

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS WELCOME TO 2025

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Welcome to all our students, parents, carers and staff to the 2025 school year. It is an absolute pleasure, to welcome all our new families to Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School (OLD). I hope and pray that you quickly come to feel fully connected to, and supported by, the community. To all our existing families, I sincerely welcome you back.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work over the holidays preparing the school for the start of the year. Your child's teacher is the key to learning success and such an important part of their development academically, socially and spiritually. The support staff are also always here to assist you in any way. I look forward to a rewarding year as we work together in partnership as a Catholic school community within the Chatswood Parish, implementing an authentic learning program that is aligned with our modern world. Our aim is to cater for the needs of all children in an inclusive setting where learning is valued and celebrated for each individual.

School hours: School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3pm daily. It is important that children arrive in class with their teacher, settled so that the roll can be taken. All children need to arrive at school between 8.15am - 8.45am, supervision commences for students at 8.15am. Late arrivals need to report to the school office to be signed in by a parent or carer where a record of late attendance is recorded.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21 February - Beginning
School Liturgy
10.30am OLD Parish

Tuesday 4 March - Open Day
9am - 10.30am

Wednesday 5 March - Ash
Wednesday Liturgy
9am at School

Friday 21 March - Harmony Day
celebration and liturgy
9am at School

Monday 7 April - Student retreat #1

Friday 11 April - Term 1 concludes

Enrolling now for 2026



Food breaks at school

There are usually 3 food breaks during the school day:

- Fruit break (9.45 - 10am)
- Morning Tea/Recess (10.45 - 11.15am)
- Lunch 1.15 - 2pm



Students need to bring a drink bottle (preferably water) a piece of fruit or vegetable, morning tea and lunch each day. Containers and drink bottles need to be clearly labelled with the students name. Lunch orders can be placed online through Flexischools prior to 9am daily.

The school canteen is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday during lunch times for light snacks only. Please note the canteen does not open when it is raining and is run solely by volunteers, if you would like to join the volunteer group please let the school office know so we can direct you to our canteen co-ordinators.

Student absences, late arrivals and early departures

It is essential if your child is absent for a full day that this absence is noted in COMPASS. Any student without a reason for missing school will be recorded with an unexplained absence.

Should students arrive at school late or need to depart school early a parent or carer must sign them/out at the COMPASS Kiosk located in the school office.

When a student is leaving early they remain in their classroom until their parent or carer arrives at the school.

If a student is absent or leaves early and has been booked into after school care it is the parent or carers responsibility to inform OOSH.



Volunteering at OLD

Are you interested in becoming involved in the OLD community in 2025?, if so volunteering may be for you. We have many wonderful opportunities to volunteer and support the school during the year. You don't need to be able to offer hours, you would be amazed at the positive impact just 30 minutes of your time can make.

If you are interested in volunteering this year please complete the [volunteer declaration](#) then keep an eye on COMPASS for opportunities to become involved in our community.



First Reconciliation 2025



Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Reconciliation are will open via our parish website on **Monday 27 January**

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Reconciliation once they have been Baptised and Confirmed and have reached 8 years of age or older.

To enrol your child

Go the following parish website page:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/liturgv-sacraments/children-s-sacraments/reconciliation>

From this page, you will find all the dates and other details of the program. Scroll to the bottom of this page and click 'Enrol Here' and fill out the enrolment details as required.

For queries about sacraments for your child, please contact Angela or Mona at:
chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

Enrolments close Monday 17 February

Uniforms

School uniforms can be purchased through [Cowan and Lewis](#) at Turramurra or via their online store.
<https://cowanlewis.com.au/>

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Social Media

Follow us on the school official social media accounts: [facebook](#) and [instagram](#).



Contact us

Contact can be made with the school via the school office. When emailing please ensure the students name and class are provided
Phone: (02) 7256 2118
Email: old@dbb.catholic.edu.au
Website: olddb.catholic.edu.au

OOSH: oshc.chatswood@catholiccairedbb.org.au

