



Saint Stephen's College

Prep to Year 6

Junior College

Information Handbook

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JUNIOR COLLEGE PROGRAMS

The Foundations Program – Prep to Year 3



It is widely accepted that the early years of learning are among the most significant periods of growth for children. Experiences during this time not only affect cognitive, social and physical development, but deeply influence dispositions to learning and children's views of themselves as learners.

At Saint Stephen's College, our Foundations Program prepares children for their ongoing years of schooling, with the aim of instilling in them a love of learning!

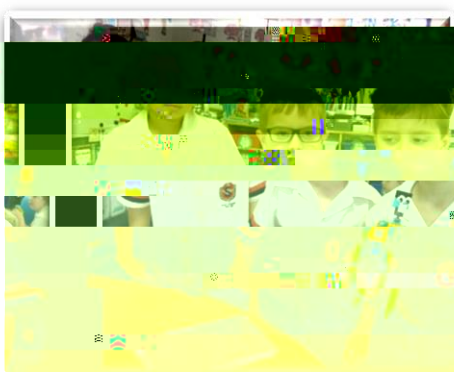
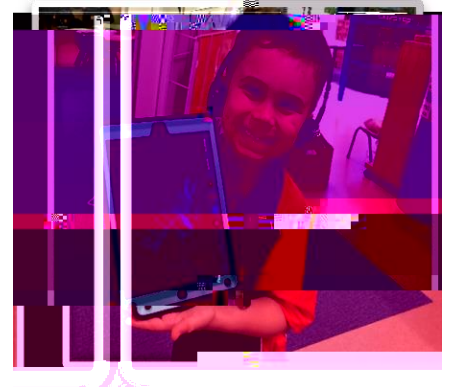
In the Foundations Program, we believe firmly in the following principles:

Children are capable and competent and have been learning since birth;

Children build deep understandings when they learn through all senses and are offered choice in their learning experiences;

Children learn best through interactions, active exploration, experimentation and by representing their learning through a variety of modes;

Children's positive dispositions to learning, and to themselves as learners, are essential for success in school and beyond;



Children learn best in environments where there are supportive relationships among all partners in the learning community;

Learning experiences are most effective when they recognise, value and build upon the cultural and social experiences of children;

Building continuity of learning as children move through school provides a solid foundation for their future success.

Children in Prep to Year 3 participate in a variety of learning experiences and host many events throughout the year. Children in Year 3 participate in the Year 3 Sleepover in preparation for the camps that are scheduled in Years 4 to 6.

The Consolidations Program – Years 4 to 6

The Consolidations Program focuses on the care and education of students in Years 4, 5 and 6. The program has been established to build upon the Foundations Program of Prep to Year 3, to develop confidence, responsibility and independence in learning, leading to a smooth transition into the Connections Program of Years 7 and 8 within the College.

The Consolidations Program teaching team work collaboratively as a year level. They work closely together to enrich the learning experience for students and to facilitate a supportive, caring and hands-on learning environment.

The aim of the Consolidations Program is to continue to build upon the knowledge, skills and personal

Positive Education

Positive Education brings together the science of positive psychology with best-practice teaching. Saint

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Absences

Parents/guardians must notify the College if a student in Prep to Year 6 will not be attending school. This can be done through various channels listed below, but the College preference is via the App.

The College App enables the Saint Stephen's College community to stay informed with important information and urgent school announcements. It also streamlines the absentee reporting process, enabling parents to alert the College if and when their child is away from school.

Via the College App (To download the College App please scan below)

College App (Apple Tunes)

College App (Google Play)

Via [Parent Lounge](#)

Via Email: jnrabsentee@ssc.qld.edu.au

Via Telephone: 07 5573 8673. Parents and carers are required to leave a voice message on the absentee line to 8.20am.

In the event that your child has been marked absent and the College has not been notified, you will be sent a text message asking you to confirm the absence. The College preference is via the App.

Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

Lost Property

COMMUNICATION

Communication from the Class Teacher

Communication is vital for home and school to work together with success. Each year level will inform parents with regards to how notices will be communicated; Dojo, email or via a student's device. Your child (or their teacher) will add important information and notices into this for you to read at home. Teachers will also send emails home regarding the class program and the upcoming events.

These forms of communication can be useful, particularly if you are unable to meet with your child's teacher in the morning or afternoon. If an issue or question arises, simply send an email and your child's teacher will get back to you as soon as possible. They will always be happy to arrange a time to meet with you if there is an issue that you would like to discuss. Staff are available to respond to parent emails during the hours of a regular working day. Please be aware, however, that it may take up to 24 hours for staff to respond due to their teaching commitments.

Messages

If an urgent message needs to be passed on to a staff member, we ask that you phone the Junior College Administration Office on 07 5573 8610, as sometimes emails to teachers may not be accessed during the College day. All correspondence from the College is sent home either via email or through the College App. Please ensure that you notify the College of any changes to your email address so that you receive all necessary information.

Acta Ludi

The Acta Ludi is the College newsletter, which is published fortnightly and is sent home via the College App. Included in the Acta Ludi is important information about special events and happenings around the College, including after school activities.

