



From Adam Slater, Principal



Dear Families,

We hope you and your families have enjoyed a positive start to the new school year. We are pleased to welcome new and existing families to our school community.

The staff and students have returned with renewed excitement about what the new school year will bring. The year ahead will be filled with many learning opportunities, community connecting events, and collaboration with the aim to live each day with our school motto, 'In All Things Love,' as our guide.

WEEK 0

Before the students returned, the school undertook professional learning that included working with Professor Anne Bayetto, a researcher and lecturer, on developing reading comprehension and fluency practices to improve student literacy development in the big 6 of reading, which are:

- Oral language
- Phonological awareness
- Letter-sound knowledge (phonics)
- Vocabulary

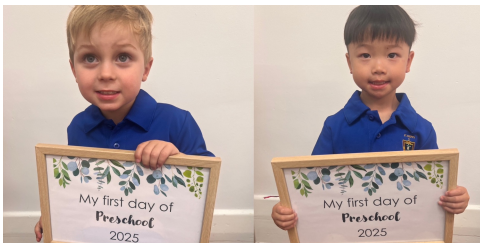
- Fluency
- Comprehension

At the end of last year, teachers undertook a curriculum professional development session with our eastern region Catholic Education advisor, Alison Hubner-Booth, on curriculum mapping, with a focus on Numeracy. This training helped staff to identify the scope and sequence of their teaching to ensure impactful learning attainment and achievement for their students.

On the Wednesday, we introduced the opportunity for students and families to 'Meet their Teacher' prior to school commencing in Term 1.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

This year we celebrated a large group of students in our Preschool, Ready for Reception and two Reception classes. Currently, across both campuses, we have over 220 students attending from Preschool to Year 6.



WELCOMING MASS

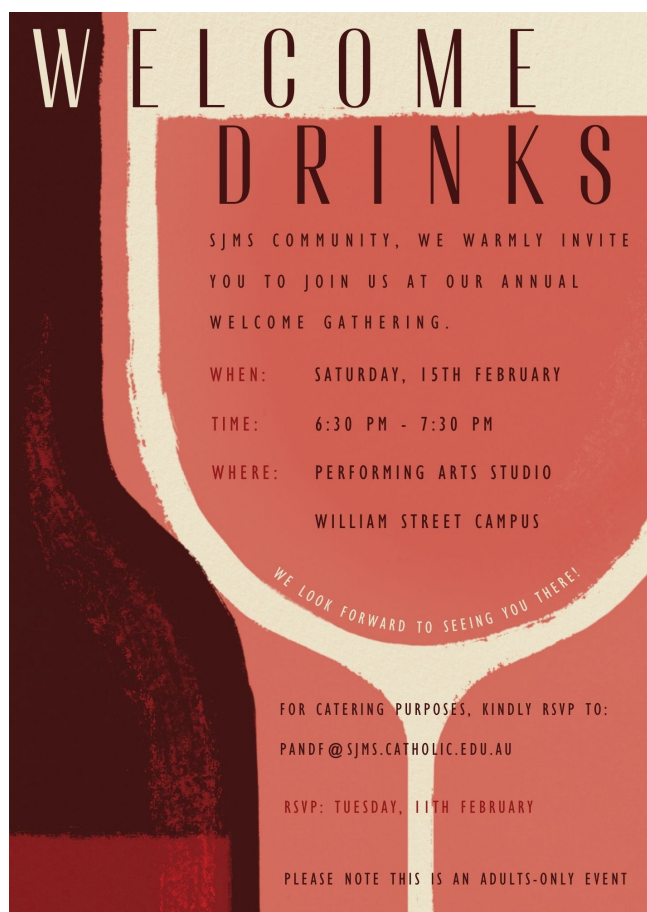
Despite the weather not enabling our Bridge St students and teachers to walk over to attend the welcoming mass at the Norwood parish yesterday, they still held a liturgy of the word as a group. Our William St students celebrated Mass to welcome in the new year, led by

Father Chris Jenkins, who is an incredibly relational and caring faith leader for our community.



WELCOME DRINKS EVENT

Our annual 'Welcome Drinks' event, held on Saturday, February 15th in our Performing Arts Studio at William St, is fast approaching. We would love all parents and guardians to attend, as this is a wonderful way for our community to connect to start the year. For catering purposes, please RSVP to pandf@sjms.catholic.edu.au



SCHOOL BOARD AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Annual General Meeting of St Joseph's Memorial School Board will be conducted on Wednesday, 19th February 2025, at the Performing Art Studio located at William Street at 6.30pm. Parents and caregivers are all welcome to attend.

The School Board has several important governance roles for the effective progression and development of the school. One of its critical roles is oversight and approval of all matters that have a financial implication for the school.

The Board also acts as a consultative forum for the Principal on issues such as:

- Faith formation of students and staff;

- Curriculum development;
- Property and maintenance;
- Administration;
- Human resources; and
- Parent education.

In addition, the School Board also provides timely, appropriate advice as requested and assists the Principal in monitoring school effectiveness. As a body, the School Board is always seeking to harness the expertise, talents and resources of members of the school community and wider local community for the benefit of the school.

Anyone wishing to nominate for the School Board is requested to email me at aslater@sjms.catholic.edu.au.

The process for voting in new board members occurs during the Annual General Meeting.

UNIFORM

At our school, we take great pride in our uniform as it reflects our sense of community and belonging. We kindly ask families to take a moment to review our uniform policy to ensure they are up to date with our expectations. For your convenience, a copy of the policy can be accessed at the link below:

https://www.sjms.catholic.edu.au/_files/f/23313/SJMS_Uniform_Policy.pdf

Thank you for your support in helping our students wear their uniform with pride!

In relation to the required uniform for students to wear on the days we have a school Mass, currently we are happy for students to wear the uniform they would usually wear on the day of the Mass. The only Mass we require all students to wear a formal uniform for is the Year 6 Graduation Mass at the end of the year.

ROAD AND TRAFFIC SCHOOL SAFETY

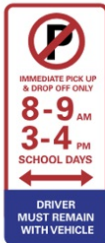
As we commence a new school year, it is important to share pivotal reminders with the community regarding optimising road safety for all members of our school.

The Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Council have a brochure on keeping children safe near school zones, which can be accessed via the link below:

https://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/files/10613_keep_kids_safe_brochure.pdf

I would like to remind our community to ensure that they park in suitable spaces marked with signage and be mindful of the speed limit going through school zones.

Here is some useful information provided by our local council to assist our community traffic awareness to optimise safety for all:



No Parking Zones

*Australian Road Rule 168**

A driver may only stop in a no parking zone for the purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. The driver must remain with the vehicle and take no more than two minutes.

The purpose of a no parking zone near to a school is to provide an area in which motorists can quickly pick up or drop off their children. For the zone to work effectively, it is important that motorists adhere to the restrictions. This helps to maximise use of the available on-street parking during the peak pick up and drop off times.



Koala crossings

A koala crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles. Koala crossings operate only when the yellow lights are flashing. A 25km/h speed limit applies between signs on the approaches to the crossing when the lights are flashing. Drivers must stop and give way to anyone using the crossing or about to cross the road.

Parking Restrictions

Near school crossings

A driver must not stop on a school crossing. Parking is prohibited within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing, as it can obstruct the line of sight for pedestrians and make it difficult for motorists approaching a crossing.

Continuous yellow line

*Australian Road Rule 169**

A continuous yellow line marked on the edge of a road has the same meaning as a 'no stopping' zone and provides greater safety near corners and driveways. A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow line.

Double parking

*Australian Road Rule 189**

It is illegal to double park by stopping next to another vehicle already parked near the kerb. Double parking restricts access for other traffic and can block the line of sight for children and pedestrians on the side of the road.

Parking across driveways

*Australian Road Rule 198**

A driver must not obstruct driveway access by stopping on or across a driveway, as this can cause a significant inconvenience for residents, businesses or other motorists requiring access.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

As part of our commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive and healthy environment for all students, we kindly remind families not to send food or treats to school for birthday celebrations. **Any such items brought to school will be sent back home.**

This is in place to ensure:

- **Safety for All:** Many students have food allergies or dietary restrictions, and even minimal exposure to allergens can pose serious health risks.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** By avoiding food-based celebrations, we create a more inclusive environment where all students feel

equally valued, regardless of their family's circumstances.

We also want to emphasise that there is absolutely no expectation for families to provide anything for birthday celebrations. However, if you would like to acknowledge your child's special day, here are a few thoughtful, non-food suggestions:

- Donate a favourite or meaningful book to the classroom library.
- Arrange a fun class activity or game in coordination with the teacher.
- Provide small keepsakes like stickers, pencils, or bookmarks.

Once again, I wanted to sincerely thank the community for your trust and support. I am looking forward to seeing you around the school in the coming weeks and am committed to leading St Joseph's Memorial as a school of faith, learning, and community into a promising future.

God bless,

Adam Slater

Principal

From Grace Vassallo-Wakefield, APRIM

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the 2025 School Year. On Thursday, our Year 6 students led us in our Beginning of School Year Mass. It was lovely to see so many of our parents and caregivers join us on the day.

This year is a Jubilee year for the Catholic Church and our theme is Pilgrims of Hope. A Jubilee or Holy Year is a **special year of forgiveness and reconciliation**, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God.

As Pilgrims of Peace, we are called to bring God's hope to others, to show kindness and to help them believe in a future where we can find joy, peace and pleasure. Let us all work together to bring this about.

School and Class Masses / Liturgies of the Word

Please find below the dates for our School and Class Masses/Liturgies of the Word for Term 1:

Thursday 20 February Year 5 Mass, 9am in the PAS (Performing Arts Studio)

Thursday 27 February Year 1 Liturgy of the Word, 9:15am in the Library at Bridge Street

Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday Liturgy **Year 2 – 6**, 11am in the PAS, **Preschool – Year 1**, 1:30pm in the Library at Bridge Street
(Please note the change of time from 9:15am)

Thursday 20 March St Joseph's Feast Day led by Year 4 class. Whole school mass at 9:30am in St Ignatius Church.

Thursday 27 March Year 2 Liturgy of the Word, 9am in the PAS

Thursday 3 April Year 3 Mass, 9am in the PAS

Friday 4 April Preschool Liturgy of the Word, 9:15am in the Library at Bridge Street

Thursday 10 April Reception Liturgy of the Word, 9:15am in the Library at Bridge Street

Cybersafe Presentation for Years 3 – 6 Students

On Monday 24 February, students from Years 3 – 6 will attend a Cybersafety session led by A/Sgt Bridgette Barendregt from SAPOL's: Eastern Crime Prevention.

The session will focus on:

- Keeping Safe online
- Cyber-bullying
- Sharing personal information / content

Cybersafe Presentation for Parents and Caregivers

On Monday 24 February, we will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation for all parents, caregivers and teachers at 7pm in the Performing Arts Studio at William Street.

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program which is delivered nationally to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The program is delivered in collaboration with Territory and State Police Departments, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation is pro-technology and the session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

For more information, you can also visit www.thinkuknow.org.au



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Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

DATE: 7pm on Monday 24 February 2025

LOCATION: Performing Arts Studio
139 William Street, Norwood

The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information about online safety and security.

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Term 1 Calendar of Events



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TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekend
1	27/01 Australia Day Public Holiday	28/01 1 st Day Term 1 9am P&F Welcome Morning Tea @ Bridge Street	29/01	30/01	31/02	2 nd Presentation Of the Lord
2	03/02	04/02	05/02 Road Traffic Monitor Training Years 4-6	06/02 9:30am Beginning of School Year Mass led by Year 6 class	07/02	
3	10/02	11/02 Safer Internet Day	12/02	13/02 Lunar New Year	14/02 2pm Year 6 Assembly	15/02 7pm P&F Welcome Drinks in the PAS
	← Healthy		Lunchbox		Week →	
4	17/02	18/02	19/02 6:30pm School Board AGM	20/02 World Day of Social Justice Year 5 Mass 9am PAS	21/02	
5	24/02 ThinkUKnow Years 3 – 6 (am) & Parent (pm) Cyber-Safety Presentation	25/02	26/02	27/02 Year 1 LOW 9:10am Library	28/02	
6	03/03	04/03 Shrove Tuesday	05/03 Ash Wednesday 9:15am Preschool – Yr. 1 LOW 11am Yrs 2 – 6 LOW	06/03	07/03 2pm Year 1B Assembly World Day of Prayer	
7	10/03 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	11/03	12/03	13/03	14/03 International Day of Mathematics	
			← NAPLAN →			
8	17/03 St Patrick's Day	18/03 Year 5 & 6 Camp	19/03 6:30pm School Board	20/03 9:30am St Joseph's Day Mass & Celebrations led by Year 4 class World Story Telling Day	21/03 Harmony Day	22/03 Earth Hour 8:30pm
			← NAPLAN →			
9	24/03 NAPLAN	25/03 Feast of the Annunciation	26/03	27/03 Year 2 LOW 9am PAS	28/03 2pm Year 5 Assembly	30/03 P&F Whole School Family Park Event
10	31/03	01/04	02/04	03/04 Year 3 Mass 9am PAS	04/04 Preschool LOW 9:10am Library	06/04 Daylight Saving Ends
11	07/04 World Health Day	08/04	09/04	10/04 Reception LOW 9:10am Library	11/04 Term 1 Ends	

Can you help?

We have had a request from a new family in our community, on the William Street site, for support. They have only recently arrived in Australia, with no extended family support and mum is a Pediatrician at the Women's and Children's Hospital which includes shift work.

If you are able to help or know of someone who may be interested in supporting this family, could you please pass on their details to me, and I will forward the information on.

Kind regards

Grace

LEARNING Through MUSIC



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**ENROL NOW
FOR 2025!**

Join our school instrumental
music lessons for 2025!

Contact us to find out what
instruments are available to learn

Lessons are held at school once a week

Instrument hire is available

Email us for lesson prices or an enrolment form



Contact LTMusic for more information
or to complete an enrolment form:
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www.LTMusic.com.au

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Pupil Free Days



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We would like to inform you of the dates for Pupil Free Days (PFD) for this year. Please note that OSHC will be available for families that require this service on these days.

Term 2

Monday 28 April - Rec-Yr 6 - Preschool Open

Friday 4 July PS-Yr 6

Term 3

Monday 21 July

Term 4

Monday 13 October - Rec-Yr 6 - Preschool Open

- Week 9 -

Wednesday 10 December **Last Day of Term R-6**

Thursday 11 December **Last Day for Preschool**

Friday 12 December 2024 **Whole School Pupil Free Day**

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Assemblies



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All Assemblies will be held in the Performing Arts Studio at William St on Friday afternoons at 2pm.

Students from Bridge Street will walk across to William Street to participate in Assemblies, face to face.

Term 1

14 February - hosted by our Year 6 students

7 March - hosted by our Year 1B students

28 March - hosted by our Year 5 students

We will ask for help from our wonderful parents and caregivers to help walk the Bridge Street students across on these dates. Please look out for the form on Skoolbag, next week.

Please remember to check the [school calendar](#) regularly for any updates.

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Volunteering at SJMS



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St Joseph's Memorial School provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

As a Catholic community, we welcome and value volunteers. To be able to volunteer, and/or attend at other times throughout the school year, we ask that you hold the following:

1. A current **Catholic Police Check** (parents/caregivers attending excursions, reading in class, helping in class, attending community events);
2. A current **Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate** (please click here to view how to complete this requirement);
3. **Completed the volunteers application.**

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers at SJMS are free for our current parents and caregivers. [Application Forms](#) are available to [download here](#) or at either school office.

We ask that you present your completed form with verification ID to the front office, and we will submit the application on your behalf. You will then receive an email link to complete the process online. Once all cleared you will receive a Catholic Police Check ID card in the post, please bring this in to the front office and we will take a copy of your clearance.

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through either school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at either office.

Thanking you

The SJMS Admin Team

info@sjms.catholic.edu.au

For more information on how Catholic Education SA provides a safe environment for all, please click [here](#).

Summary of what is needed to volunteer at SJMS:

Valid Catholic Police Check

Responding to Abuse and Neglect Education and Care Volunteer Certificate

Completed application form

2024 PRESCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE!



Places available in our Preschool - enrol today!



Come see our Preschool in action, [contact us](#) for a tour or enrolment information.



St Joseph's Memorial School

Preschool to Year 6
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Website: www.sjms.catholic.edu.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SJMSSA
Instagram: @SJMSSA



Your child is at the heart of everything we do

What we offer

Playgroup

- For 0 - 4 year olds
- Held every Friday 9:15am - 10:45am
- Location at the Bridge St Library
- Free
- Parents / carer join in activities

Preschool

- For 4 - 5 year olds
- Friday 8:30am - 3pm daily
- OSHC available before Preschool from 7am to 8:30am and after school from 3pm to 6 pm.
- Teaching program is delivered to build on the interests of children and their curiosity to tailor learning opportunities.

Ready for Reception

- For children in the semester before they commence Reception.
- Monday and Tuesday
- Aimed to prepare each child to approach schooling with confidence and positivity.
- Children have opportunities to enjoy learning the daily school processes, curriculum and building social connections

School Reception - Year 6

- Highly skilled teachers who build positive relationships with each child to help enhance their learning achievement.
- Extra-curricular activities offered include Children's University, school sport, carnivals, choir and performing arts.

Contact us to book in a tour with our Principal



SJMS Calendar

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Calendar and Dates



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For dates, information on events and more, please visit the SJMS Calendar.

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

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If you want to stay up to date with the Parents and Friends Committee, connect with other Parents or buy/sell second hand uniform, remember to join our P&F Facebook Group!

[Visit P&F Facebook](#)

SJMS Uniform Shop News



ST JOSEPHS MEMORIAL NORWOOD

UNIFORM COLLECTION 2025



Short Sleeve Shirt
\$ 48.00



Long Sleeve Shirt
\$ 49.00



Woollen Jumper
from \$ 72.00



Skirt - Culottes
\$ 63.00



Elastic Back Shorts
\$ 39.00



Trousers
\$ 43.00



Ready-Knot Tie
\$ 23.00



Sports Polo
\$ 59.00



Rugby Top
\$ 87.50



Softshell Jacket
\$ 86.50



Sport Shorts
\$ 30.00



Trackpants
\$ 41.00



Pre School Polo
\$ 27.00



Reversible Bucket Hat
\$ 18.00



Back Pack
\$ 62.00



Cotton Blend Tights
\$ 17.00

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TRADING HOURS

Monday 8.00am - 1.00pm, Tuesday 10.30am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 8.00am - 1.00pm, Thursday 10.30am - 5.30pm
Friday 10.30am - 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am - 12.00pm



You can now book your uniform shop appointment online!

How do I book?

The easiest way to book is to go online. You can book a quick 15 minute fitting (best for current students) or a full 30 minute fitting (best for new students or full uniform updates). You can also follow the link to the online shop through your school website!

What if I know exactly what I need?

If you know what you need you can place an online order and collect in store or have it sent to the school for no additional charge.

[Read More](#)

Finance Team

Go to our [Fee Information page](#) to see school fee structure.

For any finance enquiries, email Nicki at accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au

Nicki Cambourn

Bursar

Communication Between School and Home



The banner features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, it reads 'St Joseph's Memorial School' in a large white serif font, with 'Norwood and Kensington' in a smaller white sans-serif font below it. The word 'Communication' is written in a large, bold, yellow sans-serif font. Below this, the school's crest is visible on the left, featuring a shield with a cross, a lily, and the motto 'IN OMNIBUS CARITAS'. To the right of the crest, the phrase 'In all things love' is written in a white cursive script. At the bottom right, contact information is provided: 'w | sjms.catholic.edu.au' and 'e | info@sjms.catholic.edu.au'.

Emails

[Click here](#) to view the current staff email addresses.

If you are not receiving emails from us, please email info@sjms.catholic.edu.au to ensure your email is correct on our system. Thank you.

School Phone Number

The phone number for the school is (08) 8130 7777. The phone will be answered by either office and your call directed to the appropriate area/staff member.

Audiri app

Download the Audiri app and add 'St Joseph's Memorial School' as your school. This app is used to communicate letters and information between the school and home.

Social Media

Communication platforms ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) used to showcase the learning and events occurring at SJMS, as well as a marketing tool for our school.

Parents and Friends Facebook Page

A [Facebook Group](#) where parents and caregivers can join to see P&F news, events and sell/buy second-hand uniform.

Qkr! app

An app families can use to pay school fees, OSHC fees, lunch orders and much more.

[Qkr! app instructions.](#)

Submitting a student absentee

Parents and caregivers can use the form in the Audiri app or via this website to advise when your child is absent. Please submit before 9am on the day of the absence. Thank you.

[Submit an absentee.](#)

Outside School Hours Care Software

iParent portal - the software used for the OSHC services at SJMS. Parents (once registered) can log into the portal and manage their child/ren's bookings online and check their OSHC account balance. Please note OSHC bookings are essential to ensure a child safe environment, maintain appropriate staffing ratios and ensure we do not exceed our licence.

[OSHC email.](#)

[iParent portal link \(for after you have registered\).](#)

[OSHC registration form.](#)

[OSHC information page.](#)

SJMS Sport

Mr Will Dacombe-Bird is the SJMS PE Teacher and outside school sport coordinator. You can contact Mr Dacombe-Bird via email wdacombe@sjms.catholic.edu.au.

Instrumental Program

Learning Through Music provides instrumental lessons at SJMS. You can contact them via email info@ltmusic.com.au.

[SJMS Staff contact details](#)

[Communication Flowchart](#)

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Pathways Beyond Year 6



[Click here](#) to view the local Catholic pathways beyond Year 6.

Southern Cross News



The Southern Cross

Living Catholic

[Click here](#) to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

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PAS SPACE AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Do you know a community group that is looking for an affordable space to hire,
somewhere to meet regularly?

A martial arts class, bible study group, children's dance class, drama group,
choir group, book club or the like?

Ask them to contact us to enquire about hiring our Performing Arts Studio (PAS)!

Hire includes use of the retractable stage, kitchen facilities and bathroom. Weeknights or weekends available.

Please contact Nicki Cambourn, Bursar accounts@sjms.catholic.edu.au

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