

SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS AT ST JOHN'S NARRAWEENA

MISSION

- Welcome Liturgy for all, especially our new students, staff and families.
- Special celebrations – Ash Wednesday; Holy Week Liturgies; Feast of the Ascension and Assumption; Focus on our Mother Mary in May and October and our Prayer garden – Feast of Mary of the Cross – First Australian Saint.
- Mission Project Day – working with other schools to share mission projects.
- Student led social justice initiatives to support Caritas Project Compassion, Saint Vincent De Paul; Catholic Mission Australia; and Bear Cottage including the annual Talent Quest fundraiser; promote sustainability through compost & recycling in the school.
- Community outreach – pre-school visit program; Palm Grove nursing home visits.
- Weekly Prayer Assembly – Each grade rostered to lead the whole school Prayer assembly.
- Each class to attend weekly mass during the term.
- Monthly 'Mass with the Parish' on Saturday afternoons at 5pm. Grades to assist with reading, singing and hospitality on a rostered basis.
- Core Values Awards presented at the end of each term, linked to our 6 school values of Hope, Compassion, Justice, Respect, Celebration & Service.
- Parent supported and led Parish Sacramental Programs (Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist).

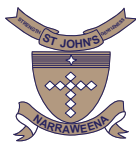
TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Individual Maths Assessment Interviews (MAI) for each student to determine learning levels and progress – this approach supported by research.
- Whole school standardised assessments annually to track student progress (Maths & English).
- Regular Reading and Writing assessment to monitor progress towards benchmarks, particularly in the early years.

- Linking learning between home and school using technology.
- Lunchtime Coding and Construction clubs.
- Challenge based learning and Project based learning particularly in years 5 & 6.
- Learning Support Specialist Teacher.
- Senior camp program.
- Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy - optional services available at school.
- ESL Teacher – support for children with English as their second/additional language.
- Parent Education Sessions – Ages and Stages; Transition to School; Transition to High School, +123 Magic.
- Higher percentage than the state in similar schools top NAPLAN bands in Years 3 & 5 in all areas – Reading, Language / Conventions, Writing and Numeracy.

ACADEMIC EXTENSION

- Maths Challenge Program – Australian Maths Trust for year 5 & 6.
- University of NSW - ICAS Competitions – Maths, English, Science, Spelling, Writing & Digital Technology.
- Northern Beaches Community of Catholic Schools Debating competition.
- Within class extension strategies K-6 based on regular assessments.
- Range of challenging opportunities in Maths, Writing, Public Speaking, Sport, Creative Arts.
- K-6 Father Jim McKeon annual Public Speaking competition; zone and Diocesan finalists & winners.
- K-6 Father Voght annual Writing competition.
- Author lunch for students - St Patrick's Manly.



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COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

- Meet the teacher – Term One for all grades, three way goal setting meeting with parent, teacher & child. Optional meetings in Term 2 & Term 4.
- Student Representative Council – K-6 representatives led by senior students.
- School Advisory Council – Parent, staff representatives focused on school mission.
- Senior Leadership Day for Year 6.
- Primary Students Environmental Leaders Day.
- Student Leadership – all Year 6 students.
- Student Leadership Teams – Citizenship, Environment, Mission, Technology, Sport & Wellbeing.
- Wellbeing Team – staff, parents and students.
- Needs based parent education workshop e.g. Anxiety, 123 Magic, Maths, English, Cyber Safety.
- School Sport Team – Teacher led to ensure opportunities are provided for students.
- Teacher Stage Meetings focused on student centred learning every fortnight.

SPORT

- Polding sports including netball, rugby league, softball and hockey
- Rugby League 7's Competition
- Northern Beaches Diocese participation for Swimming, Athletics and Cross country.
- Gala days - Soccer, Netball, Rugby League, Eagle Tag, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey.
- Stage 3 Surf Awareness Day.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- Before and After School Care 'OOSH' (including homework club) and vacation care.
- School Band - Led by Evergreen Music playing in a pop band line-up rather than a conventional concert band with a repertoire, which is fun and contemporary.
- School Choir – led by our Music and Drama teacher with performance opportunities.
- The Music Bus - Offers weekly, small group lessons on a range of instruments including keyboard, guitar, ukulele, drums and vocals all inside a wonderfully high the mobile music classroom.

- Creative Arts – Music, Dance, Visual Art.
- Lunch Club – varied activities provided as option to outside play.
- Coding Club and Construction Club at lunch time.
- Annual St John's Chess Competition and chess program with NSW Junior Chess League.
- Annual Bishops Religious Art Prize Competition.

P&F ASSOCIATION EVENTS

- Class Parents; Event Teams; Canteen Parent Volunteers; Student Banking; Uniform Shop; Eco Garden.
- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea; Father's Day Breakfast; Grandparent's Day Afternoon Tea, Bush Dance and School Disco.
- World Teacher's Day

STUDENT AND PARENTS COMMUNITY WELLBEING

- Peer Support
- Cyberbullying workshop for parents; cyberbullying webinars for students.
- Wellbeing Week each term – a time to use meditation; relaxation; time to distress.
- Wellbeing student team and adult team in place to monitor wellbeing planning.
- Long Reef walk and coffee morning with our Family Liaison Officer and parents.
- All staff use 'Smile Awards' to encourage positive behaviours in class and playground.
- 'Tell Them From Me' Surveys run through our community to evaluate progress.
- Seasons for Growth – support for children experiencing loss or separation.
- Mufti Days and special canteen days for fun.
- The Resilient Child and The Resilient Girl workshop.
- 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Courses each term.
- Year 6 Graduation Liturgy.
- End of Year Celebration and Farewell Liturgy.
- Pre-school Playgroup every second Thursday morning 9.30am.