



SCHOOL INFORMATION

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History of the School

The St Brigid's School site was originally opened as St Joseph's School in 1929 by the Dominican Sisters from North Adelaide. In 1947, the Dominican Sisters were replaced by the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH), and in 1948 the school took the St Brigid's name.

Our patron saint is St Brigid, a well-known Irish saint in the 5th century, who started a religious community for both men and women in Ireland and devoted her life to teaching, writing, and good works. She was consecrated abbess of her community. In 1954, a new Parish Church was built adjacent to the school and also given the name St Brigid's.

The Sisters of OLSH administered the school until 1989 when a lay principal was appointed. The values and ideals developed by the OLSH sisters remain a vital part of our educational and religious vision, and the school maintains a close connection with other schools in the area established by the OLSH sisters.

School Emblem



Our school emblem contains a heart and harp within a shield, surrounded by a cross. Our banner holds our school motto – **Love, Peace and Learning.**

The significance of these symbols is as follows:

- The heart represents our connection to the OLSH Charism
- The harp represents Ireland, the birthplace of St Brigid
- The cross surmounts the shield as the source of our faith



St Brigid's School

Love, Peace and Learning

Mission Statement

We are Heart People who are faith filled in *love*, who reverence relationships in *peace*, who pursue excellence in *learning* and touch the Heart of all.

Vision Statement

To provide a high-quality education in a loving community that spiritually and academically equips, challenges and inspires all our students to be leaders for the world God desires.

Learning Philosophy

At St Brigid's we believe each child is made in the image of God, we honour the dignity of the child and live our lives guided by the OLSH pillars.

At St Brigid's we acknowledge, respect, and respond to the individual needs of each student to ensure success.

At St Brigid's we create an inclusive, safe, and supportive environment which encompasses a sense of belonging.

At St Brigid's we ignite student agency through innovative teaching and learning practices guided by the learner.

At St Brigid's we nurture children who are competent and capable learners, who display lifelong skills and capabilities for the future.

Belonging Respect Diversity Compassion

Curriculum Areas

Our students' learning is directed by the Australian Curriculum, which incorporates key elements of learning for young Australians as they progress through their primary schooling into high school and beyond.

The curriculum includes:

- Religion
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Technology
- Language (Italian)
- The Arts
- Health and Physical Education

General abilities are covered throughout the curriculum - such as literacy, numeracy, ICT capability, critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability, Ethical understanding and intercultural knowledge.

Cross-curriculum priorities are also a key feature of the framework - including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture, Asian studies and regional relationships, and sustainability topics

Learning Environment/Resources

All our learning spaces have been designed to support and encourage varied learning experiences. There are spaces for students to work in groups, places suited to the demands of the learning experience, and areas to support learning in the various subjects. Each learning space has a variety of resources to support students in exciting learning including contemporary technology, hands-on equipment and subject-specific materials.



Library

A Library is a place where students are invited to come and enjoy books and literature. Students have the opportunity to borrow books regularly.

Performing Arts

Students will have 1 hour a week to engage in Performing Arts as a specialist subject. These lessons will include:

- Music
- Drama
- Dance

Students also have the opportunities to participate in the following music programs:

- Festival Choir – Senior Students
- Instrumental tuition: *Learning through Music*, we have private music instructors who come to the school twice a week. For further information please contact the Front Office.

Italian

We are very excited to be introducing Italian to St Brigid's School. Our students will have 1 hour a week to engage in Italian Lessons as a specialist subject. Research shows that there are many benefits to those who learn a language from a young age. These include greater cognitive skills, improvement of problem-solving and critical thinking skills, and enhancement of memory and better multi-tasking abilities, all of which contribute to better learning outcomes and employment opportunities.

Physical Education

Students will have the opportunity to engage in a Physical Education lesson as a specialist lesson for an hour a week. They will also have daily opportunities to engage in physical activity. The sports program is designed to provide the fundamental movement patterns and skills required for a range of physical activity tasks and sports. The aim is to provide an opportunity to learn new skills and movements, develop teamwork, resilience and responsibility.



STEM

Our students will have the opportunity to engage with STEM. STEM stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) enables students to develop key skills in:



- Problem-solving
- Creativity
- Critical analysis
- Teamwork
- Independent thinking
- Initiative
- Communication
- Digital literacy

Personal Responsibility and Student Well Being

At St Brigid's we promote the development of student responsibility and making safe choices. We assist students in developing these skills through explicit teaching, role modelling and support. These skills are taught and integrated into the teaching and learning programs. At St Brigid's we recognise the dignity of each person, the value of living in a community and our shared responsibility to care for each other and our planet. The staff continue to emphasise that our school is a place where children learn best when they feel safe.



Assessments

The achievement and learning progress of students at St Brigid's School is measured through a combination of internal and externally-sourced assessments. Data from these assessments are used to improve student learning outcomes.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests are held annually in mid-May to test the proficiency of Year 3 and 5 students in reading, writing, spelling, numeracy, grammar and punctuation. See the [NAPLAN website](#) for test dates and information to help you support your child.

The Early Years Assessment (Literacy) and Early Years Numeracy Observation Assessment programs - both developed by Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) - are run at St Brigid's School to help identify our students' literacy and numeracy capabilities at an early stage of their development. The literacy assessment is available for students in their fifth term, while the numeracy assessment is available in their first two years.

St Brigid's School also applies a variety of diagnostic assessments of student achievements - including the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Progressive Achievement Tests - to manage and maintain positive learning outcomes.

Communication

The school has an electronic email that comes out fortnightly. At the beginning of the year, you will receive an email with the newsletter attached.

The classroom teachers use SeeSaw to communicate with parents. You will receive a QR code at the beginning of the year to connect with your class. If you have any trouble with this, please come and speak with the leadership or class teacher.

General Information

School Hours

8:50 am – 3:00 pm

Monday – Friday

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| • 11:00 am – 11:30 am | Recess |
| • 1:00 pm – 1:10 pm | Eating Time |
| • 1:10 pm – 1:40 pm | Play Time |

Pupil Free Days

To be announced before the event – please see the school newsletter for dates

Supervision

- Children are supervised between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.20 pm. Parents assume responsibility for their children outside these hours. Children dropped off and collected outside these times will be sent to OSHC and families will be billed accordingly. Please contact OSHC to discuss your requirements.
- Children may not leave the school grounds without being signed out at the front office at any time during the school day.
- Children will be guided by staff members across Le Hunte Street and Way Street, using the school crossings, every day before and after school.
- The school gates are closed at 8:50 each morning and students arriving after this will need to go through the front office.

Absences

Class teachers record students' absences at 9 am. If your child arrives after this time, they will need to let the front office staff know. A text message will be sent if your child is absent asking you to notify the school. If your child is absent, please ring the school before 9.00 am (8262 3812). Please provide your child's class teacher with a written note or doctor's certificate on their return to school.

If children need to leave during the day, they must be picked up by their parents. *The collection point for all children leaving early is the Front Office and the children will need to be signed out by the parent.*

If your child/ren is expected to be away for more than one week or going on a family holiday for a length of time, the Principal will need to be notified with a written letter and a form completed.

Communicable Diseases

It is important to notify the school if your child contracts a communicable disease e.g. (head lice, chickenpox, slap face, whooping cough).

Medications

School staff are not permitted to give medication to students (legal stipulation) unless the student's medical condition is such that ongoing medication is required to enable the student to attend school. This will need to be recorded on a medical plan provided by a medical professional and a signed Authority to Administer Medication form.

Photographic Consent

All students are required to have a Photograph/Video/Artwork consent form signed for photos to be included in the school newsletter and promotional material. The Consent form is sent home at the beginning of each year.

Electronic Devices

St Brigid's does not encourage students to have mobile phones in their possession on school premises including classrooms and grounds or during off-site school activities such as excursions or sports activities. Where students need the use of a mobile phone before and after school, the student is required to give the phone to the Front Office or Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) staff for safekeeping where they will be secured in a lockable container. This also applies to other electronic devices, e.g. iPod, Nintendo, iPad etc.

Volunteers

Volunteers are most welcome to work in the St Brigid's School community. They can volunteer to work in the school in a variety of ways including assisting in classrooms, assisting with school functions and attending class and school excursions. To be involved, there's a four-step process you'll need to complete:

1. Complete a Volunteer Application Form
2. WWCC Police Check
3. Participate in our Induction Course (available throughout the year)
4. Undertake RAN Training for Volunteers

Volunteer Packs are available through the Front Office.

School Policies and Procedures

The School Board will ratify policies at their meetings and they will be uploaded to the school website as required. We will email families to inform them of new or reviewed policies.

Uniforms

Uniforms are ordered through Vinnie's website

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Shops/SA/St_Brigid_s_-_School_Uniform/

Please complete the online form to request a call back from Vinnies. At that time Vinnies will take your order and payment over the phone via credit card.

The order will be delivered to the school for collection as soon as possible.

Terms 1 & 4

- Dark Blue Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve Polo Top with light blue and yellow panels with school emblem
- Dark Blue Shorts with school name
- Dark Blue Jacket with yellow piping with school emblem
- Predominately white or black sandshoes with white ankle-length socks
- Black school shoes
- Dark Blue Bucket hat with school emblem



Optional:

- School Dress with school emblem
- Dark blue leggings under a dress

Terms 2 & 3

- Dark Blue Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve Polo Top with light blue and yellow panels with school emblem
- Dark Blue Pants with school emblem
- Dark Blue Jacket with yellow piping with school emblem
- Predominately white or black sandshoes with white ankle-length socks
- Black school shoes
- Dark Blue Bucket hat with school emblem



SCHOOL UNIFORM IS COMPULSORY

- Children must wear full school uniform at all times.



Hair - All children, boys and girls, whose hair is shoulder length or longer, are asked to have hair neatly and securely tied back. We do not permit unnatural colours or unusual cuts/styles.

Hair Accessories - Plain navy-blue ribbons or scrunchies only.

Jewellery - No jewellery is to be worn except watches, small pierced earrings or studs. Neck chains of special religious or cultural significance only. (To be worn inside the uniform and out of sight). Students may not wear communication devices in the form of watches/fitness devices.

School Bags - St Brigid's school bags, with school emblem, are available from the Vinnies.

Hat Policy

It is the policy of St Brigid's School that all children wear a St Brigid's School hat when the UV rating is above 3. School hats are to be worn whenever children are outside, whether during play or sports activities.

House Teams

Students are divided into house groups for sport and other activities. On enrolment, students are placed in a house and remain in it throughout primary school. Families are placed in the same house. Colours are used on Sports carnivals to identify houses.

Fr Jules Chevalier our **red** team patron. Fr Chevalier was born in France to a low-income family. On June 14, 1851, Jules was ordained a priest. He wished to begin his work in Issoudun, a city about 2 hours south of Paris. So began the foundation of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Fr Chevalier considered Mary as the true foundress of his congregation. In his effort to honour Mary, was to found another congregation: *the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart*. In this way, Fr. Chevalier felt his new name and gratitude for Mary would always continue. The beginnings, however, were difficult. After some years, Marie Louise Hartzler joined the group. She was the most direct channel and a faithful interpreter of the original inspiration of Jules Chevalier. She passed this on to successive generations of Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

Mother Marie Louise Hartzler our **blue** team patron, was born in Alsace, France in 1837 and died in Thuin, Belgium in 1908. She first married, had two sons, and later as a 45-year-old widow, joined the young congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Her two sons became Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. For 26 years (1882-1908), she led the congregation, faithfully passing on the charism and spirituality to the sisters. She saw the congregation expand from Europe to the Pacific, becoming a truly international congregation.

House Team **Xavier** is named after St Francis Xavier because he had a strong connection to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St Brigid's School was founded by the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, so St Francis Xavier has been honoured with a House Team named after him. St Francis Xavier is considered one of the greatest missionaries of modern times, second only to St Paul. St Francis was instrumental in introducing Christianity to India, the Philippines, regions of Thailand and Japan.

St Brigid's School has given their **green** house team the name Mackillop off of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who is our first Australian saint. She was the founder of the congregation Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart and prayed constantly to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St Brigid's Playgroup

St Brigid's School playgroup is held every Monday and Wednesday during school term time from 9 am-10.30 am in the OSHC building on Le Hunte Street. Playgroup is for all children from birth to 5 years of age.



Adults enjoy Playgroup because...



- they make new friends and meet new people
- they share their problems and successes with others
- they learn more about child development and new activity ideas for home
- they can spend time playing with their child/ren
- they have FUN!

Children enjoy Playgroup because...

- they gain new skills including problem-solving, co-operation and sharing
- they make new friends, discover new things and have new experiences
- they learn more about themselves and others through play
- they interact with their parents/carers, other children and adults
- they have FUN!



What to bring

- A drink and healthy snack for brain food time.

Community Hub

Our school and the broader community is lucky to have a culturally diverse mix of families, each with unique experiences to share. The St Brigid's School Community Hub is a safe and inclusive space for those families to gather, unite through common interests, celebrate successes, and support each other in peace, love and learning.

Our Hub Leader Mai Nguyen works with individuals and groups on projects that build connections, skills and opportunities. Activities in the Hub may include programs such as

- Playgroup for children 0-5yrs with parents, carers & grandparents
- Informal English language classes
- Gardening
- Art
- Cooking
- Sewing
- Yoga

To find out more, contact communityhub@stb.catholic.edu.au or call 0480 277 409

Out of School Hours Care

Philosophy and Aims

The St Brigid's Out of School Hours Care service aims to provide a relaxed and stimulating environment that will foster each child's sense of self-worth, nurture positive group relationships and promote cooperative and collaborative behaviour.

The program aims to:

- develop a safe warm and caring environment
- provide a variety of activities that take into account children's age, interests, abilities and diverse backgrounds
- promote the development of positive attitudes and behaviours that value diversity and cooperation
- provide a service that recognizes and values the uniqueness of each family
- offer a service that is affordable, accessible and addresses the needs of all families in the community

Hours of Operation

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| • Before School Care | 6:30am | - | 8.30am |
| • After School Care | 3:00pm | - | 6:15pm |
| • Pupil Free Day | 6:30am | - | 6:15pm |

St Brigid's Out of School Hours Care service is available during the school week Monday to Friday and on school pupil free days. It is closed on public holidays and school holidays. We are currently experiencing high demand for the service, you must book via the app by 6 pm the night before. If you are unable to book, you will need to ring Giulia to see if we have space available.

Access

Access for families and children to the St Brigid's Out of School Hours Care is non-discriminatory. Children's access to care at the service is ensured, and the custodial rights of parents who access the service are protected. However, if demand for places exceeds availability priority of access will be given to families of the greatest needs, as follows:

- Children at risk
- Working/studying families
- Children with a disability or parents with a disability.

General Information about OHSC

Management

The Supervisor is Shannon Correll (Principal) and the program is managed by the director Giulia Imbrogno.



Enrolment

To enrol in the program, families need to collect an enrolment form from the OSHC service or the school's front office. Each child attending the program must have a completed enrolment form before attendance.



Child Care Benefit (CCB)

The Commonwealth Government offers assistance to reduce the cost of care for all families. The amount of assistance received is variable and depends on parental income. All families are eligible and may apply for Child Care Benefit.

CCB can be claimed as reduced fees through the service or as a lump sum payment directly to families at the end of the financial year in which the service is used.

Customer Reference Number: 407 144 966C

Please see the Director or Front Office if you require an enrolment package, further information or assistance with applications.

Fee Structure

School Fees

Our commitment to our school families is to offer a high-quality Catholic education that is accessible and affordable. All school fees are determined by the Finance Team at Catholic Education South Australia and School Board and reviewed annually.

Annual School Fees 2021

Full Fee per Student	\$1,900
Lower Income Fee per Student	\$1,140

What is included?

The tuition fee above covers all tuition, levies and charges for each child's education.

Extra-curricular activities, excursions, camps, and uniforms are excluded and will be charged separately.

Lower Income Fee

To be eligible for the lower-income fee, you need to qualify as a low-income family. This is determined by your family's gross income and is a \$ value set by the State Government.

In 2021, your family's gross income needs to be below approximately \$60,264 for a family with one school-age child. (The limit will vary depending on how many dependent children you have.)

Proof of income is required and applicants will need to apply via the [State Government's School Card scheme](#).

Our finance manager can help you if you have any questions about applying for the lower-income fee.

Full Fee 2021

<i>Number of Children</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Total</i>
1st Child	\$1,900	\$1,900
2nd Child	\$1,330	\$3,230
3rd Child	\$1,140	\$4,370
4th Child	\$0	\$4,370

Sibling Discounts

Lower Income Fee 2021

<i>Number of Children</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Total</i>
1st Child	\$1,140	\$1,140
2nd Child	\$798	\$1,938
3rd Child	\$684	\$2,622
4th Child	\$0	\$2,622

Payment Options

Payment Methods

Payments can be made in full or by an approved payment plan. We encourage all families to set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

Payment options include:

- Direct Debit – deductions from your bank account (forms available from the office).
- BPay – reference numbers are printed on invoices and statements
- Credit Card – Visa or Mastercard (at the Front Office)
- Centrepay – a deduction from Centrelink payments (forms available from the office)
- Cash or Cheque

Frequency of Payment (Full Fee 2021)

<i>Number of Children</i>	<i>Weekly (52 weeks)</i>	<i>Fortnightly (26 fortnights)</i>	<i>Monthly (12 months)</i>
1 Child	\$37	\$73	\$158
2 Children	\$62	\$124	\$269
3 Children	\$84	\$168	\$364
4 Children	\$84	\$168	\$364

Frequency of Payment (Lower Income Fee 2021)

<i>Number of Children</i>	<i>Weekly (52 weeks)</i>	<i>Fortnightly (26 fortnights)</i>	<i>Monthly (12 months)</i>
1 Child	\$22	\$44	\$95
2 Children	\$37	\$75	\$162
3 Children	\$50	\$101	\$218
4 Children	\$50	\$101	\$218

If you need assistance meeting payments or have any questions, please call the School Office.

Notification Period for Student Withdrawal

Parents whose child/ren leave the school during a term will be charged for the whole term's fees. Normally a full term's notice of intention to leave the school during a school year is required. Failure to provide a term's notice may result in fees being charged for the following term dependent upon the circumstances. This is in recognition of the fact that the school is committed to maintaining the employment of teachers based on known enrolments from one term to the next.

Concerns or Complaints

If you have a concern about your child's learning or wellbeing at school please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

The Principal is also available to respond to any concerns you may wish to discuss.

[Catholic Education South Australia](#) provides more information about how school complaints are handled. You can read more here:

- [CESA Grievance Response and Resolution Information](#)
- [CESA Complaint Response Resolution Procedure](#)

St Brigid's School
Information and Contact Details

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