



# Bayside Christian College

*“Unity and Maturity in Christ”*



## Primary Handbook 2022

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## Term Dates 2022

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<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 31 January	to	Friday 8 April	
	<i>Prep-Year 2 Assessment Days will be held on 31 January and 1 February</i>			
	<i>Years 3-6 students start on Monday 31 January</i>			
	<i>Years 1-2 students start on Wednesday 2 February</i>			
	<i>Prep students start on Thursday 3 February</i>			
<b>Term 2</b>	Wednesday 27 April	to	Friday 24 June	
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 18 July	to	Friday 16 September	
<b>Term 4</b>	Tuesday 4 October	to	Thursday 8 December	

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## Communication with the College

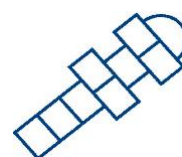
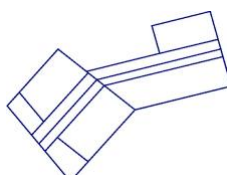
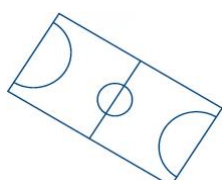
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Student Behaviour	Class Teacher, Coordinator, Head of School	

## The College Day

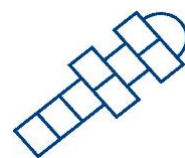
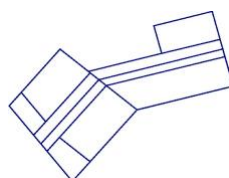
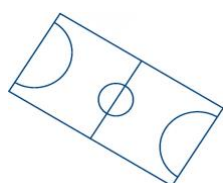
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<b>Mondays</b>		<b>Tuesdays – Fridays</b>	
<b>School starts</b>	8:55am	<b>School starts</b>	8:55am
<b>Recess</b>	10:50 – 11:10am	<b>Recess</b>	11:10 – 11:30am
<b>Lunch</b>	1:10 – 1:55pm	<b>Lunch</b>	1:00 – 1:45pm
<b>School finishes</b>	3:15pm	<b>School finishes</b>	3:15pm



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## Welcome to Bayside Christian College Primary School

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Welcome to the Primary School at Bayside Christian College. Bayside Christian College is a warm and welcoming Christian school community committed to honouring God through every practice.

Inside this Handbook you will find a selection of practical information to help partner with the College in the education of your children. Partnership between school and home is only possible through meaningful connection and active engagement in the life of the College. In order to build connection, continuous communication between home and school needs to take place.

There are countless opportunities for parents to participate in College life, from helping in the classroom, through to joining the Association. Community is an important component of what it means to be Christian. There are also real benefits for children in seeing their parents involved in their school and its community.

The staff look forward to seeing you around the College as they partner with you in the education of your children.

## About Bayside Christian College

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### *Our Purposes*

Bayside Christian College is a welcoming and thriving Kindergarten to Year 12 Christian school community set amongst the backdrop of beautiful natural flora. Established in 1982 by the Association for Christian Education of Frankston Inc., the College exists to help parents equip their children for effective, God-glorifying lives as Christians in the world by:

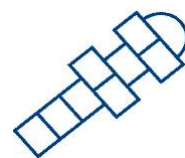
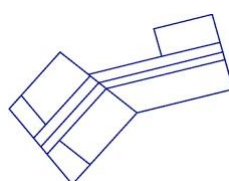
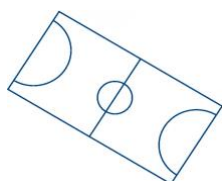
- i. leading students into the service of God and of others as a thankful response to the work of God in Christ;
- ii. nurturing in students the development of a Biblical understanding of the world and of life;
- iii. establishing an educational environment that is characterised by faith, hope, love, joy, peace and service;
- iv. helping students to discover and develop their own God-given abilities and to recognise and respect those of others;
- v. showing students that knowing their strengths and limitations, is part of achieving a realistic, positive self-image;
- vi. promoting a striving for excellence in their lives.

### **Vision**

To nurture and prepare young people for a life of responsible discipleship in God's Kingdom.

### **Motto**

"Unity and Maturity in Christ" – taken from Ephesians 4:13.



### ***Bayside's Christian Distinctive***

Bayside Christian College is Christian in its ethos, its curriculum and its character. Its attitudes and actions are shaped by an ongoing commitment to the vision of its founders of 'providing education which is honouring to God'.

Bayside teaching and administration staff are Christians who are active in their local churches. They are dedicated to Biblically-based education that seeks to encourage children to understand what it means to follow Christ across the whole of life.

This shared vision is demonstrated practically in the classroom by the application of a Christian worldview perspective, where students are encouraged in their ability to understand and respond to the world and its various challenges through a Biblical lens.

This perspective means that when it comes to schooling, and this includes all programs and activities, consideration is given to whether it encourages growth in understanding what it means to follow Christ.

Christian schooling also means Christian community. One significant way that Christians visibly demonstrate their distinctive understanding of the world is through genuine care and devotion to the wellbeing of others.

Concern for community is a real strength of Bayside Christian College. As such, there is an expectation of all members of the College community – staff, parents and students – that we view and act towards others in a manner consistent with the Bible.

Parents/carers wanting to learn more about Christian education are encouraged to look at [www.whatischristianeducation.cen.edu.au](http://www.whatischristianeducation.cen.edu.au), a free two-hour online course created by Christian Education National, of which Bayside Christian College is a member.

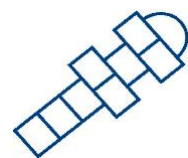
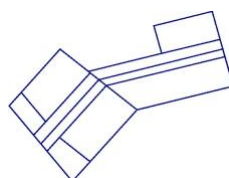
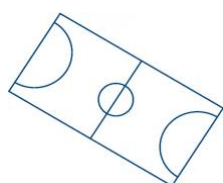
### ***Christian Education for Christian Families***

Bayside Christian College is governed by the Association for Christian Education of Frankston Inc., whose membership is made up of parents and like-minded individuals willing to accept the Biblical foundations of the College and its curriculum.

The Association was formed in 1980 by a group of dedicated parents with the desire to have their children educated in a formal environment supportive of their own Christian beliefs.

Parents of current and former Bayside students, who are committed to the College's founding purposes and who wish to share in moral ownership over its future direction, are invited to become members of the Association.

See [www.baysidecc.vic.edu.au/association](http://www.baysidecc.vic.edu.au/association) or contact the College office for more information about Association membership.



## Attendance & Supervision

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### Attendance/Absences

The College is required by law to maintain accurate attendance details. The class teacher will mark the roll first thing every morning and throughout the day.

If your child will be absent due to illness, appointments or for other reasons, please ring the College Absence Line and leave a message:

**Absence Line: 5971 6798**

An excused absence is one pertaining to health, medical, legal or family reasons.

Students arriving late or leaving early must sign-in/out at the College Office.

### Before & After School Supervision

Staff are rostered on morning and afternoon playground supervision duties. Morning playground supervision commences at 8:35am and afternoon playground supervision concludes at 3:35pm. Parents/carers are responsible for the supervision of their children outside designated duty times.

Please ensure you drop off/collect your children within the designated duty times. The College will make contact with parents/carers of children who are consistently dropped off or collected outside of these times.

Any Primary student who has not been collected at 3:35pm will be taken to the College Office. If you are running late, please call the Office to let the College know.

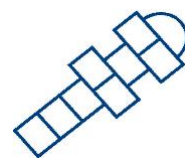
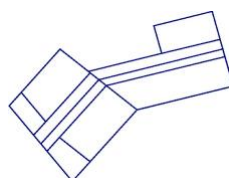
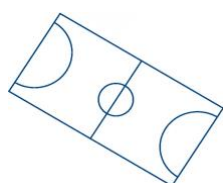
### Outside School Hours Care

Camp Australia provides Before and After School Care at Bayside Christian College from 7-9am and 3:15-6:00pm respectively. See the College website for further information.

### Playground Boundaries

Primary playground (in front of Prep-Year 2 classrooms)	Prep-Year 6
Primary Gym	Prep-Year 6
Basketball courts	Years 3-6
Oval	Years 3-6
Oval – during lunchtime	Years 1/2
Oval – during lunchtime (from Term 2 onwards)	Prep
Library – during lunchtime	Years 1-6
Library – during lunchtime (from Term 2 onwards)	Prep
Secondary classrooms	Out of bounds

**Other out of bounds areas are clearly signposted.**





## Behaviour Expectations – ‘The Bayside Way’

### 4 Expectations

The behaviour of Bayside students is guided by the ‘4 Expectations’ that make up ‘The Bayside Way’: Respect, Responsibility, Maximise Learning, and Kindness. This means that students are expected to exhibit behaviour that shows that they can respect themselves and others, take responsibility for their own behaviour and property, make the most of every opportunity to learn, and to show kindness to others.

When a student is not meeting these expectations, then they are supported to learn from what they have done. Relationships need to be restored, strategies and habits developed so that the student can meet the expectations of ‘The Bayside Way’ and students learn how they can and should make things right.

If a child chooses consistent inappropriate behaviour in class, the following is the procedure:

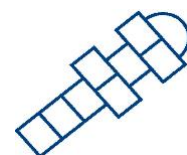
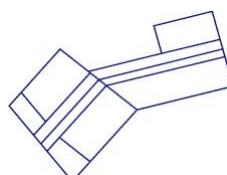
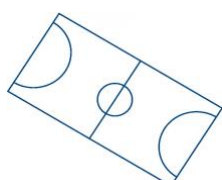
- First reminder
- Think time
- Remove to the buddy class
- Remove to the Coordinator.

If a student’s behaviour continues to be inappropriate, or for actions deemed ‘serious misconduct’, a student will need to learn from their behaviour with a series of consequences, considering the context of the situation. Students may be involved in some restorative action, an informal teacher meeting, or a more formal supported withdrawal at lunchtime. Parents will be notified by phone if inappropriate behaviour reaches a lunchtime supported withdrawal. If in the unusual circumstance that there are more severe inappropriate behaviour choices, this could lead to an after-school detention. Parents would be fully informed and advanced notice would be given for any after school detention. In the rare case that an after-school detention is needed, they are held from 3:30-4:30pm on a day negotiated with the parents/carers.

Teachers apply a positive, consistent and fair approach in implementing behaviour management procedures at Bayside with the emphasis on students being expected to follow ‘The Bayside Way’. The support of parents, teachers and students is needed to ensure the development of these expectations.

### Awards

The College likes to celebrate and acknowledge students who exhibit behaviours and attitudes that are reflective of ‘The Bayside Way’. Acknowledgement will sometimes be in the form of certificates, which are presented in Primary assemblies or in class.



## College Communications

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### *Academic Reports*

Each student will receive two academic reports per year, at the conclusion of Semester 1 and Semester 2. These will be available via the College's school management system *Sentral*. Reports can be downloaded as a PDF file and saved to your computer and/or printed.

### *Communication Bag/Student Diary*

Students in Prep-Year 2 use a 'communication bag' to communicate between home and school. Teachers get students to place notices and other information in the bags, so please check these each night. Wordlists (Prep), and take home reading folders, diaries and reading books (Prep-Year 2) will also be brought to and from school in the communication bag.

Students in Years 3-6 have a student diary, which is used to record reading habits, parent/teacher notes, and activities and events.

### *Email*

Email is a key communication tool used at the College as it ensures that important information does not 'get lost' at the bottom of schoolbags. Please ensure the College has your current email address at all times, and inform the College Office of any changes.

The Head of Primary School sends emails with information about upcoming events and other things happening across the Primary School. Key dates for the Primary School are sent out via email at the start of each term. Coordinators and classroom teachers send out regular emails informing you of information specific to your child's class.

### *Newsletters*

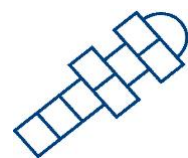
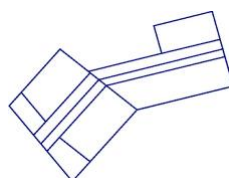
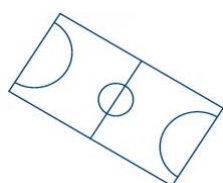
Newsletters are produced fortnightly during term. Parents/carers will receive an email containing a link to the newsletter each time it is ready for viewing. Please read the newsletters as they keep the community in touch with important College information, and highlight College events.

### *Parent-Teacher Conferences*

Parents/carers and teachers are partners in each child's education, and parents/carers are encouraged to communicate honestly and regularly. If you wish to speak with a teacher, please email or ring to arrange a suitable time to meet. Please be aware that due to yard duty commitments and after school staff meetings, teachers may not be able to meet with you immediately.

The College holds formal Parent-Teacher Conferences each semester. Bookings for these sessions are made through an online booking system, allowing parents/carers to nominate a time of their choosing. Information about Parent-Teacher Conferences will be emailed to families prior to the event.

The dates of Parent-Teacher Conferences for 2022 are 9-10 March and 24-25 August.





## Curriculum

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The Primary School curriculum is presented through a Christian worldview and aligns with the government-mandated Australian Curriculum. The teachers at Bayside aim to facilitate opportunities for understanding across the curriculum so that students can progress to the best of their ability. The Primary School partners with parents/carers to help students discover and develop their God-given gifts and talents. Teachers differentiate their programs to accommodate the different learning rates, abilities and styles in each of their classrooms.

### Assessment

Accurate and comprehensive assessment of student performance aids in establishing open communication, guides student learning, assists in establishing future direction, and helps to identify areas of exemplary performance, as well as those areas in need of support and assistance.

At the beginning of each school year, students will be involved in benchmark testing to guide the teacher in the curriculum and teaching practices for the year. This testing may occur one-on-one or within the class group.

Assessment is both an on-going daily, informal part of teaching, and also something done from time to time as a 'spot check' to gain formal evidence of learning.

### Homework

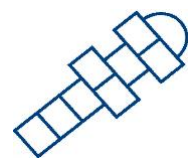
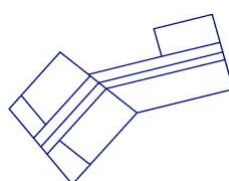
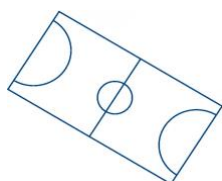
Homework is given to students to train them in purposeful study habits, to consolidate learning taught in everyday lessons, and to communicate with parents/carers the types of work undertaken in the classroom. Individual teachers may vary the approach to homework tasks.

The following time schedule serves as a guideline:

Year level	Guide
Prep-Year 2	10-20 minutes set homework school weekdays May include: home reading, sight/spelling words, Big Talk
Years 3 & 4	15-30 minutes set homework school weekdays May include: home reading, spelling words, times tables
Years 5 & 6	20-30 minutes set homework school weekdays May include: home reading, times tables/division revision, projects or tasks related to class topics

### Learning Support

The College engages specialised learning support staff to assist students who need a little extra help with their learning, or where students have been diagnosed with a learning disorder. Learning Support Assistants may work in the classroom with individual students or in small groups.



## **NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the government-mandated National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy, and is made up of tests in the four areas of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

Teachers spend some time in preparing students for the testing to enable them to become familiar with the format, but believe that the well-rounded curriculum offered at Bayside is the best way to develop literacy and numeracy skills.

## **Physical Education**

Primary students have weekly Physical Education lessons. Years 5/6 students also participate in interschool sporting events during the year.

Students will also have opportunities to be involved and compete in a variety of College sporting events, including a swimming carnival, cross country and athletics carnival, and may go on to compete at higher levels. There are opportunities for students to win their way through wider levels of competition at zone and state level.

The College has three sporting houses:

- Conquerors (yellow)
- Believers (green)
- Overcomers (red).

## **Reading & Writing**

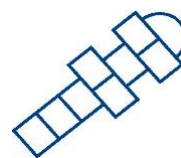
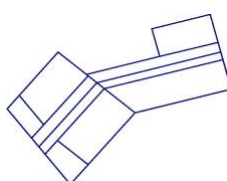
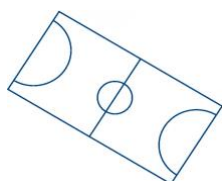
Teachers in the Primary School support students to read using a number of strategies and programs. Students in Prep-Year 2 are provided with leveled readers, including decodable books. Students move onto the Accelerated Reader program in Years 3-6 as they are deemed ready for this progression.

Students will regularly bring home 'take home books' that are at the level of each student's reading ability. Please involve yourself with the reading of these books and discuss the stories with your children to foster the love of reading. Students will also be expected to record their reading habits in a reader log or student diary.

## **Specialist Subjects**

Primary students participate in 'specialist' subject classes throughout the week, including:

- Art
- Information Technology (IT)
- Language (Indonesian)
- Library
- Music
- Physical Education.



## Extra-curricular Activities

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### *Bike Education*

Years 5/6 students participate in Bike Education in Term 3.

### *Camps*

Annual camps are held for students in Years 3/4 and Years 5/6, providing children with an opportunity to further develop their friendships and learning outside of the classroom. The College alternates camp locations. In 2022, Years 3/4 students will go to Camp Adanac at Yarra Junction, and the Years 5/6 students will go to Sovereign Hill.

A pre-camp program runs in Prep-Year 2. Prep students attend the Prep Student Dinner. The Year 1 students participate in an Activity Day and Dinner. The Year 2 students participate in an Activity Day, Dinner and Sleepover at the College.

As camp activities contribute to the student's overall development and are an integral part of the school curriculum, attendance is compulsory for all students.

Parents/carers are expected to provide the College with up-to-date information on their children's health and medical requirements, including allergies/medical alerts, and particularly anaphylaxis. All reasonable steps will be taken to accommodate students with individual dietary requirements and medical conditions.

Parents/carers who attend a College camp or excursion are required to hold a valid Working with Children Check, and to have signed the Child Safety Volunteer Agreement.

### *Incursions & Excursions*

Bayside students will take part in incursions and excursions to enhance their learning.

At the beginning of each year, parents/carers will sign an approval for their child to attend excursions. They will complete an additional form if an excursion requires further approval due to its nature. Parents/carers will be informed of all excursions via email and/or letter home prior to the event.

### *Jogging Club*

An optional Jogging Club is conducted on the oval during Monday lunch and before school Friday for Primary School students to run or walk laps. Parents are welcome to join their children in running or walking laps on Friday mornings.

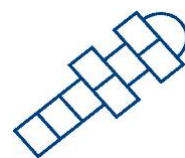
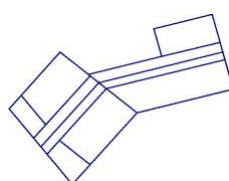
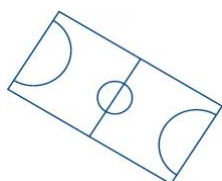
### *Music Tuition*

The College facilitates private music tuition for students who wish to undertake instrumental music or voice tuition. Sessions are conducted during the College day on an individual or group basis by experienced music tuition teachers. Payment is made directly to the instrumental/voice teacher. Enrolment forms are available from the College website or by contacting the College Office.

Parents are to notify their child's private music tuition teacher if their child is absent.

### *Swimming Program*

Bayside Christian College Primary School students participate in an intensive swimming program. This program is built into the fee structure and is not an additional cost to parents. The program usually takes place in Term 3 for Prep-Year 4 students and in Term 4 for Years 5/6 students.



## Health Matters

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### *Anaphylaxis*

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school-aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

Parents/carers of a student at risk of anaphylaxis are **responsible** for informing the College of the student's allergies and of any formal diagnosis, either at enrolment or at diagnosis. A completed Emergency Procedure Plan (EPP) **must** be provided to the College. In the event that a student at risk of anaphylaxis has a reaction, during class or other supervised College activity (e.g. excursion or sports day), the supervising staff member will follow the student's EPP including, if relevant, administering an adrenaline auto-injector as per instructions.

In the interests of taking care of our students with anaphylaxis, the College requests parents/carers not supply any food items containing nuts or nut products.

### *Asthma Management*

Students who have asthma must have appropriate medication at all times. An Asthma Action Plan must be completed and signed by both the parent/carer and the child's doctor **every** year. This signed plan **must** be supplied to the College Office.

### *First Aid/Illness*

Please keep your unwell children at home as they usually find it quite difficult to engage with their learning and illnesses can spread quickly within a school setting.

If your child is sick or injured at school, the College will administer First Aid and make a decision about contacting you or your nominated emergency contact if you are not available. Students who are unwell should discuss this with their teacher prior to going to the sickbay. Students who require First Aid should see College Office staff.

An ambulance will be called in cases of serious accident or illness to a student while at school or on an excursion or camp.

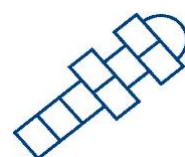
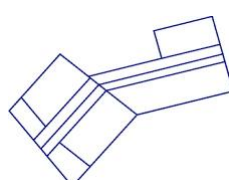
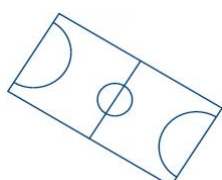
Any knock to the head that causes lumps, bruises, cuts or more severe injuries is classified as a head injury. In accordance with the College First Aid Policy, the parent/carer or emergency contact person of a child with a head injury will be asked to collect their child and will be recommended to seek advice from a medical practitioner.

### *Head Lice*

Head lice are a common problem among young children. Head lice can be caught by any child, so there is no need for embarrassment if your child comes home with head lice. It is vital to inform the College if you find head lice in your children's hair, along with close friends, in order to treat the problem.

The College will send a general note or email out to parents/carers of a class where head lice has been detected asking all families to be vigilant and treat if necessary.

Treatment includes commercial treatment products, and inspecting and removing lice and eggs from the hair. If detected while at school, students will be sent home and should not return until treatment has occurred.



## ***Healthy Eating***

Healthy eating is encouraged at Bayside. We therefore have a program called 'Crunch and Sip', where children are given a small break before morning recess to eat a healthy snack and have a drink of water. Please pack for your children a piece of raw fruit or vegetable that can be eaten at their desk.

Your child's lunch and snack should be in a clearly-named lunch box. Clear wrap/plastic film is often difficult for young children to undo and is unnecessary rubbish. Please use small containers. Drinks must be in a clearly-named plastic container. Students are not to bring glass containers to school.

Peanuts and peanut products will not be sold in the canteen. However, the College cannot guarantee that there will be no trace of peanut products at the College at any given time. It is important that students who have a peanut or other food allergy are aware of their particular allergy and take responsibility for what they consume. Parents/carers must have completed all the necessary forms to inform the College of the child's allergy and have the correct medication on site. Staff members have regular and up-to-date anaphylaxis training.

Lunch orders are available from the College canteen. Menus and price lists are updated regularly and can be found on the College website. Orders can be written on a brown paper bag with the money securely wrapped and placed inside the bag, and given to the class teacher at the start of the school day. Lunch orders will be delivered to the child's classroom at the beginning of lunchtime.

As we are a school community that also takes care of the environment, Primary School students are encouraged to bring all their food for the day in reusable containers.

## ***Infectious Diseases***

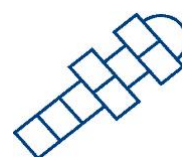
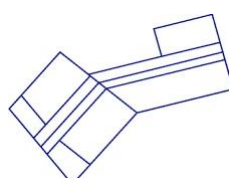
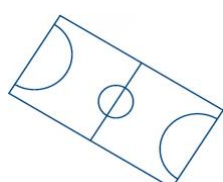
Principals are required to exclude students according to the school exclusion table under the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001 (Vic). Relevant diseases and their exclusion times are listed at the following website:

[www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/school-exclusion/school-exclusion-table](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/school-exclusion/school-exclusion-table)

## ***Medications***

There are occasions when parents/carers need teachers to give prescribed medicine to their children. Parents/carers should supply such medications in the original bottle or container that lists the name of the child, the dose, and the time the medication is to be administered. Parents/carers should discuss with their child's class teacher how best to store the medication at school according to the student's medical/health practitioner. The College will not administer the first dose of any medication to a student in case of an allergic reaction.

For students requiring the regular administration of medication at school, a 'Medication Log' will be kept. All medication needs to be handed into the College Office or to the class teacher.



## Parent Partnership

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### *Assemblies*

The Primary School holds regular assemblies on a Friday from 2:30-3:10pm. Whole College assemblies are held twice a term on a Monday morning. The dates of assemblies will be communicated at the beginning of each term. Parents/carers are welcome to attend assemblies at the College.

### *Bayside Family Network*

The Bayside Family Network is the College community care and support arm of Bayside Christian College. Established in 2018, the Bayside Family Network engages with the College community to connect, build and support families. We do this by creating opportunities for parents/carers, staff and the broader College community to connect with one another and build solid relationships in a Christ-centred environment.

The Network currently provides care and support to both Bayside Christian College staff and families through the following programs:

- Fortnightly Prayer Group
- Educational Workshops
- Guest Speaker Events
- Class Carer Support
- Uniform Exchange.

The network is currently overseen by the College chaplain, Kathy Scott, and is supported by a group of committed volunteer parents. Parent/carer participation is welcomed at Network events and with organisation. Enquiries can be directed to Mrs Scott: [k.scott@baysidecc.vic.edu.au](mailto:k.scott@baysidecc.vic.edu.au).

The network operates within the policies of the College and is accountable to the Board. Parents/carers who take on organisational responsibilities for the Network are required to be members of the College Association.

### *Class Carers*

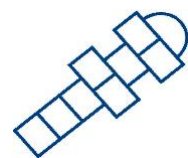
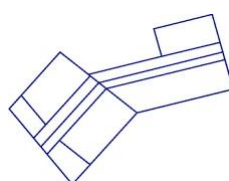
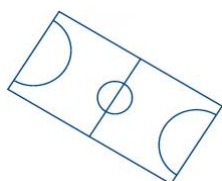
Primary teachers will invite a parent in each class to be a 'Class Carer'. The role involves prayer support for the class and teacher, occasional pastoral support for families within the class, and to organise a social activity for the class once a term. As per College policy, Class Carers are members of the College Association.

Please note that parents/carers are responsible for the care of their children whilst attending an activity outside of class time organised by the Class Carer.

### *Parent Etiquette*

Parents are required to sign themselves in at the College Office, should they visit the College outside of the normal drop off/collection times. This ensures we know who is on site in case of an emergency or emergency drill. In such cases, parents/carers who are on site are to follow the directions of nominated safety wardens.

The College greatly values relationships with its parents and actively encourages parental involvement in College activities. The College recognises that parents have the primary responsibility, before God, for training and nurturing their children.



Parents/carers should be mindful that certain etiquette needs to be observed for classes to operate effectively. Parents are to refrain from entering classrooms without first visiting the College Office for permission.

### **Parent Participation**

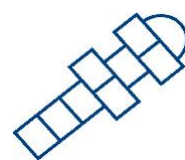
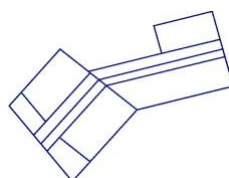
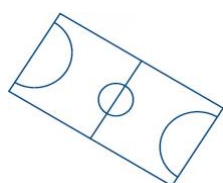
Parent participation is a great way to watch your child at work, meet new friends, play a more active role in your child's education, and to find out more about how your child learns.

There are a variety of ways to become involved, and many of the programs offered at Bayside Christian College require parental support. There will be a training program early in the year for parents/carers, grandparents, and other family members who wish to help in the classroom.

Please note that teachers may not accept offers to help without prior notification as per College policy. Helpers *must* sign themselves in at the College Office in accordance with Emergency Management Procedures.

In order to comply with the College Child Protection Policy, parents who wish to assist in the classroom or attend excursions are required to obtain a Working with Children Check. The Check process takes several weeks, so it is worth applying in advance of the school year. See [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) for application information.

Bayside Christian College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. All volunteers at Bayside Christian College are required to abide by the College Child Safety Code of Conduct, and to sign the Child Safety Volunteer Agreement.





## Student Safety & Welfare

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### *Behaviour Management & Parents/Carers*

If your child comes home from school and has had an issue with another student, please inform the class teacher or Coordinator for the incident to be investigated. Parents/carers are respectfully asked not to approach another student to try to solve a behaviour management issue, but to refer it to staff.

### *Bikes, Skateboards & Scooters*

In the interest of community safety, students are not permitted to ride bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades etc. on College property unless it is part of a structured College activity.

Students must dismount at the gates when entering College property and walk their bike or carry their scooter or skateboard along a pathway to the designated storage area, where they are advised to padlock their bike or store their scooter or skateboard at their own risk.

### *Car Park/Traffic Safety*

The car parking area of the College is a major risk to children, parents/carers and staff, and strict guidelines are in place to minimise risk.

Parents/carers are asked to observe the following rules when dropping off and picking up their children:

- Restrict driving speed to 5km/h through the car park
- Use the crossings at all times to cross the road
- Wait for the crossing duty staff to direct you across the road (8:35-8:55am & 3:15-3:35pm only)
- Be aware of pedestrians
- Show courtesy and consideration for other drivers; be cautious and alert
- Do not allow children to play/bounce balls when near or crossing the road
- Wait for the crossing supervisor's safety whistle before crossing the road
- Only drop off or collect children from the kerb in the designated zones, or park in a marked space
- Follow painted marking and signs

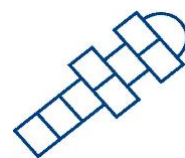
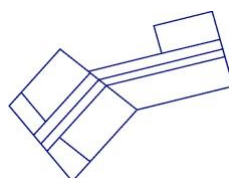
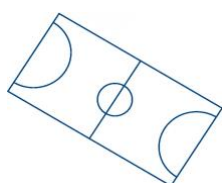
When waiting at the 'drop off zone', please adhere to the time restriction to allow all parents/carers to use this area. Drivers must remain in vehicles and continue moving forward as able.

Please remember that children follow our lead, so if parents/carers and staff are consistent in their road/car parking habits, then children also will develop good road habits.

The staff car park is for staff car parking only.

### *Chaplain*

Kathy Scott is our College Chaplain. The College has a set of protocols and procedures in place for student counselling with the Chaplain. Parents/carers requiring more information about this should contact the College Office or Mrs Scott directly.



Parents/carers must provide their consent before their child can meet with the College Chaplain. In the Primary School, parents/carers request a meeting with the Chaplain for their child and it is arranged in conjunction with the class teacher or Coordinator.

### ***Child Safety***

Bayside Christian College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Bayside Christian College has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Bayside Christian College is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in Bayside Christian College has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

### ***Custody of Children***

The College must be made aware of any court orders that relate to the care of children. This is necessary to ensure that the child is always in the care of the parent/carer given the authority. The College treats all such cases confidentially. Please notify the College Office if court orders have expired or changed.

### ***Emergency Procedures***

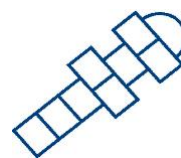
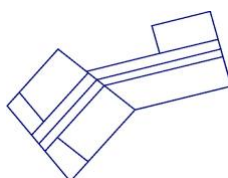
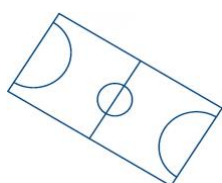
The College maintains a current Emergency Management Plan (EMP) that contains the four components of preparedness, prevention, response and recovery. Emergency arrangements are tested at least twice yearly to ensure that procedures work and that everyone learns emergency protocols.

Staff receive specific training in emergency bushfire procedures, and two bushfire drills are conducted each year. Please note that in a bushfire emergency, the gates will be closed and no person will be permitted in or out of the College, unless the decision to evacuate is made. It is important for parents/carers to trust the emergency plans that the College has in place and not drive to the College, as the road outside the College must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.

### ***eSmart***

Bayside Christian College is an eSmart School and upholds the values of the eSmart Framework. eSmart is an initiative of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. eSmart values assist students to act safely and responsibly online, and reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate images and content as well as cyberbullying, identity theft and online predation. It is an expectation that all students will be familiar with the College eSmart values and uphold them. Our College eSmart values are to 'Care for and Respect Everyone' (C.A.R.E.).

All Years 3-6 students must complete the Primary ICT Quiz and Agreement on Canvas, the Student Learning Management System, at the beginning of each school year.



## **Family Zone**

Family Zone is a cyber safety solution that protects children on the internet, on any device, wherever they are; at home, at school, and everywhere in between. Family Zone provides parents with visibility, and allows them to manage their children's online activity, with ongoing support from a team of leading 'Cyber Experts'.

Bayside Christian College wants to ensure that students are protected on the internet, no matter what device they are on or what source of internet they are using. We have therefore arranged for parents to have access to Family Zone's Mobile Zone app.

For more information, or to watch the 'Getting Started' webinar recording, head to [www.familyzone.com/baysidecc](http://www.familyzone.com/baysidecc).

For help with Family Zone please contact their Support Team, [support@familyzone.com](mailto:support@familyzone.com) (call 1300 398 326), or the College ICT Team [support@baysidecc.vic.edu.au](mailto:support@baysidecc.vic.edu.au).

## **Insurance**

Bayside Christian College has an appropriate school student accident insurance policy. This covers students if injury occurs through an accident while at the College or on an excursion, including camps. This cover does not include sickness or disease.

The College also holds a separate school travel insurance policy. More information about either policy can be obtained from the College Office.

## **Pets on College Property**

In the interest of the safety and welfare of the whole College community, no family pets are permitted on College property at any time, unless they are registered guide/assistance/therapy dogs under the control of their owners, or the approved and trained school therapy dog.

Exceptions to this rule, such as where a student would like to bring a pet for 'show and tell', must be requested and approved by the class teacher in advance.

## **Snakes**

Bayside is located in a bush setting where snakes are likely to inhabit. Snakes are most prevalent in the warmer months (September to April) but could be encountered on a sunny day at any time of the year.

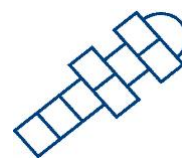
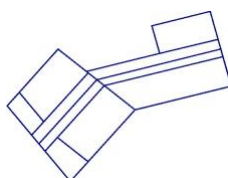
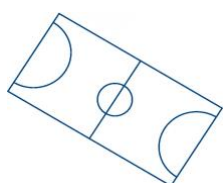
Unprovoked, snakes rarely attack humans and are generally shy and timid animals that will avoid conflict if given the opportunity. It is recommended that particular care be taken in warm weather, near long grass, hollow logs, water or rocks in sunny positions.

Snakes are protected under the *Wildlife Act 1975*, and should not be harmed or killed. Bites can occur if people try to kill snakes.

The College has a snake policy, which, among other things, includes teaching students to practise snake bite prevention behaviours while at the College.

## **Student Wellbeing**

Bayside Christian College Primary School focuses on building a sense of belonging and inclusion through social and emotional learning (SEL), working authentically with families, and endeavouring to support all students. Primary classes engage in programs such as Bounce Back, You Can Do It and Buddies.



## Uniform & Equipment

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### *College Uniform*

Students are required to wear College uniform. If they come to school out of uniform then they must produce a note from home as to the reason for this. The Out of Uniform Guidelines in the College Uniform Policy will apply to students who come to school out of uniform and without a note from home.

Students will need a summer uniform, a winter uniform and a PE uniform. All uniform items can be purchased through the College uniform supplier, Dobsons, which has a uniform shop at the College (room A2, phone 5971 4202). The shop is open at select times during school term and extended hours during peak periods. Online ordering, home delivery and click & collect facilities are also available.

See the College website for further details: [www.baysidecc.vic.edu.au/parents/uniform](http://www.baysidecc.vic.edu.au/parents/uniform).

Where non-logoed items are purchased from other suppliers, please ensure that all colour and design requirements are met. Complete uniform details can be found in the College Uniform Policy, available from the College website.

On the days your child has Physical Education, they may come to the College in their sports uniform. On all non-sport days, students must be wearing the correct summer or winter uniform.

Students are required to wear a College hat for all outside activities during Terms 1 & 4. If appropriate hats are not worn, then students must remain in a designated shaded area.

Hair longer than the base of the collar must be tied back neatly. All hair-ties should be solid College colours – navy, maroon, white or black. Hair ties made from the summer dress material may be worn with the summer uniform only.

Families wishing to purchase, sell or swap items of second hand uniform are welcome to use the official College Second Hand Uniform Facebook Group:

[www.facebook.com/groups/272552643332267/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/272552643332267/).

### *Student Property*

Students are expected to look after their own property. Every effort will be made to return lost items if they are named. All unnamed clothing or other articles will be put in the lost property bin, which will be cleared at the end of each term.

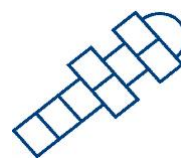
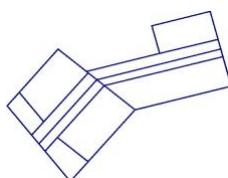
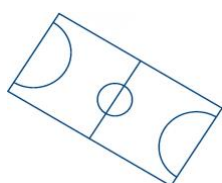
**Primary School students are strongly encouraged to leave at home all items of a valuable nature, including smart watches/phones, iPods etc.**

**Please label every item of clothing, footwear, lunch boxes and drink bottles.**

### *Textbooks, Stationery & Other Supplies*

Stationery and other supplies for Primary School students are purchased in bulk by the College and distributed to students. There is no additional cost to families.

Each student will need to supply a box of tissues, library bag and art smock.



## General College Information

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### *Birthdays*

Birthdays can be celebrated at Bayside, however, due to individual class needs, it is best to check with your class teacher in reference to any celebration ideas before the day.

### *Bus Travel*

Bayside operates two morning and afternoon bus routes covering a wide geographic area around the College. The Northern bus commences at Seaford Station and services parts of Carrum Downs, Langwarrin, Botanic Ridge, Cranbourne South, Pearcedale and Baxter. The Southern bus services parts of Mount Eliza, Mornington, Mount Martha, Bittern, Hastings, Tyabb and Somerville.

Annual and morning/afternoon passes are available. Single trip tickets can also be purchased at the College office. Families intending to use the College bus service are to speak with the College Registrar, Anita May, who will be able to assist.

### *Class Photographs*

Individual and class photographs are taken on a yearly basis, and sibling photographs are an additional option. Ordering information is sent home prior to photo day. For privacy reasons, class photographs are not to be posted to social media.

### *Sentral*

Sentral is the College's web-based school management database, which can be accessed via the Parent Portal [www.baysidecc.vic.edu.au/parents](http://www.baysidecc.vic.edu.au/parents). It gives students and families access to:

- The College calendar with all relevant events including sporting events, excursions, evening events etc.
- Fee account history and balance (forthcoming)
- Student details:
  - Class/subject teachers
  - Attendance details
  - PDF copies of semester academic reports
  - Medical details.

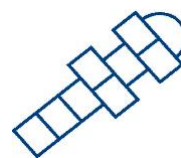
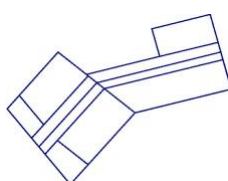
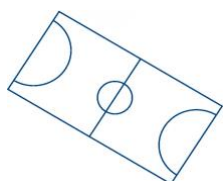
Parents/carers will only be able to see their own children's details.

### *Fees*

Bayside Christian College is a fee-paying school. Enrolment at the College therefore carries with it the undertaking by parents/carers to take on their share of the costs of education by paying the appropriate fees. Outstanding fees are pursued as a matter of justice to other families.

The Fee Schedule for the following year's fees is finalised by the College Board early in Term 4 each year and is emailed to families at this time.

Individual fee statements are mailed out to families in early November, along with payment options and due dates. Each family must complete and return an annual Fee Payment Arrangement form by early December, outlining their payment plan for the following year's fees. Fees are due a term in advance. This means all payment options start in early to mid-December to ensure families are a term in advance by the start of



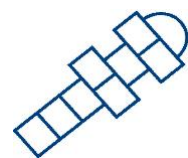
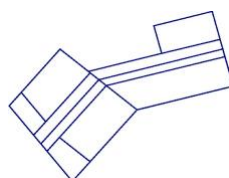
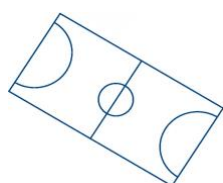
Term 1. Significant early bird discounts are available (up to 8%) for some payment options when fees are received by mid-December.

Questions regarding fees can be addressed to Parent Accounts on 5971 6711 or [accounts@baysidecc.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@baysidecc.vic.edu.au).

### ***Policies & Procedures***

The College has developed a set of policies and procedures to guide the College in its operations. Relevant policies and procedures to parents/carers can be accessed through the College website, including:

- Attendance Policy
- Behaviour Management Policy
- Cybersafety Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Homework Policy
- Uniform Policy
- Volunteers Safety Policy.





# College Map

