



Cheat Sheet for Starting School in Kindergarten 2021

<u>Title</u>	<u>Details</u>
Transition Sessions	<p>We expect at least 1 parent or carer to attend each of the 3 sessions with their child. They take place in Room 1 and 2, with a class teacher and other staff members. It is an opportunity for your child to play and experience the classroom, the teacher and the staff with you by their side. We encourage parents to play with their children and be part of the learning experience.</p> <p>Session 3: All orders for school bags and hats will be handed out at these sessions. The second hand uniform shop will be open from 10:40-11am at the end of this session.</p>
Playgroup	<p>Playgroup sessions are optional. They take place in the OOSH (Out of School Hours room) in the school hall. They offer an opportunity to familiarise your child with the school and meet other local families, in a stimulating learning environment with varied play opportunities. Go to the Facebook page St John's Narrabeena playgroup to find out more about Playgroup or contact the school office if you have questions.</p>
Parish Mass Blessing of the Kinder 2021	<p>A special community mass to welcome families to the community. Kinder 2021 children are invited to the front of the church to receive a blessing from the Priest and the community.</p>
Best Start Assessments	<p>Individual assessments take place before the Kindergarten children start school. An assessment takes approx. 45 minutes. You will receive information about how to make a booking via the school booking system closer to the time. You will be asked to drop your child off at the Kindergarten classroom and let them proceed to the assessment with the teacher. Children are assessed on their numeracy and literacy skills to help the teacher gauge where each child's starting point is. It is not necessary to prep your child for this assessment.</p>

	<p>Our goal is to prepare ourselves for your child, wherever they are in their learning journey, rather than you having to prepare your child for a certain starting point with us.</p>
<p>Mass followed by Kinder Picnic in back playground</p>	<p>All families are invited to join the usual Sunday Mass from 10-11am. After Mass, from 11-1pm we will gather in the back playground for a picnic. Please BYO everything. It is a great opportunity for children and families to mingle and re-familiarize themselves with the school and staff, as there has been a 2 month break since the last Transition Session over the Christmas break.</p>
<p>First Full Day of School for Kinder 2021</p>	<p>The first day of school will be a FULL day of school for Kindies. For dates please refer to the Transition to School process.</p>
<p>School Hours</p>	<p>8.40am until 3.05pm.</p>
<p>NSW Term dates for 2021</p>	<p>Term 1: Wednesday 27 January - Thursday 1 April Term 2: Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June Term 3: Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September Term 4: Tuesday 5 October - Wednesday 15 December</p> <p>There may be pupil free days around the start or end of terms. You will be advised in the Newsletter of these specific dates.</p>
<p>Compass Parent Portal</p>	<p>Compass is an app which parents use to receive instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events and to register absences. Please follow the link to get instructions on how to download and use this app: https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Parent-Portal-Login-Instructions-NEW.pdf</p> <p>Please download this app as soon as possible to start receiving important messages from the school.</p>
<p>Qkr (by MasterCard)</p>	<p>QKR is as an easy to use, secure phone app for making school payments from your mobile phone. Qkr will accept payment using ANY credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function. No info is stored on the mobile phone. We are</p>

	<p>encouraging all credit card payments to be completed through Qkr particularly for canteen orders, school fees, school uniform or other special events etc. follow the link for more information about Qkr and the link to the app store: https://qkr.mastercard.com/. School hat and bag orders will be placed via Qkr. Go to the notes section of the News Page of our website for more information on QKR: https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/notes/</p>
School hats and bags	<p>Once you have installed Qkr you will be able to place your order for school hats and bags via Qkr. Please complete your order by Friday 11th September. Our school uniform shop which supplies bags and hats is run by a volunteer, so please help her by placing your order on time, so that she has plenty of time to buy supplies and deliver to you.</p>
School Uniform	<p><u>New Uniforms:</u> Available from Lowes at Warringah Mall or online: https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/st-john-the-apostle-primary-school-narraweena</p> <p><u>New Hats, Bags and Second Hand Uniforms:</u> The uniform shop, located next to the canteen at school sells school hats, bags and a small amount of second hand uniforms on Fridays from 8.30am-9am or 2:30pm-3pm. Please label all your child's belongings before they bring them to school. We will also open the Uniform Shop at the end of the 3rd Transition to School sessions on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th November from 10:40-11am for second hand uniforms.</p> <p><u>Shoes:</u> Children are to wear black leather school shoes (Clark type) and predominantly white sport shoes on sports and physical education day.</p>
Contacting the school	<p>Most processes are automated, so that you can make orders & payments via Qkr or send absent forms via Compass (see above). Please read the newsletter/class Weebly page to keep up with activities and dates. You can email the school at: (sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or if more urgent call us on 9971 9297.</p>
Newsletter	<p>Is sent to you every week or can be found on the school website in the Newsletter section:</p>

	<p>https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/newsletters/. It is full of important information and dates, so it is important that you read it.</p>
Website	<p>Has a section for families transitioning to school: https://www.sjandbb.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-contacts/transition-to-kindergarten/ please visit the website, most of the information you will need in the coming weeks and months can be found there.</p>
Weebly	<p>This is a class page and is updated regularly by teachers for with learning information for each grade. There is also useful information on Faith and Wellbeing as well as a regularly updated Parent page, calendar and FAQ section.</p> <p>http://stjohnsnarraweena.weebly.com</p>
Motto	<p>St John's is a Brigidine school and our school motto is Strength and Gentleness.</p>
Mass times	<p>Saturday 5pm, Sun 8am and 10am.</p>
Street Library	<p>Is located just inside the school gate on Alfred Street, it is free for anyone to use, just take a book or donate a book, invite other people in our community to use it too.</p>
Before and After School Care (St Johns Kids Club)	<p>Is run onsite by an external company: OOSH Northern Beaches http://ooshnb.com.au/about-us/locations/ Situated in the school hall, they have use of the entire outside play area, climbing equipment and school canteen. Operation Times: 7:00 – 9:00am & 3:00 – 6:00pm. Contact: Phone: 0430 074 015, Email: narraweena@ooshnb.com.au</p>