The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. Matt 13:31-32
Staff Team 2017

LEADERSHIP TEAM
Principal: Clare Nocka
Assistant to the Principal (Religious Identity & Mission): Cynthia Thompson
Assistant to the Principal (Teaching & Learning): Mandy Herbert
Key Literacy Teacher: Tanya Barrett
Business Manager: Janet Price

ADMINISTRATION TEAM
Office Administrator: Glenda Barone
Business Manager: Janet Price
PE/Administration: Angela Girolamo

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM (ESOs)
Melanie Heaney, Sharon Marsson, Rocio Callisto, Marie Syrette, Stephanie King

RESOURCE CENTRE
Library Manager: Marian Ciaravolo

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE TEAM
OSHC Coordinator: Melanie Heaney
OSHC Staff: Antonella Catania, Annie Noel
OSHC Coordinator: Melanie Heaney

PLAY GROUP
Marie Syrette

JOEY’S PLAY CENTRE
Coordinator: Marie Syrette
Learning Support: Rocio Callisto

EARLY YEARS TEAM
R JH Jessica Hicks
R-1MB Michelle Bennett
Year 1 KC Kathy Deegan
Year 2 SP Cynthia Thompson
Year 2 SS Scott Perry
Year 2 SS Stephanie O’Leary
Year 2 SS Sharon Gulley-Frith

PLAY GROUP
Marie Syrette

PRIMARIES TEAM
Year 3/4 FC Fil Crescitelli
Year 3/4 RM Rob Maio

EARLY YEARS TEAM
Year 5/6 MP Matt Pastro
Year 5/6 SM Scott March
Year 5/6 JT Tanya Barrett
Year 5/6 JT Jenny Vorrasi
Year 7 FC Frank Colagrossi

SPECIALIST TEAM
Italian Maria Grande-Brown
Music Alison Hull
The Arts Mandy Herbert
Sharon Gulley-Frith
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**Jewellery/Hair**

Students are not permitted to wear jewellery to school. The only exceptions to this rule are:

- **Earrings** - for students with pierced ears. Only plain sleepers or studs may be worn - one in each ear.
- **Religious medallions** may be worn under uniform and out of sight (for safety).
- **Watches** may be worn.

No responsibility will be taken by the school for any valuables brought or worn by students. Nail polish must not be worn to school.

Hair must be tied back if longer than collar length. Neat and tidy hair expected with standard haircuts.

**Please note:** To allow for seasonal change we permit students to wear the summer uniform for 2 weeks into Term 2 and the winter uniform for 2 weeks into Term 4.

**SPORT UNIFORM DAYS ARE: MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS**
SCHOOL HOURS

Lessons begin promptly at 8.45 am, please arrive before the bell so that children are ready to start their day on time.

Recess  11.00 - 11.30am.
Lunch  1.00 - 1.30pm.

Classes are dismissed each day at 3.00pm.

The school yard is supervised from 8.20am to 8.45am and 3pm to 3.20 pm.

Students at school before or after these times need to be in the Out of School Hours Care Program.

PARKING, DROP OFF AND PICK UP

There are several options for dropping off and picking up your children for school. We ask for the cooperation of all families and carers in following the procedures explained below. Please share them with family members and friends who support with your children.

When parking around the school please observe council signs and be aware of our neighbours by not infringing on their driveways.

Before School

The drop off and pick up zone is available in Birkinshaw Ave. Before school, children enter via the large gate which is open at 8.20am when the yard is supervised. Please do not leave your children before this time. This zone is for drop off only and parents should not leave their vehicle. Where children require a lot of assistance to get out of the car it is better to park and walk them in via the top yard. Drive to the end of the zone so that cars do not bank up on Magill Rd.

Parents may also park on the courts, please follow the arrows as illustrated on the site map and park facing the hall. Do not leave large gaps between cars so that the maximum number of vehicles can be accommodated. Room must be left at the edges for parents to travel around as indicated by the arrows on the diagram. Note that there is no parking or stopping in front of the hall; use the drop off zone in Birkinshaw Ave.

When leaving the car park there is no right turn onto Birkinshaw Ave between 8.30 – 9.00am

After School

The courts may be used by the school up until 2.45pm. After this time parents may park as per the instructions above and walk into school via the breezeway to collect their children. When leaving the car park follow the arrows moving in a clockwise direction and turn left on to Birkinshaw Ave. There is no right turn onto Birkinshaw Ave between 3.00-3.30pm.

Please leave the car park by 3.15pm as the courts may be used for netball training.

Parking is also available across the road behind the parish church. Cross Magill Rd using the lights.

The drop off and pick up zone can be used for collection of children who will leave school via the large gates. It runs to the edge of the school building and during peak time we ask cars to move as far along as possible before collecting children. This is not a space for parking, please do not leave your car. Where children require a lot of assistance to get into the car it is better to park and collect them via the top yard.

If the zone is full drivers need to go around the block, traffic is not allowed to queue where there is a solid yellow line along the curb. Queuing along Magill Rd creates a traffic hazard for other road users.

Following the guidelines is for the safety of your children. Please be patient, it takes less than 10 minutes each day for the bulk of traffic to clear from the site. As a school we work in collaboration with the local council. They inspect the drop off on a regular basis and will issue fines to drivers not following the guidelines.
A-Z SCHOOL INFORMATION

ABSENTEE: There are several ways to notify of absentees. The most convenient is Skoolbag. Alternatively, please phone the school by 9am. A written explanation of the child’s absence on his/her return is required in your child’s diary or via email to the teacher.

ADULT USE OF TOILETS: Adults are requested to not use student toilets during the school day. The disabled toilet is available for adults out of school hours. There are toilets in the Parish Hall and in the staffroom for parents and visitors to use in school time. This requirement is a child protection initiative.

AMBULANCE COVER: If, in the opinion of a qualified First Aider (or the most senior staff person present) an ambulance is required, it is the school’s duty of care to each student, that an ambulance will be called. It is suggested that families should check their ambulance cover and if not covered, consider taking out St. John Family Membership or CCI Children’s Accident Insurance which has ambulance cover to a maximum of $1000 per accident. Contact details for CCI are available from the school office.

ASTHMA: Students with asthma are required to have an Asthma Management Plan filled out by their doctor. Details can be discussed with staff at our Office. Students are required to keep a puffer at the school Office.

BIKES: Bike racks are provided. We ask students to lock their bikes as the school cannot accept responsibility for personal property. By law and for safety, students must wear a helmet. Students are not to ride bikes in the school yards.

BLOGS
All classes or year levels will have a blog. The blog is the place to find learning overviews, routines for the class, homework practices and regular updates about what your child is learning at school. The blogs are governed by our privacy and consent forms and will only publish photos and work with permissions. Parents are able to comment on what they view on the blog. All comments are cleared by the teacher before appearing on the blog.

BRAIN FOOD: All classes have brain food or healthy snack time mid-morning. This snack must be unprocessed food such as fruit and vegetables.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE: Our year 5-7 students have the opportunity to participate in our Bring Your Own Device Program. The program currently uses iPads, all the information is available on the BYOD blog. 1to1ipadplan.edublogs.org

CALENDAR: At the end of each year we publish a parent calendar with our major celebrations, school gatherings and school closure days for the year. These dates also appear on our website, in the newsletter and on the Skoolbag calendar. We try as much as possible not to change dates once they have been published, on occasion this is unavoidable.

CHILD PROTECTION: Our school is committed to the protection of all children by:
- ensuring our school is a safe environment for students;
- upholding our duty as mandated reporters;
- ensuring staff, parents who assist the school and volunteers have a Police check;
- teaching students about how to keep safe: We all have the right to feel safe all the time; We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Students are taught:
- to have a trusted network of supporters
- to recognise early warning signs.
- about what is appropriate and not appropriate behaviour.

These are important messages to also reinforce at home.

CLASS PLACEMENTS: Each year the principal and teachers will consider the design of classes for the following year. Class design is based on student needs, numbers of students and available space in the school. The allocation of students to classes is a professional judgment based on gender balances, learning needs and social needs. Parents will only be consulted if necessary. If parents have any concerns about their child’s placement based on learning needs they should make contact with the class teacher early in Term 4.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN: Parents or carers usually collect their child at the end of the school day. Keep teachers informed about any new
adults who you may have arranged to pick up your child. It is also important that the child/children know these procedures and feel safe with the arrangements. Parents or nominated carers need to sign children “out” at our Office before leaving the property during school hours and sign children “in” upon return. This is an important security procedure. Office staff will contact your child through the class teacher for collection. We ask that parents do not come into the school during school hours as this can unsettle students.

COMMUNICATION: We use a range of communication methods to keep parents and carers informed about what is happening at school, every effort is made to ensure information reaches you in a timely manner. The modes of communication are captured here:

**Email:** All teachers will provide their email to parents at the beginning of the year. Other key emails are as follows:
- Principal – cockpit@stjotran.catholic.edu.au
- APRIM – cthompson@stjotran.catholic.edu.au
- Learning Support – mherbert@stjotran.catholic.edu.au
- Business Manager – jprice@stjotran.catholic.edu.au
- Sports Coordinator – agirolamo@stjotran.catholic.edu.au
- Enrolment – gbarone@stjotran.catholic.edu.au

The info@stjotran.catholic.edu.au email is checked on a regular basis and emails can be forwarded to the appropriate person.

**Class Blog:** Each class or year level will keep a regular blog. The blog will contain a learning overview, the weekly timetable and an insight into the routines and expectations for the class or year level team. Each week the teacher will provide an insight into elements of the learning program. The blog is only accessible via the link your teacher will provide, parents and carer are encouraged to leave comments.

**Facebook:** Please ‘like’ our school Facebook page and keep up to date with what is happening at school. We encourage you to share the page with friends and family.

**Newsletter:** School activities and coming events are published in a fortnightly newsletter on a

**Wednesday.** This can be accessed via email, Skoolbag or the website. We endeavour to send all communication to parents on this day. Parents need to register an email address with the school Office.

**Notices:** Generally when we require a return slip, notices will go home in hard copy. Family notices go with the oldest child. When they come from the office we will generally also send an email or Skoolbag alert so that you know to look out for the notice at home.

**Skoolbag App:** The Skoolbag iPhone and Android App help us communicate more effectively with our parent community; they also mean you have a place where all notices are stored and can be retrieved at your convenience. Parents are asked to install the Skoolbag School App—it’s free!

We will be posting school newsletters, notices, alerts, permission notes and other documents on the Skoolbag App. You can set it up to get alerts and you can select options so that you only receive notifications for what is relevant to you.

School information about event dates, cancellations and school requirements will also be communicated directly to parents via the Skoolbag App.

Another feature is that parents/caregivers can advise the school directly (via the App) regarding absentee details and updated contact details. This is done via the eForms page on the App.

To install this App, just search for “St Joseph’s School Tranmere” in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. If you need help getting started, please contact the school office.

**Website:** Our new website is a wealth of information for existing and new parents.

**COUNSELLING:** Support is offered by teachers or leadership as part of the normal support offered to students in our work. If a student requires further support external counselling options are discussed with parents.

**CYBERSAFETY:** the ICT User Agreement for students is very clear about rights and responsibilities of students when using any school resources for electronic work. It is not acceptable for students to misuse any media,
harass other students or interfere with other students’ work. Parents also need to be aware of the child’s use of media at home and set very clear expectations and guidelines about how media is used.

Parents are advised to use the following website for their own education about security and safety: https://esafety.gov.au/

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: In the event of an emergency we will evacuate to the top yard where teachers complete a roll call to ensure all children are present. Where the hazard exists outside we have a lock in procedure in place. Both of these are practiced as drills each term so that the students become familiar with the sirens and process.

ENROLMENT: Enrolment for Reception students is generally two years prior to them starting school. Siblings are entitled to a place, the office will make contact regarding the enrolment paperwork and interview process. All enrolment queries can be managed at the front office. We value word of mouth as our strongest marketing strategy and we appreciate your support with this.

EXCURSIONS: Class teachers organise excursions to support and enrich their teaching and learning program. Please return permission slips promptly to the class teacher. Usually excursions are paid through a prepaid levy. This levy supports in-school learning activities and out of school learning activities. A form outlining all arrangements is sent home in advance. Medical and contact information is usually outlined on a form completed at the beginning of the year and is taken by teachers to any excursion. If any arrangements change parents should advise the class teacher. Parents may assist teachers with class and school excursions once they are registered volunteers and have a Catholic Police clearance.

FEES: Accounts will be sent out at the beginning of the year and should be paid by the due date. Where parents are in financial difficulty please advise/make an appointment with the school principal or business manager. It is the policy of our school that no child will ever be denied a Catholic education because of family financial difficulties. See the School Fee Policy for more details. Various options are available for payment. Prompt payment by due dates is expected to allow the school to meet its own financial commitments.

FIRST AID: All staff have attended a Basic Casualty Care Course and some members of staff have a Senior First Aid Certificate. Students are taught to control their own minor bleeding. Minor incidences are reported to parents via a pink slip sent home with students. Parents will be contacted if there are any first aid needs that require attention or consultation or follow up. Parents/Ambulances are called for serious cases. It is important that we have current contact telephone numbers on file for any emergencies. If there are any changes in details please let our school Office staff know urgently.

FITNESS: Students take part in regular fitness activities. Fitness is an important and beneficial component of our learning program.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE (SCHOOL CARD): A grant is available from the South Australian Government towards the resource/tuition fee to support low income families. Please contact the school Office for further details.

HATS: The wearing of the school hat is compulsory during outside break times, PE lessons in Terms 1, 3 & 4. For sun-safety reasons there is a NO HAT/PLAY IN THE SHADE policy for students.

HEAD LICE is very common and we ask that you check your child regularly. This is a responsibility of every family and is a very common problem amongst children. Our Policy is that students with head lice are sent home for immediate treatment. With severe outbreaks we also send an email to all families to remind parents to check their child’s hair. Our Office has information about head lice to support families. We ask that parents inform us about head lice so all necessary precautions can be put in place. Please be sensitive and caring about this issue.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME: From time to time families organise holidays in the school term. Parents advise class teachers about any plans for absence. The school records absentee dates. School work is not necessary on holidays as the holiday is a learning experience which should be encouraged. Keeping a diary, reading
about the places visited and interacting with the family and new environment is important learning. Longer absences require a letter to the school advising details about the travel dates. School fees still apply to this period of absence.

**HOMEWORK** is an important part of the learning program. Teachers will explain their approach to homework through class communication. Homework reinforces and supports the school learning program and is a good structure for students. Homework needs to fit around family schedules and is not to be overly demanding. A note in the child’s diary is suitable explanation for homework not being completed.

**HOT WEATHER:** Our school is air-conditioned and therefore we encourage parents to leave their children at school during these hot weather periods. Students should bring drinks and cool lunches into the classroom on hot days. When the temperature reaches 35 we have inside play and outdoor activities are cancelled.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES:** Infectious diseases are notifiable. If you are not familiar with the signs and symptoms, enquire from your doctor or chemist. Families need to be considerate of others by ensuring children with any infections are kept home for care.

**INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM:** Piano, singing, flute and guitar lessons are available through the school by qualified tutors.

Lessons are provided on either an individual or share basis. These are private arrangements made by parents with music tutors. Alison Hull is the coordinator for this program – ahull@stjotran.catholic.edu.au

Parents should contact tutors with details about their child being absent from a lesson.

Please pre pay accounts promptly as tutors rely on this money as their income.

A recital for students to showcase their learning is held in Term 4.

**JOEY'S PLAY CENTRE:** The school operates a learning program for children from the ages of 3-4 years who are toilet trained. Sessions are Wednesday mornings. Fees are pre-paid on a termly basis. Joey’s Play Centre is held in the Multi-Purpose Room. Children attending the Centre are encouraged to enrol at St. Joseph’s Tranmere but it is not an expectation.

**LATE ARRIVAL:** All students are expected to be at school on time for lessons to begin at 8.45am. Late arrival disrupts the class and causes embarrassment for your child. Being on time is an important social skill to respect. If late, students record their names in a book in the Office. Parents will be notified about continuous late arrivals.

**LEARNING SUPPORT:** Teachers support and manage the learning for all students. Students who are identified as requiring additional learning support will be supported in various models depending on needs. Teachers may adapt/modify learning expectations, activities, units of work and assessments, and/or allocate time for group support. The management of all learning programs is the professional responsibility of teachers.

Our team of Education Support Officers may also provide support in the classroom and in individual or small group withdrawal. Parents will be notified if their child is receiving support in this way and the program is documented in an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

We also have a number of programs managed by ESOs or volunteers that provide additional learning support in literacy and numeracy.

If students require external assessments, teachers and parents meet to discuss options.

Please note that teachers are not trained to diagnose learning problems and will require external specialist support to identify any learning issues.

Mandy Herbert coordinates all of our Learning Support Programs and liaises with outside agencies. Along with your child’s class teacher, Mandy is a good point of contact if you have questions or concerns.

**LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS:** Legally the school is responsible for students between the hours 8.20am - 3.20pm. No student will be dismissed from school or will be permitted to leave the school grounds unattended during school hours.
Students who need to attend medical/dental etc. appointments or leave school early, will require a note (or verbal permission) indicating the need to leave school during school hours with an authorised adult. This note is to be signed by a parent/guardian prior to students being collected from school. On arrival at school parents/guardians are to report to the school Office to sign an early dismissal form and wait in the Office area for their child to come to the Office for collection.

Students must not remain on the school grounds after school unless engaged in extra-curricular lessons or sporting activities arranged by school teams. Parents should note that any student in the schoolyard before 8.20 am or after 3.15 pm will be taken to Out of School Hours Care and a fee will be charged.

Parents collecting children during school hours should make every effort to do so not at recess or lunch times due to the difficulty in locating your child across 3 yards. At all times it is necessary to come to the Office to sign out the child/children.

LOST PROPERTY: There is a lost property box on the ramp leading into the staff prep room. Having all your child’s items labelled helps us to return things that are lost.

LUNCH SERVICE: The school has a lunch service contract with Glynde Mini Mart. Lunches are ordered and paid for online and they are delivered to the school each day. The Parents and Friends organise the sale of iceblocks at lunch time on Wednesday and Friday in term 1 and 4 and garlic bread for recess in terms 2 and 3.

MACKILLOP/WOODS RESOURCE CENTRE is the library and resource centre for the school. The centre has a range of materials to support student learning. Students and teachers access the Centre for a variety of learning purposes. Parents are invited to visit the Centre in the mornings with their child. The Centre has a parent library available to parents.

MEDICATION: If children are on prescribed medication a Medication Plan completed by the child’s doctor will need to be presented to the school. Ideally medication is not administered at school time by school staff and it is advised to be taken before school, after school and at bed time to avoid administering at school. If this is not possible then parents will be asked to provide a Medical Authority Form completed by a Medical Professional to authorise the administration of the medication along with accurate instructions. Panadol will not be administered.

ASTHMA: If parents have stated on the school medical form that their child has asthma then the child must bring a spare Ventolin puffer to school, which will be stored in the school Office. This puffer will be given to the child when required. The puffer must be accompanied by an Asthma Management Plan signed by a doctor. This puffer must be clearly marked with the student’s name and class.

MANAGEMENT PLANS are needed for anaphylaxis, asthma and any chronic conditions. No medication is to be kept in children’s bags. All medication must be kept in our first aid area. Class medication is taken to all excursions.

MOBILE PHONES: Mobile phones are not recommended for primary school students. If parents choose for their child to bring a phone to school then students must give it to the teacher when they arrive at school. Teachers will make a secure space available for the phones. Parents and students need to be vigilant about inappropriate calling and messaging to other students in the school. This behaviour is unacceptable. Phones are NOT to be used during class or in the yard at any time during the school day. Any harassment or inappropriate use of phones will result in it being removed from the student and the matter will be referred to parents. During the day parents should use the usual contact method of phoning the school if a message needs to be relayed to their child.

MONEY SENT TO SCHOOL: All money - whether cash or cheque - must be sent to school in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with child’s name, class, amount enclosed and purpose of the payment. Please impress upon your child the need to hand money to the class teacher or bring to the school Office to post in our locked post box IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL.

NUTS: Our school asks families/students to NOT bring any nuts, nut products or items containing traces of nuts to school. We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL which means we try to make all community members aware of the problems with
nuts/nut products. Several students have a severe allergic reaction to nuts. It is also important that students do not share food at school to avoid any allergic reaction. Please advise our Office staff if your child is allergic to nuts/nut products. Students with allergies require a Medication Plan from their doctor.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE is available for children who must be at school before 8.20am or after 3.20pm. It is available from 7.30-8.20am and from 3.15-6.00pm. For further details contact our Out of School Hours Care Program Coordinator, to arrange a Parent Handbook, enrolment form, details and fee information.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SPORT: Students are encouraged to participate in team sport. See our Newsletter for details each term.

PARENT CONCERNS: Our staff ask that parents use the correct processes when concerned about their child or some aspect of the school. Issues about the learning program should be discussed with the class teacher at an appropriate and mutually agreeable time. Specialist teachers may also need to be consulted. If you are concerned about a school issue you will need to see the Principal or the Assistants to the Principal. From the point of view of staff these discussions are confidential and centred on ensuring the issue is explored and resolved. In the same way we ask that parents respect the professionals who are here to assist your family and that a wider circle is not used to discuss the issue, the individual staff members, other children or other families. In a spirit of justice, we ask that respect and fairness operates in our school. The principal or a senior staff member should be contacted if the matter has not been resolved.

Parents should not seek out other parents to resolve issues. These matters belong to the school to manage.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE: All families in the school are part of Parents & Friends. The school has an active Committee who support various community events and school projects. All parents are welcome to attend meetings or be part of the P&F network. These meeting dates and times are advertised in the Newsletter. To equalise fundraising efforts, each family pays a P&F levy. The P&F work during the year supports community life. Any funds raised are a welcome extra and fund specific projects. The P&F Levy was introduced some years ago to put less pressure on fund raising and to ensure there is equity in fund support across the school. The Committee can be contacted via their email - parentsandfriends@stjotran.catholic.edu.au

PARISH MASS: Our students attend the regular parish mass on a Thursday morning at 9.15am on a class roster basis. Parents will be notified regarding any school or class liturgies via the newsletter and are most welcome to attend.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Please label all of your child’s belongings - clothing, stationery, drink bottle and lunch items. Students are advised not to bring personal items to school.

PHOTOGRAPHING AT SCHOOL EVENTS: Parents should be aware of the privacy of other children/families/staff when taking photographs at school events. It is permissible to take a photo of your own child but not of others without permission. Parents are not to upload photographs of any other children other than their own and are not to identify the school in any photographs.

PLAYGROUP: EACH Tuesday morning in the Resource Centre we have playgroup from 8.45 – 10.45. This is a supported playgroup aimed at developing quality learning time between parents and children.

PRIVACY POLICY: The school has a Privacy Policy which is provided to all parents/caregivers in the enrolment contract.

PROGRESSION: Students normally move from year level to year level unless there are exceptional learning and social reasons to differ these arrangements. The principal, class teacher and parents will be involved in any discussion about a student’s progression beyond the normal arrangements.

REPORTING/ASSESSMENT: Continuous communication between home and school is encouraged. During the year several important events are organised to establish and enhance this relationship. Parents are encouraged to have regular contact with their child’s teacher. Formal meetings are arranged in Term 1 and Term 3. Reports are organised Term 2 (Semester 1 Report), and Term 4 (Semester 2 Report).
Parents should feel welcome to contact teachers with any concerns during the term. Please make an appointment time or use email.

**RESTORATIVE PRACTICES:** In order to build and nurture respectful relationships, St Joseph’s School Tranmere draws on Restorative Practices. Restorative Practices are a series of processes premised on the innate dignity of each person. They proceed on the basis that unresolved conflict between two or more persons will negatively affect all those involved. They maintain that those in conflict must be involved in the resolution of the conflict. As such, the processes model and practice the necessary life skills to resolve conflict. Restorative Practices aim toward a community that values diversity, rigorous debate and respect for self and other.

Our Restorative Philosophy and the process we use with students are outlined in detail in the Student Wellbeing Policy.

**RETURN OF NOTICES:** All notices – clearly marked with student’s name and year level - should be returned to the classroom teacher. We encourage students as part of their growth and development to be responsible for handing notices and giving messages to their class teacher. These procedures help us track information.

**SACRAMENT PROGRAM:** The Sacrament Program is coordinated by the parish. Cynthia Thompson will share information at key times and supports school families with their engagement with the program. Cynthia is also able to help with any questions you may have.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Through the generosity of our parish a yearly scholarship for a Year 7 student has been offered in memory of the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in the parish. The principal in consultation with the Year 6 teachers makes a recommendation to the parish each year. The scholarship is valued at $1000 and is used for school fee payment.

**SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC:** Our students have access to the free School Dental Service based at the Magill Primary School. The contact number is 8364 1400.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times.

School hats are compulsory. If students have no hat they are expected to play in the designated shade areas.

Uniform items are available from:

**TOTALLY SCHOOLWEAR**
Shop 24, Clovercrest Plaza, 429 Montague Rd, Modbury North
PHONE: 8396 6465 FAX: 8396 6457

We have an account set up with Old School Trading where parents can buy and sell second hand uniforms:-

**SECURITY:** The breezeway and Birkinshaw Ave gates are locked each morning at 8.45am and then opened at approximately 2.50pm. The only entry during the day is through the main Office area. Parents/Carers/Visitors are expected to “sign in” at our Office during these times.

**SCHOOL SPORT TEAMS:** Each child is in a house team for Sports Day, family members are in the same house.

- **TENISON** Red
- **MACKILLOP** Blue
- **KENSINGTON** Green
- **PENOLA** Yellow

Tenison refers to Fr Julian Tenison Woods the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph.

MacKillop refers to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Kensington refers to the main house of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Penola refers to the south east town where the Sisters began their first school.

**SPECIALIST LESSONS:** All students in R – 7 will have lessons with 3 specialist teachers:

- Italian Maria Grande
- Music Alison Hull
- Visual/Media Arts Mandy Herbert
- Sharon GullyFrith

**SUN SCREEN:** Students are encouraged to apply sun screen before coming to school and during the day. On excursions and at all outdoor activities students should be self-disciplined about applying sunscreen as a routine procedure. Staff are not permitted to apply sun screen to children.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** We are committed to care for the earth and have adopted a range of initiatives
to reduce our impact on the planet. We encourage NUDE FOOD – food without packaging that is better for our health and better for the earth. All our learning spaces have facilities for recycling and we teach students to be conscious of how they dispose of waste. Our goal is to send as little as possible to landfill. We hope that our efforts with the students at school will translate into good home habits as well.

In order to better manage waste and keep our outdoor areas clear of rubbish, students eat in the classroom before play times.

TRANSITION: In term 2 and 4 each year we have a transition program for our new Reception students. Each child will be visited in their early learning setting and then have two mornings at school with their Reception teacher and class. Children in years 1 – 7 will have an afternoon late in term 4 with their class and teacher for the following year.

VANDALISM: Parents will be expected to pay for any deliberate damage by their child to school property or property belonging to other students.

VOLunteers: Parents/Carers who would like to volunteer in our school are very welcome. Under Catholic Education Office requirements volunteers must,

- be registered in the school using a Registration Proforma
- obtain a police clearance from the Archdiocese Police Check Unit (The appropriate paper work can be organised through the school Office)
- attend the Induction Program which is offered each semester to learn about the role of volunteers, WHS requirements, and school procedures.
- undertake training about Responding to Abuse & Neglect (Please provide a copy of the certificate to our Office for your file when completed)

There are many ways to volunteer in our school community.

Classroom - Parents/Carers are very welcome to support teachers and students in the classroom: supporting reading, general class activities, art, craft and excursions. Ask your child’s teacher about how you can help. We ask parents/carers to respect the privacy of each student during their volunteer work. All concerns should be directed to the teacher.

Excursions - From time to time teachers require the help of parents for out of school activities and special event days. Parents are very welcome to be part of these events as supervisors and helpers. A Police Clearance and Volunteer Registration are required.

Parents and Friends Committee - All members of the school are members of the Parents and Friends. The P & F Committee meet regularly to support the social life of our community. All Parents/Carers are asked to help as committee members, helpers and project workers.

Class Representative - Parents are invited to be class representatives to support the networking of parents in the class. The Class Rep will have a contact list for all parents/carers in the class.

School Board - The School Board is responsible for financial management, pastoral care, maintenance, school development & evaluation in partnership with the Principal and staff of the School. The Board represents all sectors of the community: Parish, parents, staff. Parent nominations are called for at the beginning of each year. Members serve on the Board for 2 years.

Sport Coaching/Managing - Parents are invited to consider supporting the school as a team coach or manager. These roles ensure sporting opportunities are available in the school. Please see our PE Coordinator, Angel Girolamo for more information.

Board Sub-Committees - From time-to-time the School Board will call for membership on Committees in the school.

WEBSITE: The school website is regularly updated with school information.

workPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY: St Joseph’s School, Tranmere is committed to the corporate Workplace Health & Safety Policy of the Catholic Church Exempt Employer licence, workers compensation, administered by Catholic Church Insurances Limited. Should you notice any hazards/accidents/near misses while at school, report these matters to the school office. Smoking is prohibited on school grounds and at school events. Your cooperation is sought in these matters. In the event of an emergency while you are on school property please follow emergency plans and safety with a staff member.