

Foundation children for 2021 will start school on Friday January 29th, at 8:45am and will finish at 3:30pm.

Children will need to bring lunch, a drink, and a snack.

FOUNDATION 2021 PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL

We believe your child's time at St Joseph's will be rewarding, and it will be the source of friendship and enduring memories. The teachers will assist and encourage your child's development through a balanced education offering academic, social, cultural, and spiritual programs that will stimulate your child's interest and abilities. The staff at St Joseph's realise that they share the responsibility with parents in the education of their child.

The first weeks of school can present children with many situations which they may not have previously encountered. They will have to make adjustments and will need much sympathetic help in order to do this successfully. As parents, you have one of the most important roles to play in this process.

To facilitate a smooth transition into school and Foundation for your child, these simple steps can assist and guide parents:

Help them to learn to recognise and write their full name.

Help them to learn their address and telephone number.

Teach them their date of birth.

Give them opportunities of eating an individually packed lunch and tidy up after they finish.

Show them how to tie and untie their shoelaces, undo buttons and zips.

Make sure they know how to use the toilet independently.

Let them get used to washing and dressing themselves independently

as much as possible.

Take them and show them the way to and from school.

See that they know how to cross the road safely.

Make sure that their clothing and all possessions are fully named.

Help them to see school as a happy place where they have friends to play with, enjoyable things to do, and where there are friendly, caring adults to help them in times of need.