

## A guide to important information for families at St Patrick's

**St Patrick's is a place of learning, safety and belonging.**

**Safety First: Carparks are for cars**, not people. Please don't walk through them, especially with children. **Pedestrian crossings are for people**. Please use them and don't cross the road at random spots. When driving, slow down and watch out for our precious students.

### Uniform:

**K-6 Summer Girls:** Green check A-line dress with Peter Pan collar and back zip, length: *below* the knee, plain white ankle socks

**K-6 Summer Boys:** Plain grey tailored shorts – approved designs (cargo shorts and  $\frac{3}{4}$  length pants are not permitted, white short sleeved shirt, plain white or grey ankle socks

**Sports/PE Uniform:** Plain green microfibre shorts, gold sports shirt with short or long sleeves, collar and school crest, plain white sport socks with no other colour markings, sports shoes -no skate, canvas or casual wear shoes permitted, School green tracksuit with school, a plain white skivvy may be worn under the gold sports top in winter

All students wear black, (preferably lace-up) leather, polishable shoes with regular heels. From 2017, all new enrollees will all have a broad-brimmed or bucket style bottle green hat. **All caps will be phased out by the end of 2018.**

A Just Future... for all.

The best place to start is our school's

motto: *Strength in Gentleness*



**Arrival time for all students is after 8.30am:** The gates will still be closed before then, as there is no supervision available until 8.30am. **Leaving time is after the last afternoon bell at 3.25pm** or until the last bus leaves. Students should not be on school grounds outside of these times, unless it is a designated school event.

### Facebook:

Log onto <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsCooma>

**Newsletter:** Weekly-sent via email, on Facebook or through the website <http://stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au/communication/newsletters.html>

**After an absence** (due to illness or for other reasons), parents and carers need to send in a note to their child's classroom/homeroom teacher to explain their absence, along with the child's name and date. This can also be done by email to the school office at [office.stpatscooma@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stpatscooma@cg.catholic.edu.au). Any emails will be forwarded to your child's teacher. Parents are required to **provide written explanation for their child's absence** from school **within seven (7) days** of the first day of absence. Rolls cannot be adjusted after this period of time. After that time, the absence remains marked as 'unexplained'.

If your child is **late to school** in the morning, please text the school mobile with your child's name, class, time and reason on **0459764337**.

Parents are required to **seek permission from the school Principal** for their child if they wish for them to not participate in compulsory schooling for a period of time.

### Communication

You can **contact your child's teacher** as the first port of call, either through the school office on 6452 1721 or through e-mail ([firstname.lastname@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@cg.catholic.edu.au))

**Office:** ph 6452 1721  
[office.stpatscooma@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stpatscooma@cg.catholic.edu.au)

**Canteen:** ph 64521721  
[Bec.croke@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Bec.croke@cg.catholic.edu.au)



# St Patrick's Parish School's Expectations

This school is	Our community has the responsibility to:
<b><i>A place of learning</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come to class prepared to learn</li> <li>• Recognise the right of others to learn</li> <li>• Make a positive contribution in class and listen to all instructions</li> <li>• Develop our skills and knowledge</li> <li>• Choose appropriate times to speak and to listen attentively</li> <li>• Bring all necessary equipment to school</li> <li>• Be punctual to all classes and school activities</li> <li>• Attend school regularly</li> <li>• Complete all work on time and to the best of our ability</li> <li>• Reflect on our learning, using effective feedback on our progress</li> </ul>
<b><i>A place of safety</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow directions given by leaders</li> <li>• Follow the 'hands off' policy</li> <li>• Follow WHS requirements and teachers' direction about use of equipment</li> <li>• Respect the personal space and safety of others</li> <li>• Keep the school grounds and classrooms clean and tidy</li> <li>• Use personal electronic devices appropriately</li> <li>• Create a culture where all we are encouraged to appropriately express an opinion and take sensible risks</li> </ul>
<b><i>A place of belonging</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively participate in the prayer and contribute to the liturgical life of the school</li> <li>• Always be honest and truthful</li> <li>• Relate positively to others and if needed, to restore relationships</li> <li>• Respect the personal space of others</li> <li>• Respect the property of others</li> <li>• Wear the uniform correctly</li> <li>• Be polite and inclusive to all within the school community</li> <li>• Speak to others with courtesy</li> <li>• Actively participate and engage in all classes, school events and activities</li> <li>• Make visitors welcome to our school</li> </ul>



You can use Qkr! for payment of all fees, canteen orders & excursions.

**2nd hand uniform shop** is generally open 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10-11am.

Our **Community Council** is made up of interested parents who wish to support the school in an active way. Their focus is on promoting and supporting school initiatives, building community within the parent group, acting as a conduit between the school and parents and undertaking some fund-raising to allow the school to continue to build resources and enhance facilities. **The meetings are generally held in Week 2 and Week 7 of each term** in the Parish Centre (near the side gate) and checking the school calendar and the school facebook page can confirm that. They are quite relaxed informal meetings, with lots of laughter and a shared cuppa. **All of our community is invited, and that includes the parishioners and grandparents.**