

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



ST KEVIN'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Dee Why



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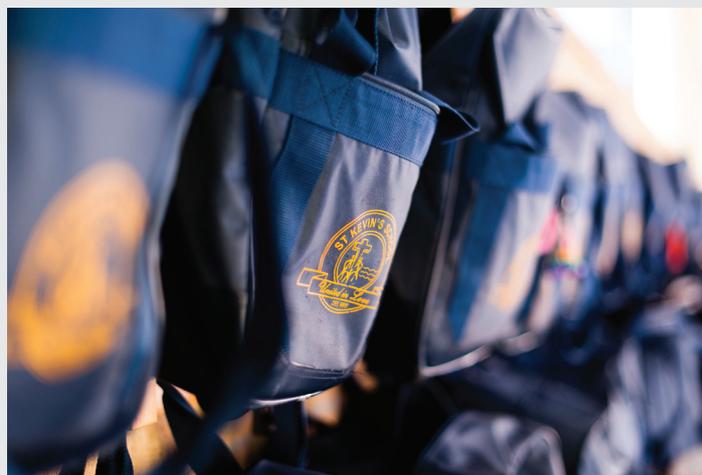
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# GENERAL INFORMATION



## School Address

57 – 59 Oaks Avenue  
Dee Why NSW 2099

## School Phone No

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## Web Address

[www.skdydbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.skdydbb.catholic.edu.au)

## School Hours

8.55am to 3.15pm

Morning 8.55am – 11.00am

Recess 11.00am – 11.30am

Mid-Morning 11.30am – 1.00pm

Lunch 1.00pm – 1:50pm

Afternoon 1:50pm – 3.15pm

# ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

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## WHO ARE WE?

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St Kevin's is a Catholic primary school. We have served families in the Dee Why area since 1962. We cater for girls and boys aged from 5 to 12 years. We are part of a system of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay and a member of the Northern Beaches Learning Community of Catholic Schools. We strive to provide an excellent Catholic education within a challenging and stimulating environment, which supports parents in their task as the primary educators of their child.

## WHERE ARE WE?

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We are located at 57–59 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why. The school is centrally located in the heart of Dee Why, close to a major transport artery, Pittwater Road. The suburb is ten minutes from Manly Beach and fifteen minutes from Chatswood.

## WHAT DO WE OFFER?

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- Highly qualified teaching staff dedicated to teaching and learning.
- A consistent approach to teaching and learning.
- Preference of consideration when enrolling your child into a Catholic high school in Year 7.
- A contemporary, Diocesan based Religious Education curriculum.
- A Board of Studies accredited curriculum, subject to rigorous accountability procedures.
- Access to a range of technology for each child.
- Participation in National Testing in Years 3 and 5 in Writing, Spelling, Literacy and Numeracy.
- Participation in University Testing Competitions
- Gifted and Talented programs, learning support programs.
- On site before and after school care.
- A supportive and active parent community.
- Specialist teachers in Music, Physical Education, Library, Special Needs.
- Extra curricula activities – Chess, Choir, Debating, Public Speaking.
- A strong relationship with our Parish community.
- Inclusive reporting processes on pupil progress.

*Our school motto is “United in Love”*



## HOW IS ST KEVIN'S DIFFERENT TO A STATE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL?

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Religious Education is taught two and a half hours per week in each class. Our Catholic traditions, rituals and Catholic values are embedded into our daily school life. We espouse a particular view of the world and life – Jesus Christ as God, creator and guide; Sacraments as a means of growing closer in our relationship with Jesus; a belief that we are part of a larger family (Church) to which each of us is called to contribute; recognition in the sacredness of each person and the importance of dignity; gathering regularly to celebrate our faith together; a belief that none of us is perfect but that we are in relationship with a loving God who forgives us and challenges us to be the best we can; value for our Catholic traditions and culture. Support, care and positive relationships are at the heart of our school.

## WHAT IS THE NORTHERN BEACHES COMMUNITY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

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The Northern Beaches Learning Community of Catholic Schools (NBLCCS) forms part of a unique and innovative education system within the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

The NBLCCS offer a range of educational, pastoral and co-curricular initiatives which link our students in a meaningful and dynamic partnership with other students from the Northern Beaches.

# ABOUT OUR SCHOOL



## WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?

Complete an *'Application for Enrolment Form'*. Contact our school secretary on (02) 9971 1644 or visit our school website to download an enrolment form. [www.skdydbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.skdydbb.catholic.edu.au)

Enrolment forms, along with all required original documentation including an enrolment fee per family, must be presented to the school by the end of May for enrolment the following year.

Once applications are processed, parents new to the school will be invited to the school to discuss their application. The Enrolment Committee makes offers for placement by the end of July. An explanation of enrolment criteria is available on the school website.

A school visit will be organised in August for the children accepting an offer of enrolment. This orientation visit will allow time for the teacher to observe your child performing a number of simple assessment tasks. In November, two transition mornings will be offered for the full class group. These mornings provide opportunities for the children to experience the school environment and allow us to see the children within their class group. Further school information will be provided to parents at this time.

## STUDENT MANAGEMENT POLICY

At St Kevin's Catholic School, we believe that each of us must respect the dignity, rights and fundamental freedom of individual students, which is in accordance with the Diocesan Schools Board Policy on the Pastoral Care of Students. We have developed a Student Management Policy which is part of a consistent and positive approach to student management. It is based on Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL).

Children are expected to respect the feelings, property and rights of others. We want them to learn that Christ is within each of us. This idea calls us to respect and care for each other. We aim to assist children to grow in responsibility for their own actions and to be able to accept the consequences when their behaviour is contrary to the expectations of the school. Our school rules state that we are safe, responsible, respectful and proud learners.



# THE CURRICULUM



There are seven Key Learning Areas –

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History and Geography
- Creative and Practical Arts  
(includes, Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts)
- Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is taught daily in each class. We want our children to enter into a loving relationship with Jesus. They learn that Jesus knows them, loves them and is always with them as a loving, forgiving person. The syllabus does emphasise Catholic doctrine. The school uses Diocesan modules of study, which have been prepared by teachers and religious education experts in our Diocese and approved by the Bishop.

It is important to realise that Religious Education is for life. We look to give expression to our faith within our daily lives. A Religious Dimension is identified for each Key Learning Area.

## ENGLISH

St Kevin's School follows the NSW Board of Studies English K–10 Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. English is taught in daily literacy blocks of 2 hours covering the three strands of Speaking and listening, Reading and viewing, Writing and representing. Through responding to and composing texts students learn about the power, value and art of the English language for communication, knowledge and enjoyment.

## MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics K – 10 Syllabus is organised into four strands – one process strand, Working Mathematically, and three content strands: Number and Algebra, Statistics and Probability, Measurement and Geometry. There are sixteen sub-strands branching out from the three content strands. Working mathematically encompasses processes that are embedded into the other strands through the content.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The study of Science at St Kevin's is informed by the *NSW Science K-10 Syllabus for the Australian curriculum*.

The students at St Kevin's will develop the following values and attitudes:

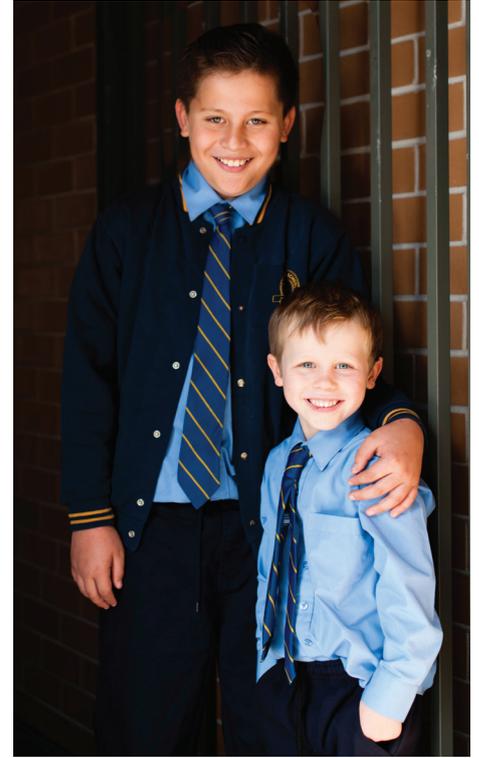
- An appreciation of the contribution of science to finding solutions to personal, social and global issues relevant to their lives now and in the future.
- A willingness to use evidence and reason to engage with and respond to scientific and technological ideas as informed, reflective citizens.
- Interest and positive, informed values and attitudes towards science and technology.
- Recognise the importance and relevance of science and technology in their lives now and for their future.

## HISTORY

History is a disciplined process of inquiry into the past that helps to explain how people, events and forces from the past have shaped our world. It allows students to locate and understand themselves and others in the continuum of human experience to the present.

## GEOGRAPHY

The aim of Geography from Kindergarten to Year 6 is to stimulate students' interest in and engagement with the world. Through geographical inquiry they develop an understanding of the interactions between people, places and environments across a range of scales in order to become informed, responsible and active citizens.



## CREATIVE ARTS

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Regular learning experiences in creative arts are thoughtfully planned and sequenced to develop students' skills and knowledge and understanding within the art forms. They also contribute to the development of the whole child. Education in creative arts assists students in their lifelong learning in the visual arts, music, drama and dance. It also assists students to participate in and contribute to the cultural life of society.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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This Key Learning Area involves learning to develop an active, healthy lifestyle, developing skills in inter-personal relationships, positive values, attitudes and beliefs and participating in regular physical activity.

Our Sport program includes Fundamental Skills Kindergarten to Year 2, Netball, Soccer, Eagle Tag and other options are also available. A specialist PE teacher is employed by the school.

## TECHNOLOGY

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Technology is an important asset in each classroom. Each classroom has an interactive whiteboard which assist children with their learning. The school is networked and the children are permitted supervised access to the internet. The teachers are well aware of the importance of developing skills, which allow each child to effectively use a range of technology for different purposes. Computers, iPads, and Chromebooks are seen as a tool for learning to be used across the curriculum. Each child has a Google

account which allows class work to be easily shared between teachers and other students. Year 6 students have 1:1 access to either an iPad or a Chromebook in their final year at St Kevin's.

Our school library has a computer network, which allows the children supervised access to library resources such as World Book, the internet and basic applications.

The school hosts an informative website which can be accessed at the following address:

**[www.skdydbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.skdydbb.catholic.edu.au)**

## LEARNING SUPPORT

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Children with specific learning needs are well catered for at St Kevin's. The school has a special needs teacher, and programs for children experiencing learning difficulties and children in need of enrichment or extension. We aim to provide **appropriate** education for all children.

## HIGH ABILITY EDUCATION

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All children are involved in enquiry learning which is contextualized in a series of integrated units for children from Kindergarten to Year 6. Within classrooms, teachers provide programs which allow children to be extended within their units of study and through the teaching and learning processes used. St Kevin's is a member of the Northern Beaches Learning Community of Catholic Schools which provide opportunities for children in Years 5 and Year 6 who demonstrate competence in the area of Mathematics. These children are invited to work with children of similar ability from other schools and with local Catholic high schools.

# OTHER INFORMATION

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## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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St Kevin's Kids Club was established on the school site in 2008. The centre is open from 7am – 8.25am each day and 3.30pm – 6pm. each evening. Registrations and bookings can be made by contacting OOSH Northern Beaches, [www.ooshnb.com.au](http://www.ooshnb.com.au) or phone the OOSH office on 9984 8089

## COLOUR HOUSE TEAMS

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There are four Houses:

- Green (Mercy), Blue (Samaritan), Gold (MacKillop) and Red (Scalabrini).

Children from each family remain in the same House from Kindergarten onwards.

## RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIGH SCHOOLS

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St Kevin's is an enthusiastic member of the Catholic Community of Schools. The following schools are supportive of receiving enrolment applications from St Kevin's students for high school:

- Mater Maria Catholic College Warriewood
- St Paul's Catholic College, Manly
- Marist College, North Sydney
- Brigidine College, St Ives
- Mercy College, Chatswood
- Stella Maris College, Manly
- St Augustine's College Brookvale

Enrolment at Monte Sant' Angelo, Loretto Kirribili, St Aloysius and Riverview College needs to be applied for in accordance with the policies of those schools.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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The Parents and Friends Association (P&F) helps the school achieve its annual goals and is vital in building strong community support for the school amongst parents. P&F meetings are held each term, and meeting dates are included in the weekly newsletter.

Parents are encouraged to participate in events and activities organised by the P&F and the school. These may be for special projects, or for ongoing events. Information about upcoming school and P&F events can be found in the school newsletter or online via a signup link.

Parents can also volunteer to assist at the school in many ways. Class Parent Helpers volunteer each year to support the teachers, and to assist in creating supportive relationships amongst the parents within each class.

*We look forward to welcoming you  
into our school community.*



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