachings of our patron, St John Bosco.

OUR MISSION

Nurturing our students to become successful learners who can contribute positively to society.

OUR VISION

Our vision for this new Pre-Kindergarten-Year 12 College is to create a flourishing environment in which every student can experience the joy in learning and thrive in a Catholic learning community; where development of the whole person is of utmost importance.

LOGO DESIGN

The logo is a modern re-working of a traditional ‘coat of arms’, with the four quadrants coming together to create a contemporary ‘shield’.

Within each quadrant is an icon that relates directly to St John Bosco and his philosophy of education.

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The curriculum at St John Bosco College from Year One to Year Six is based on the Western Australian Curriculum and the Early Years Learning Framework “Belonging, Being and Becoming”. There is a balance between tasks based on the students’ interests and explicit teaching of the curriculum, with a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy. Students will be provided with opportunities to develop their thinking skills by problem solving with real life situations using innovation, shared collaboration and digital technology.

**Image of the Student**
We believe that each student is a unique individual who needs to develop emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially. We believe in building a respectful and nurturing relationship with each individual student so they feel valued and heard. We believe our actions, attitude and teaching nurtures students to apply Gospel teachings and values in all they do.

**The Learning Process**
We believe in engaging students in authentic inquiry based learning and open-ended tasks so they can reach their full potential. This enhances their ability to think and research, and to manage and be responsible for their own learning. We value the knowledge and understanding students bring to the classroom, resulting in higher levels of engagement, motivation and productivity.
We recognise there is the need for a well-balanced program including explicit teaching, with a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy. We believe that all students can be curious, creative, critical, reflective and independent thinkers.

**Environment**
We believe that the innovative learning spaces we create will inspire deep, purposeful and authentic experiences and develop a strong foundation and passion for life-long learning.

We believe in creating a safe, contemporary, collaborative and technologically rich learning environment that focuses on a student-centered approach to learning.

The College environment encourages collaboration and focuses on the students developing real-world skills as they discover the 'Joy in Learning'.

**Partnership**
We believe that partnerships with students, families, staff and the parish are built on trust, respect and honesty.
We strive to build relationships with families and other agencies, based on co-operation and a mutual respect for the reciprocal roles that each play in the lives of the student, recognising that families are the student’s first and most influential educators.
We believe that partnerships with families provide us with invaluable information relating to each student and their interests, needs and cultural backgrounds.

**Community**
We believe that all members of our College community are equal contributors in creating a happy, safe and innovative learning environment that promotes continual growth and change.

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College Day

Contact Days: Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
Studio Opens: 8.45am
Start of College Day: 9.00am
End of College Day: 2.45pm

Kindergarten children are to be brought to and collected from the Studios by an adult. Please inform the staff who has permission to collect your child and if this changes on any given day.

Morning Routines

Parents and students are asked to wait together outside the Studio until the doors open at 8.45am. At this time children are asked to bring in their own hat, lunch box and drink bottle. Hats will remain in pigeon holes throughout the term.

Please ensure that if activities have been set up outside prior to Studios opening that the children remain with you along the verandahs.

Afternoon Routines

At the end of the day the teacher will dismiss each student. Please wait outside the Studio until your child is called. Kindergarten students will not be released to older siblings. An adult must collect them from the Studio.

Due to supervision on the playground older students are asked not to go to the ELC playground to wait for parents there. We are obligated to close our ELC playground by 3.20pm due to the OSHC license requirements.
Attendance

In the consideration and wellbeing of other students and staff, unwell students are to remain at home. If your child becomes ill at the College we will contact you or the other nominated emergency contacts for your child. Please ensure that all College records and staff are kept up to date with any changes to your contact details.

Kindergarten is a non-compulsory year of schooling. However, notification is required if your child is not attending. Please inform the College via phone or email absentee@stjohnbosco.wa.edu.au.

An SMS message to parents/guardians will be generated for all unexplained absences by 9.30am. We do require a written note or email either on return or prior to the day of absence.

Independence

Please encourage your child to develop independence and responsibility for themselves by making sure that they:

- Carry their own bag.
- Organise their belongings each day on their arrival into the studio.

What to Bring to Kindergarten

- College hat clearly marked with your child’s name.
- A generous size school bag (College bags are available for purchase but not compulsory in Kindergarten).
- A piece of fruit or healthy snack alternative for morning tea (clearly labelled) in a separate container from their lunch. A healthy lunch clearly labelled in a lunch box.
- A water bottle, clearly labelled. Please make sure it only contains WATER.
- A change of clothes and underwear in a plastic bag.

Students are to wear the St John Bosco Sport Uniform as per the Uniform Policy.

We discourage students wearing jewellery for safety reasons.

Please ensure that ALL of your child’s items are clearly labelled, including their College uniform.
Recess and Lunch

At St John Bosco College our focus is on the environment and your child’s healthy eating habits. We would be most grateful for your support and participation in these initiatives. We have implemented a reduced bin environment and introduced a compost/worm farm recycling program. After students eat their recess and lunch, they will do the following:

Put in the compost/worm farm:
- Apple cores
- Banana peels
- Fruit and Vegetable scraps

Place plastic wrappings and bags from sandwiches, or any other wrappings from packaged food, back into their lunchboxes to take home. In addition, citrus peels will not be able to be composted or added to worm farms.

Please support us by sending your child to the College with healthy, nutritious snacks and lunches. Foods that we would like to see at the College to encourage this program include:
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Yoghurt/Fruit cups
- Cheese
- Pikelets
- Plain crackers
- Sandwich or wrap
- Left-overs or homemade meals
- Dips
- Lean meats

All student drink bottles should contain WATER ONLY.

Please refrain from sending any of the following items in lunchboxes:
- Packets of chips or other types such as Twisties etc.
- Chocolate – in any form (bars, cakes, biscuits)
- Juice boxes or cordials
- Flavoured milk
- Nut products (including Nutella, bags of nuts or nut bars)

We would appreciate it if all treats were saved for after the College day or at home, so the students can see the benefits of these initiatives.

* Please ensure that if your child has special dietary requirements the necessary staff are aware of this.
Hat

We encourage hats to be kept at the College in your child’s pigeon hole. We will send your child’s hat home at the end of each term for washing. If you wish to take it home to be cleaned, then please ensure your child’s hat is returned the next Kindergarten day.

Clearly label all uniforms with your child’s name. Hats will not be shared. Hats must be worn during all outside activities. During the summer months, please apply sunscreen to your child’s arms, legs and face before they arrive at the College. We are a Sun Smart College and have a ‘No Hat, No Sun’ policy.

Clothing

Kindergarten can get messy and although all precautions are taken to avoid students getting their clothes dirty they still may get covered in playdough, paint and all types of goo! If your child does come home with paint on their clothing it can be best removed by first soaking in COLD water overnight, then rubbing with a soap bar and continue washing as normal. Hot water will result in a permanent stain.

Personal Items and Toys

Personal toys are not encouraged at Kindergarten, as loss or accidental damage and sharing amongst the other students can be upsetting for everyone.

Please ensure there is always a labelled, seasonally appropriate spare set of clothes in your child’s bag.

Students are permitted to take their shoes off in Kindergarten. Bare feet in the outdoor and indoor learning environments enhance movement, posture and sensory development.

We look forward to sharing this year with you and your children and creating an environment where children will experience ‘Joy in Learning’ as they will be encouraged to ‘have a go’!
Uniform

Kindergarten students are required to wear predominantly white sport shoes and the College Sport Uniform each day. Students are not permitted to wear long sleeve shirts under their College Sports Shirt.

On Wednesday of each week, students in Kindergarten have the option to wear their House Shirts.

Birthdays

Parents are advised not to send in any treats or party favours on their child's birthday. Rest assured we will certainly celebrate them and their special day in the classroom. In this way, families are released of the cost of providing items for the whole class which can be an unnecessary cost and not affordable for all families.

Donation

As the saying goes, 'one man's trash is another man's treasure'. At Kindergarten you might be surprised at what items we would love to use and you may have many useful items that you no longer need. We have attached a list of everyday recyclable items that would be helpful to us in the Kindergarten.

Incursions/Excursions

Throughout the year the children will be exposed to extra curricula activities that will enhance the learning already taking place in the Kindergarten. You will be notified prior to any incursions or excursions taking place.

Washing

Your child will bring home the washing as per a roster, which will include aprons and towels. Please wash and return the laundry on the next Kindergarten day.
Notice Board

Outside each Studio there will be a notice board. Please check it each morning and afternoon for important notices.

Seesaw

The Seesaw app is integrated and used in our Kindergarten classes. This program empowers students to independently document their learning by uploading photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It also gives families an immediate and personalised window into their child’s learning each day. Parents are notified when content is uploaded to their child’s profile making it easy to observe their progress and growth throughout the College year.

Communication

Communication between parents/guardians and the College staff is vital for our educational program at St John Bosco College. There will be many opportunities through the year for communication and reporting your child’s learning journey.

Please note that each day your child will bring a Note Folder home. Even if the note folder is empty we ask that all children bring their

folder each day in case notes need to be given or taken home. Please ensure you check these folders after each Kindergarten day.

Teachers can be contacted via College email addresses.

Please understand that teachers have time constraints during the College day and that issues or concerns are best dealt with when uninterrupted time and attention can be given to them. Therefore parents and guardians should allow time for a reply to any communication.
Behaviour Management

Positive Classroom Environment
The teacher will foster a positive class environment, which will encourage children's learning in the following ways:
1. Building positive relationships with children and amongst children.
3. Listening effectively.
4. Responding in ways that enhance positive feelings of self worth in the children.
5. Establishing classroom responsibilities with the children.

Managing Student Behaviour
In the event that a child's behaviour is disruptive and needs correcting, the following steps will be taken by the teacher:
1. Redirect the child, reminding the child, in positive terms the expected behaviour.
2. A “cooling off” period may be needed so the child can calm down and reflect on their choices.
3. We implement and integrate the 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit' within the classroom and the playground.
4. Contact with the parent may be made if necessary.
Useful List

Below is a list of resources that would be helpful to us in the Kindergarten. We would be grateful if you could provide any items of the list below.

- braids
- buttons
- crepe paper
- greeting cards
- gum-nuts
- old clocks
- old jewellery
- paper plates
- ribbons
- round dowelling
- sand paper
- sequins
- sheep wool
- shells
- shirt boxes
- sponge
- straws
- string
- string bags
- tissue paper
- twigs
- washers
- wood shavings
- fabrics (remnants, sheets, pillow slips)
- tubes from paper towels (not toilet rolls)
- wall paper pattern books
- polythene containers (empty yoghurt, ice-cream etc.)
- plastic tops (from pressure pack sprays)
- soft plastic covered wire
- cartons (not cigarette boxes, egg cartons, match boxes, prescription or pet food boxes)

Please check the ingredients list on food packages and ensure they are ‘Nut Free’.

Please make sure items are clean and dry.

We look forward to a very happy and rewarding year.
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