



Principal Report – Term 3, 2023 August 22, 2023

Having a Zoom option for attendance at these meetings means that we are having a larger attendance overall. We will continue to make the option available. My thanks for everyone's attendance at this term's meeting either live or online.

I have two main topics tonight:

1. Review of our Positive Behaviours for Learning Framework (PBL).
2. The Eileen O'Connor School initiative being introduced by Catholic Schools Broken Bay.

PBL Framework Review:

The framework has been in place at St John's for some time. It is there to create a shared understanding and implementation of behaviour expectations in our school. It creates consistent use of language concerning behaviour and a reference point to guide behaviour which leads to learning. It is a well-researched, recommended approach for schools. The group attending was then led through the three levels of PBL behaviour:

Tier 1 – Expected behaviour from 100% of children and is outlined in our behaviour matrix. This is encouraged and promoted daily in our school and the children do receive rewards for consistently displaying our behaviour expectations.

We are now recording in Compass Chronicles when children receive a Smile Award, Merit Award, Strength and Gentleness Award or Core Values Award. Parents can see these entries but note they are done on Thursdays when we have sufficient office staff to assist.

Tier 2 - Displayed by about 15% of our students. Need reminders and redirection to better understand and display Tier 1 behaviours. Some intervention needed to achieve this.

Tier 3 – Displayed by about 5% of our students. This behaviour needs more intensive intervention. Children displaying this behaviour need a more concentrated and focused approach to changing their behaviour that may involve close monitoring; parent support or specialist intervention and support.

Tier 2 and Tier 3 behaviours are also recorded in Chronicles, but these are not shared with parents. The information is there to assist us in identifying patterns of behaviour or children whose behaviour is being regularly noted so that we can support them to return to Tier 1 behaviour. Parents are called to discuss these behaviours depending on the situation.

We have a consequence matrix that shows various levels of behaviour, what breaches are included and how these are dealt with. We want to review this matrix and are interested in parent feedback. Consultation will be communicated. The children and teachers will also have input about this. At this stage of the meeting we collected a set of questions and comments about PBL.

This will be a topic which will be further addressed in coming P&F Meetings.

Eileen O'Connor Schools:

A new school with satellite (small support classes in Parish Primary Schools), the Eileen O'Connor School is being established in our Diocese. A new school will be constructed (The Eileen O'Connor School) on the Central Coast with satellite classes set up in diocesan primary schools.

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Strength & Gentleness

New satellite classes are currently in place at St Martin's Davidson and St Brendan's Lake Munmorah and beginning in 2024 at Prouille, Wahroonga.

St John's Narraweena currently has a satellite class in place associated with St Lucy's, Wahroonga, an independent Catholic School run by the Dominican Order. The St John's satellite class will continue to operate in 2024 with a review in place for 2025 and beyond. Children in this class will not be disadvantaged in any way as the diocese moves to the new arrangement. The diocese is working with St Lucy's during the transition to Eileen O'Connor to be able to meet the needs of students with disabilities who wish to enrol in Catholic Schools in Broken Bay.

The most up to date information about the Eileen O'Connor School can be found at this link

[Eileen O'Connor Catholic School - Catholic Schools \(csbb.catholic.edu.au\)](https://csbb.catholic.edu.au)

We understand there may be questions about this project as it is in its early stages. Parents are encouraged to view the information at the above link and to use the enquiries link should there be any questions about this development.

In concluding, I wish to thank the P&F for its ongoing support of the St John's community. There are regular faces who continually volunteer to assist and support us and my sincere appreciation goes to these wonderful people.

I wish to encourage all parents in our community to commit to the building up of our community by taking an interest in the life of the school and its events. We had marvellous representation at Grandparents and Special Friends Day, Mother's Day and Book Week. It is this kind of support that creates a sense of belonging for our children and our families. We'd love to see this extend to our Family Masses, social events, parent engagement sessions and other offerings. Your child will benefit as a result as well as our whole community.

Best wishes for the remainder of the term and all praise to our wonderful St John's staff for all they do.

Mark Bateman - Principal