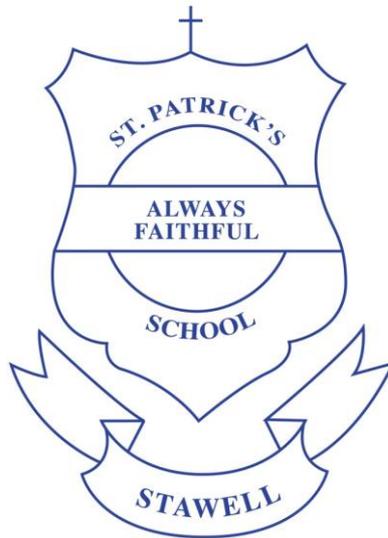


St Patrick's Primary School

Stawell



2016

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St Patrick's Primary School

Thank you for visiting St Patrick's and demonstrating your interest in the contemporary education offered here. We trust that you found the school tour both helpful and informative.

Please find in this package some important information regarding the educational and community opportunities offered at St Patrick's.

We have a great deal to offer your child educationally, in an environment that is conducive to learning and welcoming of all.

It is our hope that you will consider enrolling your child at St Patrick's school with the belief that he or she will receive a contemporary, enriching and challenging education for 7 years.

At the core of St Patrick's is a wonderful sense of community that is inclusive of all. Our school provides many opportunities to build that sense of community for our families and with the local community. As parents you are invited to become an integral member of our school community.



Welcome to St Patrick's

St Patrick's school in Stawell provides a contemporary education for students from Foundation to Grade 6 and has strong links with the local parish. It is supportive of and supported by the wider community. We aim to foster a community atmosphere which is centred on the vision of Christ for a just, compassionate and tolerant world. In all aspects of school life we care for the wellbeing of all members of our community. All of our educational endeavours promote dignity, integrity and respect for the individual.

There is an emphasis on integrated learning across the curriculum which reflects twenty first century learning. Technology is embedded throughout the school and is an integral part of the student's daily learning opportunities. In addition to this pedagogical foundation we offer Chinese, art and experiences of outreach to the local and wider community.

St Patrick's school is founded on the Josephite tradition and has modern facilities which are set in attractive, spacious grounds. This nurturing environment allows all students the opportunity to explore the imaginative, contemplative and playful aspects of their identity.

A Great Place to Learn

A Great Place to Grow

St Patrick's Primary School Stawell

2016 School Fees

1 child: \$1280 additional children \$300 each
plus \$300 for school camp grades 3 to 6

Breakdown:

Fees: \$850.00 per family

Capital Levy: \$130.00 per family

Student Levy: \$240.00 per student

Excursion Levy: \$60.00 per student

There are a number of ways in which you can pay:

1. Payment in full during term one
2. Payment per term (full amount divided by 4)
3. Direct Debt facility fortnightly or monthly
4. Credit card payments fortnightly or monthly
5. Centrepay

Programs at St Patrick's School

<i>Reading Recovery</i>	This is a one on one intensive reading and writing program that promotes literacy skills for Grade 1 students who require extra support with their reading and writing.
<i>SELL Program</i>	This is a small group intensive reading and writing program that promotes literacy skills for students across the school who need extra support.
<i>EMU Program</i>	This is a small group intensive numeracy program that focuses on developing numeracy skills for students across the school who need extra support.
<i>The Buddy Program</i>	This is a program that involves our Foundation students and Grade Six students. New Foundation students are paired up with Grade six students who look after them throughout the year and act as a mentor to them.
<i>Cross Country</i>	This is a school team that focuses on students improving their participation, fitness and team building skills. It involves students from Grades 3-6 and gives them the opportunity to develop their individual talents and potential.
<i>The School Choir</i>	This opportunity is open to Grades 3 to 6 students. The choir practises once a week with a trained musician. The choir performs at various community and school events.
<i>Pastoral Care</i>	This is a very important aspect of St Patrick's school. Students who need to talk through personal issues or struggles are given an opportunity to do so with a teacher trained in grief therapy.

<i>Specialist Art Program</i>	At St Patrick's we have a specialist art program coordinated by a trained art teacher. It is a highly structured program that gives students opportunities to extend their skill and understanding of art.
<i>Sustainability Program</i>	Integral to the future of St Patrick's is our Sustainability Program which gives students many opportunities to extend their understanding of sustainable living in the twenty first century.
<i>Meals on Wheels</i>	This program is integral to our Catholic heritage and ethos. Our senior students are given opportunities throughout the year to assist with the Meals on Wheels program which delivers food parcels to the needy in Stawell.
<i>L.O.T.E.</i>	L.O.T.E. (Language other than English) At St Patrick's all Grades 1 – Grade 6 are taught Chinese.
<i>Swimming</i>	At St Patrick's all students have an opportunity to be involved in an intensive swimming program which encourages water safety and water awareness.

Why Enrol Your Child at St Patrick's

- St Patrick's offers a values based contemporary education to all students from various backgrounds. This is based on our rich Catholic tradition that promotes human dignity, love, respect for all and tolerance.
- St Patrick's offers a curriculum which is relevant, challenging and enables all students to better engage in the world around them. This curriculum is carefully managed from Foundation to Grade 6.
- St Patrick's offers a curriculum that meets individual needs and students with particular needs are offered extra assistance by our dedicated teaching staff.
- St Patrick's offers a curriculum which is rich in Digital Technology.
- St Patrick's offers a rich community experience for the whole family where students in particular, are immersed in a very caring learning environment.
- St Patrick's offers effective communication between home and school to ensure that all students are achieving their very best.

Faith in Our Future