

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

KINDY 2022 INFORMATION BROCHURE




NEWMAN
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THIS BOOKLET PROVIDES YOUR FAMILY WITH ALL THE INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN 2022 PROGRAM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING IN THE EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY WITH YOUR CHILD.

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WELCOME

We here at Newman College warmly welcome you to our Kindergarten Class of 2022.

Kindergarten is a very exciting year for some of the youngest little people in our College and for many it is the first time they have been a part of a school community.

In our Kindergarten program there is an emphasis on learning through playing and exploring in flexible, informal spaces both indoors and out. It is a busy, joyous time for discovery, imagination, creating, researching and wondering!

Our Vision for Learning, Shine through Discovery - Let your light shine (Matthew 5:16) inspires our faith and learning community to Challenge, Collaborate, Create and Celebrate who we are and what we seek to achieve.





“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

— St John Henry Newman

DAILY 'MUST HAVES'

KINDY BAG

A large bag with two straps and a wide opening is best for Kindy. It should be big enough to fit all of your child's things, be easy for them to access and be clearly labelled on the outside with your child's name. Back packs are better suited for Pre-Primary.

HAT

A comfortable hat with a wide brim is ideal as it protects your child's face and neck. As we are a 'Sun Smart School', a hat is a requirement for all outside play. Newman College hats are available from the Uniform Shop or the Marian Administration Office should you wish to purchase one.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

A complete change of clothes will need to be provided in your child's Kindy bag. Please check these from time to time for size and weather suitability.

PILLOW

A compact cushion is required for your child's rest time. They need to be small, easy to store and wash.



FOOD & DRINK

Children will require the following items each day:

- Morning Tea
- Lunch
- Crunch & Sip
- Water Bottle

Containers and wrappers that are easy for your child to open and close are best!

In the first few weeks of Kindy we will ensure children have extra support to manage their eating times.

Healthy eating is encouraged at Kindy. Raw fruit and vegetables should be included as daily choices in your child's morning tea and lunch.

The Crunch & Sip snack should only be fresh fruit or vegetables cut into small, easy to eat pieces. Foods high in fat and sugar such as chips and lollies are discouraged.

Your child will need their own water bottle each day. Please clearly label all your child's belongings.

ALLERGIES

Foods containing nuts or nut products should not be included in your child's lunchbox.

It is very important that all allergies and medical conditions are known by the College and the classroom teacher, so that we can ensure the best possible care of your child.

Included in your orientation pack are the medical forms. These can also be accessed via the College website www.newman.wa.edu.au.





**“You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So... get on your way!”**

— Dr. Seuss



FIRST DAYS IN KINDY

Settling happily into Kindergarten can take some children longer than others. Children's prior experience with separation, along with their dispositions and personality will affect their feelings about being in a new environment.

Please come and discuss any concerns or questions you may have about the first days of Kindy for your child.

Families and schools who work in positive partnerships, nurture children to become happy and successful life long learners and we are really looking forward to supporting you and your child in 2022!



LET'S GET READY



WHAT TO EXPECT

Easing the first day jitters!

Talk to your child about what to expect on their first day at Kindergarten. If you aren't sure contact your child's teacher for more information.



LET'S GET ORGANISED

Taking the stress out of school

Label all your child's belongings and involve them in the process. By making sure all the necessary items are in their bag for the day (hat, water bottle, lunch box, spare set of clothes) you will help your child transition smoothly into school.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Making the small tasks manageable

Practice opening and closing lunchboxes and water bottles with your child. Managing these seemingly small tasks will go a long way to increase their sense of independence.



ARRIVE ON TIME

Avoid the rush and plan ahead

Arrive promptly to Kindy, so that your child feels settled and is involved in the morning routine.



I KNOW MY NAME

Giving your child confidence

Encourage your child to recognise their own name and hang their bag on their hook. This helps them to become more confident in their new surroundings.



SAYING GOODBYE

Importance of communication

Establish a positive goodbye routine with your child early on. Let them know what time you will be back to collect them, and then give them a positive, succinct farewell and hug goodbye.

THAT'S MY TEACHER!

Let's get to know each other

Use the Teacher's name in discussions with your child, so they become familiar with it before they start.



HOME TIME!

I want to know all about your day

Arrive on time to collect your child to avoid anxiety at the end of their day. It's a great idea to ask your child open-ended questions about what happened during the day.

What was your favourite thing that you did today?

What activities did you do during outside play?

What did the teacher talk to you about today?





“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.”

— Malala Yousafzai



KINDY ATTIRE

CLOTHES AND SHOES

Children should wear clothing that is "Sun Smart", suitable for active, messy play and easily toileting. They will need to take layers on and off as independently as possible and when they need the toilet quickly. Dress ups or special clothing are unsuitable.

HAIR

Hair should be neat and clear of your child's face. Long hair should be neatly tied back.

PERSONAL ITEMS

We ask that children do not bring in special personal items such as watches and jewellery, as they can be easily lost or broken.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Children who are unwell or showing signs of infections or viruses should stay home from school. This helps all of the other children in the class to stay healthy. It is most important that the school is notified in the event of communicable infections and viruses and when your child will be absent from school.

As our first concern is the happiness and wellbeing of your child, please inform us about any changes or events in the family which may cause them anxiety or concern so that we can best support them.

If your child will not be at school for any reason on their scheduled day, please email absenteeprimary@newman.wa.edu.au before 9.00am, briefly explaining the reason for the absence.



GENERAL INFORMATION

BIRTHDAYS

Due to allergies and food intolerances it is the College policy that cakes and celebration food must not be brought into the school. Birthday invitations and party plans need to be emailed or discreetly shared outside of school time.

ROSTERS

Rosters for classroom help will be displayed on the class notice boards. All parent helpers need to sign in at the Administration Office and wear a visitor's sticker when helping out in classrooms and at College events.

LIBRARY

The Kindergarten classes will attend a Library session every week. The borrowing times for the Kindergarten classes will be advertised by Mrs Le Dan during the school term. Each student needs a library bag. Bags are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop or the Marian Administration Office.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

The class teacher will invite a parent/s to undertake this school liaison role. The class representative can assist in supporting families with participation in College events, organising social gatherings and classroom news.



DROP OFF & PICK UP

It is very important that parents are prompt for drop off and pick up of their children. Young children can become quite anxious when they arrive later than their classmates and when they can't see their parent at the end of the day.

The College must be notified by phone or email when there are unexpected changes to the pick-up or drop-off routines, including when another adult will undertake this task. Children who come late or who are taken earlier for appointments or unexpected events must be signed in or out from the front Administration Office.

DROP OFF



PICK UP





“A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement.”

— Rachel Carson



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Mrs Jane Short

BELL TIMES & TERM DATES

Marian Campus Bell Times


- School Gates open: **8.20am**
- School starts: **8.45am**
- Recess: **10.30am**
- Lunch: **12.30pm**
- School finishes: **3.00pm**

2022 Term Dates

(Dates are correct at the time of printing)

- Term 1: **Monday 31 January - Friday 8 April**
- Term 2: **Tuesday 26 April - Friday 1 July**
- Term 3: **Wednesday 20 July - Friday 23 September**
- Term 4: **Tuesday 11 October - Thursday 8 December**





“What was wonderful about childhood is that anything in it was a wonder. It was not merely a world full of miracles, it was a miraculous world.”

— G.K. Chesterton





“Childhood is the light of our life, we must keep it safe within our hearts.”

— Marinela Reka

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