



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### Student Use of Mobile Phone & Personal Devices Policy

The School Board last night ratified the Student Use of Mobile Phone & Personal Devices Policy. This particularly applies to Smartwatches. A copy of this policy can be found below and will be emailed to families. There has been a growing number of children who are using their smartwatch to contact their parents throughout the day. This is not encouraging the student to develop resiliency.

The South Australian Government's position is that primary aged students cannot use their mobile phones and personal devices at school during school hours. The school recognises that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring a mobile phone or personal device to school. This may include:

- to ensure their safety while travelling
- so that parents can contact them outside of school hours.

During the school day (includes Before & After School Care & Vacation Care) students are not permitted to access or use their mobile phones or other personal devices (ie smartwatch). Students must switch off or mute their devices before storing them at the beginning of the school day. They will not be able to access their device until the end of the school day.



February 2024

**Purpose**

This policy provides direction to students, staff and families about managing mobile phones and other digital devices (smart phones) that students choose to bring to school. Digital devices include, but are not limited to mobile phones, smartwatches, tablets or laptops (Our Lady of the Visitation School provides iPads & laptops to students).

This policy applies while students are at school, or attending an authorised school activity such as an excursion, sports carnival during school hours and OSNC / Vacation Care.

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**Storage of personal devices Mobile Phones/ Smart Watches**

They will be given to the class teacher at the start of each school day, where they will be stored safely until 3.25, where they will be collected from the teacher.

**If the student does not comply**

In the instance of non-compliance with the School's Policy by a student, the school will take the following steps in response: e.g. misuse of personal devices may result in disciplinary action which includes but is not limited to:

**1st offence** - Non-compliance to place phone/ smart watch in the designated area or using them during school hours - will result Office Time Out during break times. Classroom Teacher will make contact home with the child's family. The phone / smartwatch will be confiscated and placed in the Front Office and returned to the students at the end of the day.

**2nd offence** - Non-compliance to place phone / smart watch in the designated area or using them during school hours - will result in a 1/2 Day Office Time Out. Leadership will contact the child's family. The phone / smartwatch will be confiscated and placed in the Front Office and returned to the parent/ caregiver at the end of the day.

**Exemption**

In extenuating circumstances and after consultation with the Principal, a student may be permitted to use a mobile phone or personal device. In line with the exemption under this policy, the student does so in a safe, responsible and respectful way.

It is an expectation that all Students & Parents comply with the requirements of the school's policy and follow all reasonable directions from the Principal and school staff.

**Smartwatch Definition**

For the purposes of this policy a Smartwatch is a device with Bluetooth capability which allows the user to send text messages, take video & audio messages and take photos.

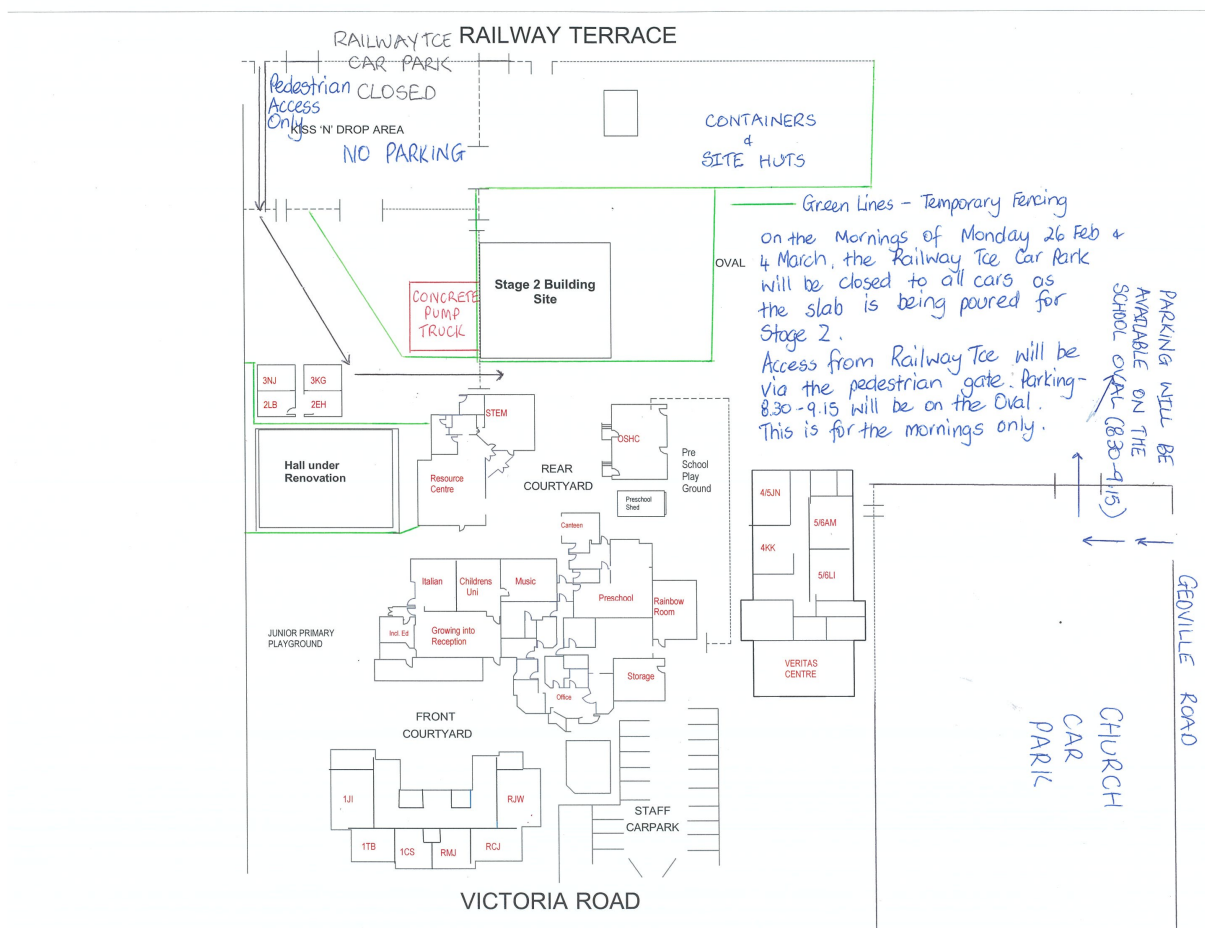
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Policy Review Date	2026

## Stage 2 Building

Railway Tce Car Park – Closed Monday 26 February & Monday 4 March – 6.00am – 12.30pm

On the Mondays 26 February & 4 March, the Railway Tce Car Park (Back Car Park) will be closed to all cars (this includes staff cars) as the concrete slab is being poured. This will involve a concrete pump truck & 12 concrete trucks who will require easy access to the building site. This will begin at 6am and conclude at approx 12. This is for the mornings only.

There will be pedestrian access from Railway Tce only. Parking will be allowed on the Oval via the gate where the old playground was from 8.30 - 9.15. Please see map below & a copy will be emailed to families.



## CARS AND CHILDREN

The safety of our students was raised at the School Board Meeting. The safety of our children is paramount to the operation of any school and where our children and cars share the same space every care is needed. Given the Railway Tce Car Park is adjacent to the Stage 2 Building Project I ask for all parents to be vigilant with the safety of their children and their own when using this Kiss and Drop area. I have been told that this message can also be applied to the Church Car Park.

## NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the assessments during Week 7 and 8 of this term (starting Wednesday 13 March). This is earlier than usual. This coming Tuesday the students in Years 3 & 5 will sit the trial NAPLAN test. The focus of the trial is for the student to be familiar with the test and to test our IT and the NAPLAN platform.

The NAPLAN assessments are linked to the Australian Curriculum. The aim is to determine whether students are developing the essential skills; predominately in literacy and numeracy, that they will need in life. It is important to understand that this is one form of assessment that is used to gather data about your child's attainment of literacy and numeracy skills. At OLV, we use a variety of ongoing assessment and reporting processes to inform our teaching and support student learning.

In the media recently, you may have heard that parents and carers will get earlier, simpler and clearer information about their child's NAPLAN achievement based on new, more rigorous national standards. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Pupil Free Day - Friday 8th March

Our practice is to have our Pupil Free Days on the Friday prior to the long weekends in March and June. On Friday 8th March (preceding Adelaide Cup Long Weekend) we will have our first Pupil Free Day (Please note that Preschool will also be closed) **OSHC is available**, please book by phoning Sue.



## Lent

Lent is very much upon us. Lent is the 40 day - not including Sundays - from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is an important period of reflection, growth, and new beginnings in the Christian calendar.

## Shrove Tuesday

On Shrove Tuesday people traditionally cook and eat pancakes. The reason for this was to use up foods such as fat, eggs and milk before Lent.

*We are thankful for the wonderful community of volunteers we have here at OLV. 16 volunteers came together last Tuesday to shake, cook, and serve students and staff their pancakes. Thank you and bless you for your commitment to us as a school. Know you are VERY appreciated. We raised \$367 for Project Compassion.*

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday kicks off Lent. Speaking verses like “for you are dust and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19), a priest applies ashes in the shape of a cross to a person’s forehead. It’s a day for humbling ourselves, for remembering God and God’s impact in our lives.

## Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday/Covenant Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter. We remember the Thursday when Jesus ate the Last Supper with His twelve disciples and was then betrayed by Judas, arrested, and put on an unjust trial. Read Matthew 26 for the whole story.

## Good Friday

Though it may seem ironic to call it “good,” the Friday before Easter is when Christians commemorate Jesus’ death. Songs and gatherings often carry a sad feeling, to meditate on the sorrow of this day—and the need for Jesus to die because of our sin.

## Easter Sunday

Easter is technically not part of Lent (like the other Sundays, which are celebrations of Jesus’ death and resurrection—so not traditional days of fasting). It’s after the 40 days. But Easter Sunday is the “happy ending” of Lent: Jesus rose again!

## To end.....

*I'd like to share with you a version of Fr. Roderick's homily (Sunday 18th February) regarding Lent. Lent is not a period of self-denial (diets, no chocolate, etc.) but an opportunity for self-discovery and spiritual growth awed by a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. He continued his theme of AWE with the following synopsis: **A – to fast from APATHY:** steering away from a lack of interest, and lack of concern for others. Take the time to be with another, listen and be present. **W – to fast from WASTE:** being mindful of the time we lose being idle, and the unnecessary waste of utilities: water and food wastage, and perhaps declutter the home, office, life, etc., and **E – to fast from EXCESS:** as part of the Lenten practice, choose to abstain from buying items that are not necessities for survival.*

As you walk your Lenten journey, may it be a season of transformation, filled with the hope and promise of the Holy Spirit and Easter's joyful message.

God Bless.



# FROM ADMINISTRATION



## Family Details & Student Information

**It is really important to have at all times the correct information for all students.** If you have recently moved address, changed your phone numbers and/or your email address, could you please make sure that the office is made aware of the changes.

**Emergency contacts other than Parents** - You may like to add one or two more names to your records as an Emergency Contact (e.g. Grandparent, Aunt/Uncle, older Brother or Sister or even a close friend), that way if there is ever an issue and we are unable to contact either parent in an emergency then we would have another one or two people to contact.

## Medication & Medical Details

Does your child have any medical issues that we are unaware of? If so please let us know as a matter of urgency so that we can update our records.

If you would like us to administer medication to your child during the day, please make sure that a Medication Authority form is completed. Medication of any sort needs to be in the original packaging with the Chemist Label showing the child's name, medication dosage, expiry date etc.

We also ask that if your child is to have 1/2 a tablet etc. then the medication needs to be pre-cut before being given to the office.

No medication is to be given to the students to keep in their school bag. All medication will need to be handed into the office and a Medication Authority signed by a Parent or Caregiver.

## Epi Pens & Asthma Puffers & Medical Plans

We are in the process of making sure all medication held onsite is within the expiry date, is in the correct packaging with child's name etc and that all Medical Plans are up to date. We will contact parents if anything needs updating and would appreciate a prompt response.

## Lunch Orders

A few reminders regarding lunch orders:-

- Lunch orders are ordered and paid for via the QkR! app. This needs to be completed by 9.00am.
- Please make sure that your child's correct class has been selected, otherwise the lunch will be sent to the wrong class.
- Before submitting the order make sure that you have selected the correct day that the child is to receive it.
- Once you have completed the order, don't forget to press submit.

Thank you.

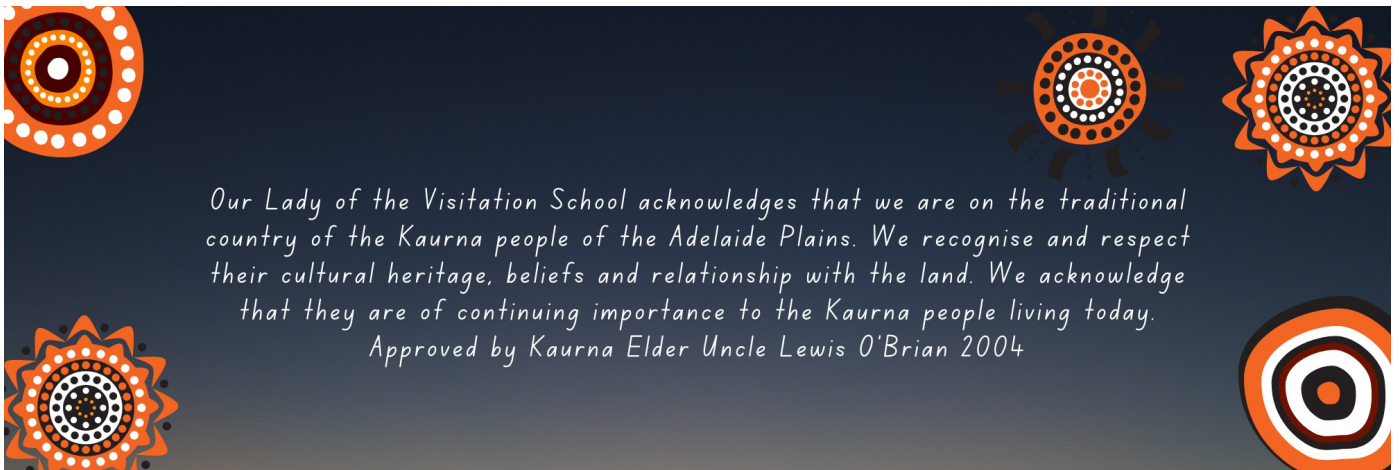




## Music Instrumental lessons 2024

Piano/keyboard, flute vocal and saxophone lessons are offered through George & Angela (music tutors who visit the school). These are private lessons primarily given during school hours (fees apply)

Both tutors are highly experienced, qualified and approved to teach. They are eager to receive inquiries from parents for Term 1 2024.



## IMPORTANT DATES

T1 Week 5

Tuesday 27th  
February

NAPLAN  
Practice Test

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## T1 Week 6

Dentist Visiting  
4th - 7th March

Tuesday 5th  
March

Port SAPSASA  
Swimming Carnival  
10.00am - 2.30pm

Friday 8th  
March

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

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## T1 Week 7

Monday 11th  
March

**ADELAIDE CUP  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 13th  
March

NAPLAN writing test

Thursday 14th  
March

NAPLAN reading test

OLV Athletics Trials  
9.00am - 12.55pm

Friday 15th  
March

NAPLAN catch up

March

# MASSES & LITURGIES

Harmony Day Liturgy - 9.30am

21st March - 4KK

Palm Sunday Liturgy - 9.30am

Monday 25th March - 1TB & 1JI

Holy Thursday Liturgy - 9.30am

Wednesday 27th March - 3KG & 3NJ

Good Friday Liturgy - 9.30am

Thursday 28th March - 2LB & 2EH



Easter Mass - 9.30am  
Tuesday 3rd April - 4/5JN



# Student **ABSENCES**

Friendly reminder...

All student absences must be reported to the Front Office. Please contact us via phone or email and state the child's name and reason for the

absence.

Contact Us

(08) 8440 9700

[absent@olv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@olv.catholic.edu.au)





# PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

**Caritas Australia deeply appreciates your school's generous contributions, dedicating your time and energy to support Project Compassion in 2024. Spanning across the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion unites thousands of Australian schools, parishes, and supporters. We are so excited to have you join this community!**

Each dollar raised by your school throughout Project Compassion will help change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people, and help us stand in solidarity with them. With your help, we can make a difference today, and For All Future Generations.

### Getting Started

To kickstart Project Compassion, we recommend that your school sets up an online fundraising page. This platform will have everything you need to help your school get started with your Project Compassion fundraising efforts, we have included handy tools and resources to help make your fundraiser a success. You can also download your unique QR code which you can use on posters, donation boxes and school newsletters to raise funds towards your school total.

Visit [schools.projectcompassion.org.au](https://schools.projectcompassion.org.au) to get started. You can also find additional Project Compassion educational resources on our website: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

We are here to help, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call on 1800 024 413 or email [projectcompassion@caritas.org.au](mailto:projectcompassion@caritas.org.au).

Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering commitment to changing lives today - and For All Future Generations. Your generous support enables Caritas Australia to stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable communities in Australia and overseas, and address the challenges of poverty - driving lasting change for a better tomorrow.

Warmest regards,

**Leanne Langdon**  
Community Fundraising Manager



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## **CALLING ALL PARENTS!**

**Dear Schools,**

We're excited to extend a warm invitation to all parents of students at your school, to join us in making a positive impact through Project Compassion this Lenten Season! Throughout Project Compassion, we would like to encourage you to connect with parents to get them actively involved this year. This is a wonderful opportunity, *not only for parents to support their children in their fundraising*, but also gives parents the opportunity to contribute to this amazing cause firsthand.

This year, we will be sharing some resources with you that are designed specifically for parents, and we would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word, and for you to communicate these on our behalf: *in your school newsletters, emails, on your socials, and in conversations within your school community.*

**We appreciate your support in helping encourage parents to jump onboard this year!**

Let's come together to make 2024 a year of positive impactful change through Project Compassion – **with parents on board we can make a significant impact and create a better world, for all future generations.**



**SCAN  
HERE  
FOR  
MORE  
INFO!**





