

ST KEVIN'S DEE WHY

Transition to School Session 1
28th October 2025



Agenda



Welcome

- Amanda – Prayer
- The world of the future here at St Kevin's ...
- Getting Ready for School
- Before and after school supervision
- Kiss and Ride
- Fine motor skills
- Lunch boxes and lunch options
- Student Attendance

Office Administration - Andrea Poole

- Medicines/sick bay
- Forms
- School Apps - Compass, QKR
- School Uniforms – order via QKR

Adrian to close

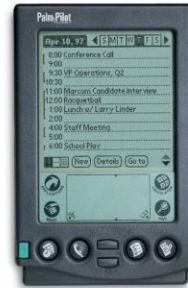
- Language Survey

Prayer



Heavenly Father,
As our children prepare for school, guide
their hearts and minds.
Fill them with peace, excitement, and
readiness to learn.
Help them grow in
confidence, patience, and curiosity.
Bless our family throughout this journey.
Amen





The road ahead for Kindy 2026

Born in 2020 or 2021

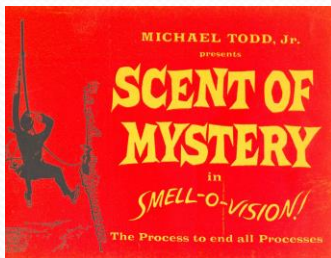
Year 6 in 2032

High school in 2033

Year 12 in 2038

Imagine the world in 2039!







**Learner
Diversity Team
Wellbeing Team
Counselling Team
Curriculum Team
Digital
Enablement**

**Bishop
Director
Governance
Human Resources
Facilities
Infrastructure
Facilities
Student
Achievement**

Specialist Teachers
(Music, PE, Library)

School Sport
(Cross Country, Swimming, Athletics, Sport Clinics)

Extra Curricula Opportunities
*(Chess, Music, Band, Choir, School Musicals,
Enrichment Opportunities)*

Vacation Care / OOSH

**Enrichment (Gifted and Talented)
Intervention / Targeted Support
Interschool Zone Sport
Interschool Competitions
(Public Speaking, Debating, Art Prize)
Excursions / Senior Camps / Canberra**

**Classroom Teachers
Teacher PL Network
School Services Team
Learner Diversity Team
Parish / Sacramental Program
School Leadership Team
P&F / Class Parents**

**Child
Family
External Supports**



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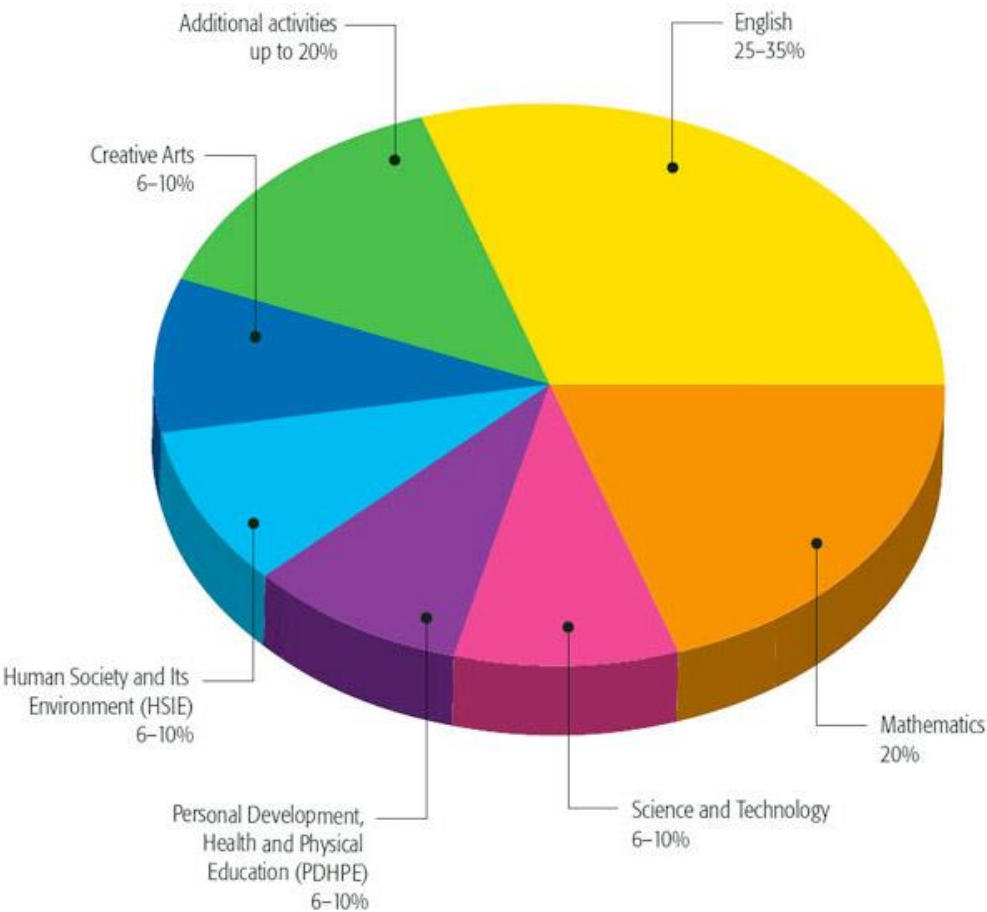


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AN OUTSTANDING NETWORK OF K-12 SCHOOLS



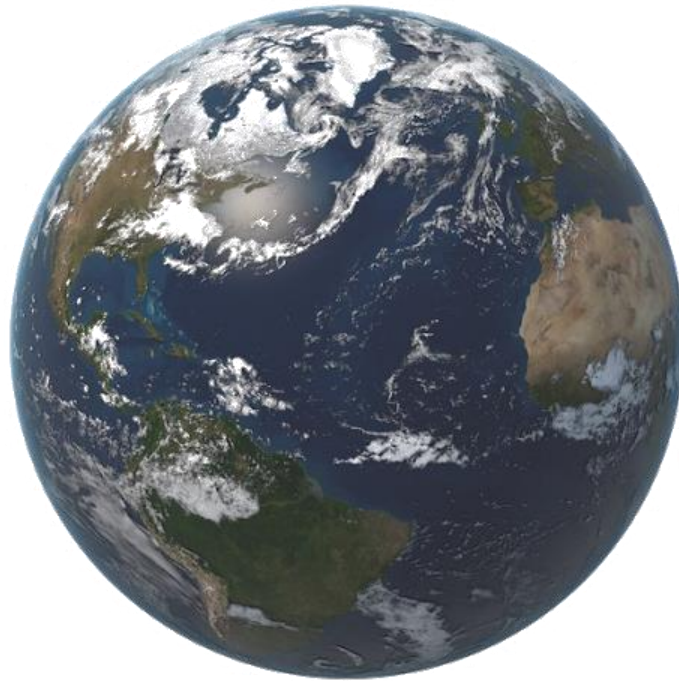
What does your child's time at school look like?



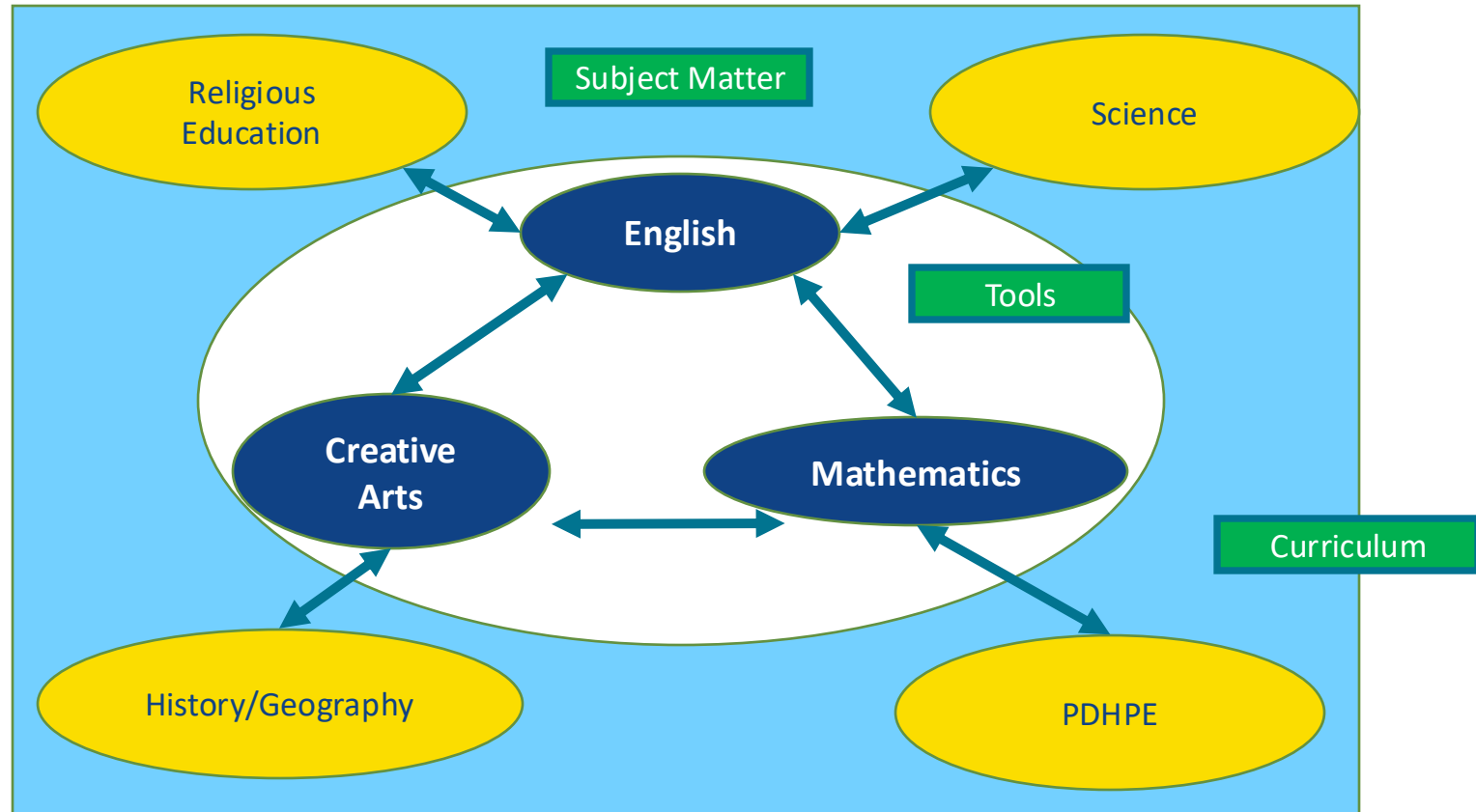
Kindergarten to Year 6 includes four Stages of learning:

- *Early Stage 1* - Kindergarten
- *Stage 1* - Year 1 and Year 2
- *Stage 2* - Year 3 and Year 4
- *Stage 3* - Year 5 and Year 6

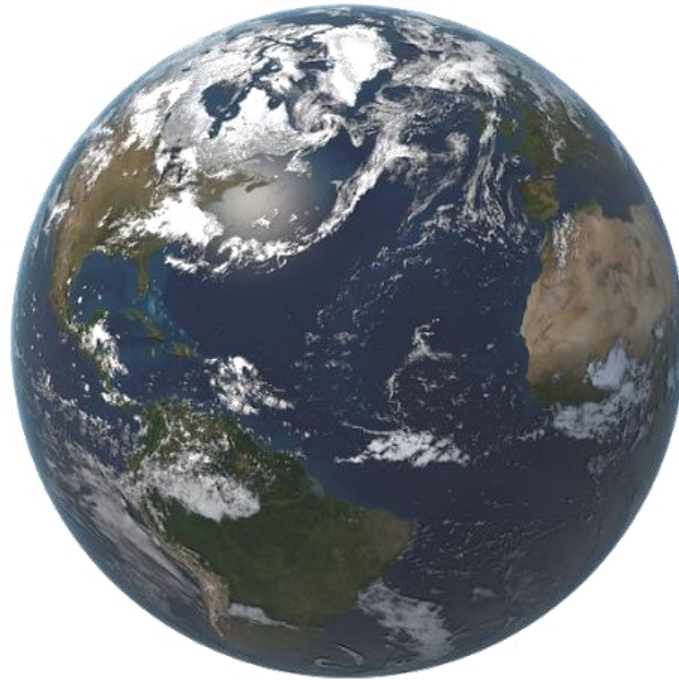
THE WORLD WE LIVE IN



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...WE DO THIS SO THAT THE WORLD... SURVIVES



... and so that future generations don't think that the world looks like this.





What to expect from us...

A partnership – working together



- A safe and nurturing environment
- An exceptional education experience
- A strong collaborative relationship
- A warm and welcoming community
- Passionate teachers
- Wellbeing and pastoral care
- Regular communication
- Family and parent support
- Connection to Parish



What do we expect from our families...



A partnership – working together

- Support and engagement with your child's learning
- Participation in your child's school life
- A home environment that nurtures your child's faith
- Feedback and support



“Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) mission is to support parents as the first and foremost educators of their children, and the role they play in their child's faith formation, learning and wellbeing.”



What is school readiness?

- School readiness is about children having the tools they need to be independent learners.
- Social skills – how do they interact with other children?
- Emotional maturity – how do they manage when things don't go their way?
- Language skills – can they communicate their needs and ideas? Do they recognise that letters and numbers are not just squiggles?
- Cognitive skills – can they take turns?
- Physical health and coordination – holding a pencil, balance, jumping.
- Independence – taking the lid off their lunchbox.
- Basic skills to manage their needs without adult assistance.



School readiness isn't about whether your child can read or has some maths skills. It's more about whether your child is mature enough to thrive in the school environment. Children can start school if they turn 5 before 31 July. They must be enrolled by their 6th birthday.



Focus on the things
your child does well

10 positives to 1 negative

They will learn to:

- Negotiate with others and take turns
- Recite the alphabet
- Count
- Read
- Write their name
- Have fun learning

To talk about their thinking and learning, they will undertake Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) as well as Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL).

Some of the things my child will learn in Kindy

Their learning will take place across 8 KLAS (Key Learning Areas):

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Coding
- Geography
- PD/H/PE
- Creative Arts
- Religion or Ethics

How can I help my child with school readiness?

- Spend time as a family and give lots of affection.
- Encourage responsibility by giving your child jobs or tasks
- Talk about how you feel and encourage them to talk about their feelings too. ie model how to talk about feelings
- Practice turn taking.
- Introduce charts, rosters or lists to help form memory for routines.
- Get excited about school!
- Talk to your child about what YOU loved at school.
- Buy stationery, uniform and lunchbox together. Let them use and wear these well before school to get used to them.
- Take them on excursions where they have the opportunity to experience hands on learning.
- Talk about the opportunities they will have at school.
- Visit the school often, come for Playgroup on Tuesdays or Thursdays in Term 2 from 9.15-10.30am (check the St Kevin's website for dates).

What to practice:

- READ every day with your child. (Aim for 1,000 books between birth and starting school).
- Teach your child to recognise their written name.
- Help them to be independent with their belongings such as opening their lunch box and water bottle, taking their jumper off and packing their bag.
- Support them with social cues when meeting new people such as looking at them and asking a question.
- Extend their ability to follow multi-step instructions.
- Teach them independent toilet skills.
- Encourage them to share their ideas and thinking by asking open-ended questions such as: Tell me what you're doing? Why do you think ...? How do you know ...? Why do you think that happened? How do you think it could work? What does it remind you of? I wonder why ...?
- Help them to understand that making mistakes is ok and we can learn from them.

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Supervision



Before School

Staff are on duty in the playground from 8.25am.
No supervision before this time.

After School

Teacher supervision is provided for the crossing on Oaks Avenue.
Children are expected to make their way home promptly.

Before and After School Care

St Kevin's Kids Club provides supervision for registered children each morning from 7am - 8.25am and each evening from 3.15pm – 6.00pm.

The provider of this service is OOSH Northern Beaches.

Kiss and Ride



- Operates daily from 3.05pm - 3.30pm on Oaks Ave.
- Laminated family name card is to be displayed on the windscreen of your car, every day.

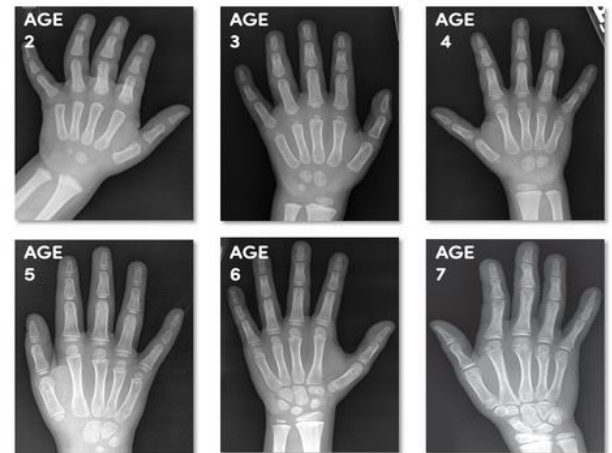


Fine motor skills



- ✓ Can your child write their name?
- ✓ Can your child cut using scissors?
- ✓ Can your child zip and unzip their bag?
- ✓ Can your child open their lunchbox?

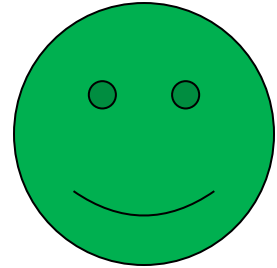
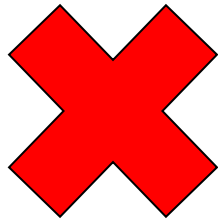
Fine Motor Development



Lunchboxes



- Your child will be opening and closing their lunchbox 4 times a day! Please ensure the lunchbox fits in the school bag and is a small size. No 'handbag' lunchboxes or tricky lid ones your child can't open.
- Please be mindful of allergies in other children at school – i.e. no nuts

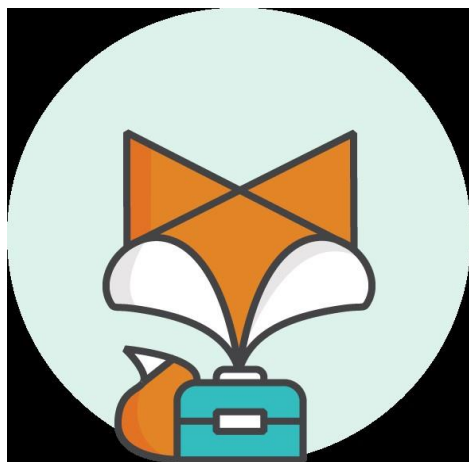


Lunch Options



Please pack every day:

- Small container of fruit/vegetables (eaten at 10am in class)
- Morning tea (eaten at 11am)
- Lunch (eaten at 12.50pm)



Other option....

- St Kevin's uses LunchFox – a service that provides parents with an App to order lunches from local cafes.
- Lunches are delivered directly in one bulk order to the school.
- Orders must be placed by midnight the night before.

Student Attendance



We value your child's:

- Wellbeing and happiness
- Engagement with learning in the classroom
- Social and emotional development



**The single most important
thing you can do is to ensure
your child attends school
EVERY DAY**

Student Attendance



- Late arrivals and early departures – must be signed in at the school office (Do not add an attendance via compass)
- Absence from school – parents enter the absence into Compass
- Extended absence/travel – please email the school office with absentee dates ahead of time. For more than 10 days absence at any one time, a form must be signed by the Principal

Set the expectation early



- Good attendance starts with families making school a priority
- Absences add up quickly



- Set good patterns from Kindergarten
- But remember, it's never too late to start improving attendance

Office Administration

- Medical/Sick Bay



- A **medical form** will need to be completed if your child requires any medication at school
- **Sick bay** is beside the school office. The school services team have first aid training.
- **Uniforms**



Uniform Requirements



Summer Uniform – Girls

- Tunic, white socks, black shoes, hat, navy or white hair ties

Sports Uniform

- skort, white socks, yellow logo sports shirt, sneakers

Summer Uniform – Boys

- Navy shorts, blue logo shirt, navy socks, black shoes, hat

Sports Uniform

- Navy sports shorts, white socks, yellow logo sports shirt, sneakers

Other Requirements

- school bag, Library bag, message bag



Shoes



Not Cool Shoes





Sport Shoes

Not Cool Shoes



School Apps to download:



This is the school's **main form of communication to parents.**

You will be issued with a login and password before school starts.

School Apps to download:



Qkr! is the app for school purchases and second-hand uniforms

Create an account and select:



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School

School Apps to download:



Forms



- Photo permissions (Compass Early Feb 2026)
- Medical (if needed)
- **Please return forms to school by 17 November.**



Parent Engagement



- Parent engagement is all about staying connected to your child's learning and school experience, even when life gets busy. It doesn't always require being physically present at school. Small, consistent actions can make a big impact. Reading the fortnightly newsletter and chatting with your child about what's happening at school is a great start.
- Following St Kevin's on Facebook or Instagram can also spark conversations and show your child that you care. Letting teachers know about changes at home, like grandparents visiting or work travel, helps them support your child better. If possible, volunteering for just one activity during the year can be a powerful way to show involvement. Even a single appearance reminds your child that their education matters to you.

Social Media



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for photos and updates on school activities



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