



**Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Catholic Primary School, Forestville  
SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2023**



**Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School, Forestville.**

We are an innovative and inclusive Catholic primary school, inspiring children to love learning and discover their talents to be the best they can be. We believe wellbeing and a strong sense of connection, engagement and optimism enable children to develop a positive attitude to learning.

We welcome children of all abilities, backgrounds, cultures, and faiths. Our skilled and committed staff nurture the social, emotional, physical, and spiritual development of all students in our care. We are committed to our vision to provide authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.

Our school offers quality teaching and innovative technology, an integrated wellbeing program, offering excellent sporting and creative opportunities.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School is situated in beautiful tree studded surroundings with play equipment, an oval providing ample playing space and outdoor education facilities. We are a co-educational school meeting the needs of children from Kindergarten to Year Six. Our motto "*Let your Light Shine*" underpins and guides our school life.

Staff, parents, and the community work to encourage children to develop initiative and become self-motivated learners who can work co-operatively, play enthusiastically and behave with consideration and mutual respect for everyone.

Parents are partners in learning at OLGC. We encourage you to be actively involved in the school and Parish. I look forward to welcoming you to OLGC and invite you to take a school tour by contacting us by phoning 9972 7311 or emailing [olgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

Warm regards,

Paola Brannan

Principal

Bachelor of Arts. Diploma of Education Certificate of Tesol, Post Graduate Master of Student Wellbeing



## General Information

**School Address:** 11 Currie Road, Forestville 2087

**School Phone No:** 9972 7311

**Web Address:** [www.olgcdbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olgcdbb.catholic.edu.au)

**Email:** [olgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

**Principal:** Paola Brannan

**Assistant Principal:** Alexis Conn

**Religious Education  
Coordinator:** Allison Houston

**Parish Priest:** Fr Satheesh Parish Administrator  
Fr Shiju Assistant Priest

**Presbytery Phone:** 9451 5097

**School Hours:** 8:45 am to 3:10 pm

Recess 10.50am – 11.30am

Lunch 12.50pm – 1:30pm

**Communication:** The school connects with the parent body using a variety of means including the 'Compass' App, Newsletter, e-mail, Facebook, and website.

### Who are we?

OLGC is a Catholic primary school. We have served families in the Forest area since 1962. We cater for girls and boys in classes from Kindergarten to Year 6. We are part of a system of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay. We provide an excellent Catholic education within a stimulating learning environment. Within in a supportive environment.

### Where are we?

We are located at 11 Currie Road, Forestville. The school is in a quiet area close to a major transport artery, Warringah Road. We are on the edge of Garigal National Park and a short walk from Forestville shopping centre.

### What do we offer?

- A strong relationship with our Parish community.
- Religious Education modules based on contemporary learning principals.
- Highly qualified and experienced teaching staff.
- We help students to engage imaginatively and critically with learning
- Information technology for each child is embedded into the daily learning.
- National Testing in Years 3 and 5 in Literacy and Numeracy and participation in University Testing Competitions.
- Modern facilities – classrooms, library, hall and canteen.
- On site before and after school care.
- A supportive and active parent community.
- Focus on community wellbeing
- Specialist teachers in Creative Arts, Physical Education, Library, Indonesian and Coding.
- Spacious grounds within a natural bush area.

### How is OLGC different to a State Government School?

Our purpose is to inspire hearts and minds to know Christ and to love learning. We encourage all children to use their talents to be the very best they can be. Catholic values are embedded into our daily school life. Our school motto is ***“Let Your Light Shine”***

### Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School Forestville School Prayer

Mary Our Mother, bless our Lady of Good Counsel School and each one of us.

Help us to become more like you and your Son, Jesus.

Through your guidance and example may we learn to love, care and show respect for one another.

Encourage us to always try our best in all we do.

May we always live as your faithful children,  
so that we let our light shine and God's kingdom can grow in our hearts.

Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us.

St Brigid pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop pray for us.

## What is the Enrolment Process?

Please organise an initial meeting and tour of the school or attend one of our Open Days. Then complete an **'Application for Enrolment Form'**. These are available from our school website or the school office. Contact our administration office on (02) 9972 7311 to arrange to receive a form.

Forms, along with all required original documentation should be presented to the school as soon as possible for enrolment in 2024. Applications will be processed in order of receipt. Once applications are processed, parents will be invited to the school to meet with the principal.

## Student Management

Student wellbeing and pastoral care procedures align with Diocesan policies.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

PBL is a whole school approach to behaviour management that adopts proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviour to create a positive school environment. The values embedded in developing safe responsible learners are taught and practiced throughout the whole school at all stages.

Children are expected to respect the feelings, and property of others. We aim to assist children to develop responsibility for their own actions and to be able to accept the consequences when their behaviour is contrary to the rules of the school.

The OLGC School Rules are as follows –

*"At OLGC we let our light shine by being **Responsible, Respectful, Safe Learners**".*

## **The Curriculum**

There are seven Key Learning Areas –

1. **Religious Education**
2. **English**
3. **Mathematics**
4. **Science and Technology**
5. **Human Society and Its Environment**
6. **Creative and Practical Arts (includes, Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts).**
7. **Personal Development, Health & Physical Education**

### **Religious Education**

The syllabus places an emphasis on Catholic doctrine and values that are embedded in daily life. The Bishop has endorsed the Broken Bay Religious Education Syllabus. It is our hope that our students are encouraged to give expression to their faith in their daily lives.

### **English**

Aligned with the English K-6 syllabus, the importance of strong foundations in the early years across oral language, reading and writing is highlighted. The organisation of the syllabus supports the development of early literacy knowledge and skills, while continuing to acknowledge the importance of learning about and enjoying literature.

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### **Mathematics**

Mathematics involves learning numerical skills for life. In line with the syllabus, we focus on the areas of mathematics and reflects the strengthened connections between concepts. Working mathematically has been embedded in the outcomes, content and examples of the syllabus. Mathematics K–6 outcomes and their related content are organised in:

- Number and algebra
- Measurement and space
- Statistics and probability

### **Science and Technology**

This area provides children with opportunities to develop skills and attitudes that will help them to adjust to our rapidly changing society. The emphasis in Science today is on investigating, designing, making and evaluating. Children are encouraged to work with a number of different materials and tools in a variety of problem-solving situations. They learn about natural and man-made environments and use these as a context for practicing scientific skills.

### **History and Geography**

These areas are concerned with the study of people, their history, their varying cultures and environments. Australia is at the foundation of the curriculum with its multicultural society and varied environments. Teachers use an inquiry approach and look to integrate ideas and develop skills for life.

### **Creative Arts**

This area includes Music, Visual Arts, Drama and Dance. Lessons provide opportunities for creative expression and experimentation with a variety of media and material integrated across the curriculum. The creative arts program is taught by a specialist teacher and includes singing, percussion, movement and music appreciation.

### **Personal Development, Health and Physical Education**

This Key Learning Area involves learning to develop an active, healthy lifestyle; developing skills in interpersonal relationships; positive values, attitudes and beliefs; participating in regular physical activity.

Our Sport program includes Fundamental Skills K–2, Netball, Modified-League, AFL, Soccer, Eagle Tag and other options are available. A specialist P.E. teacher is employed.

### **Technologies**

Computers and iPads are available in each classroom. The school is networked, and the children are permitted supervised access to the Internet. The teachers are aware of the importance of developing skills, which allow each child to effectively use a variety of applications as tools for learning.

Resources include 3D Printer and access to coding resources. In addition to this, our library also has a computer network, which allows the children supervised access to library resources, and various applications. The school website can be accessed at the following address:

[www.olgcdbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olgcdbb.catholic.edu.au)

### **Coding**

Coding is now an integral part of our Technology program. Children in Years 3 – 6 participate in specialist lessons.

### **Indonesian**

Learning a second language boosts problem-solving, memory skills, critical-thinking and listening skills. All students at OLGC learn Indonesian in formal lessons each week delivered by a qualified teacher. Students gain a great sense of accomplishment from learning to say something in a foreign language, as well as an appreciation of another culture



## The Diverse Learners Program

Every child is entitled to reach their potential and, to support this, the school has a differentiated curriculum to meet the needs of all learners. Our Diverse Learners team provide opportunities for children who require individualised and group assistance as well as opportunities and challenges for the high potential learners.

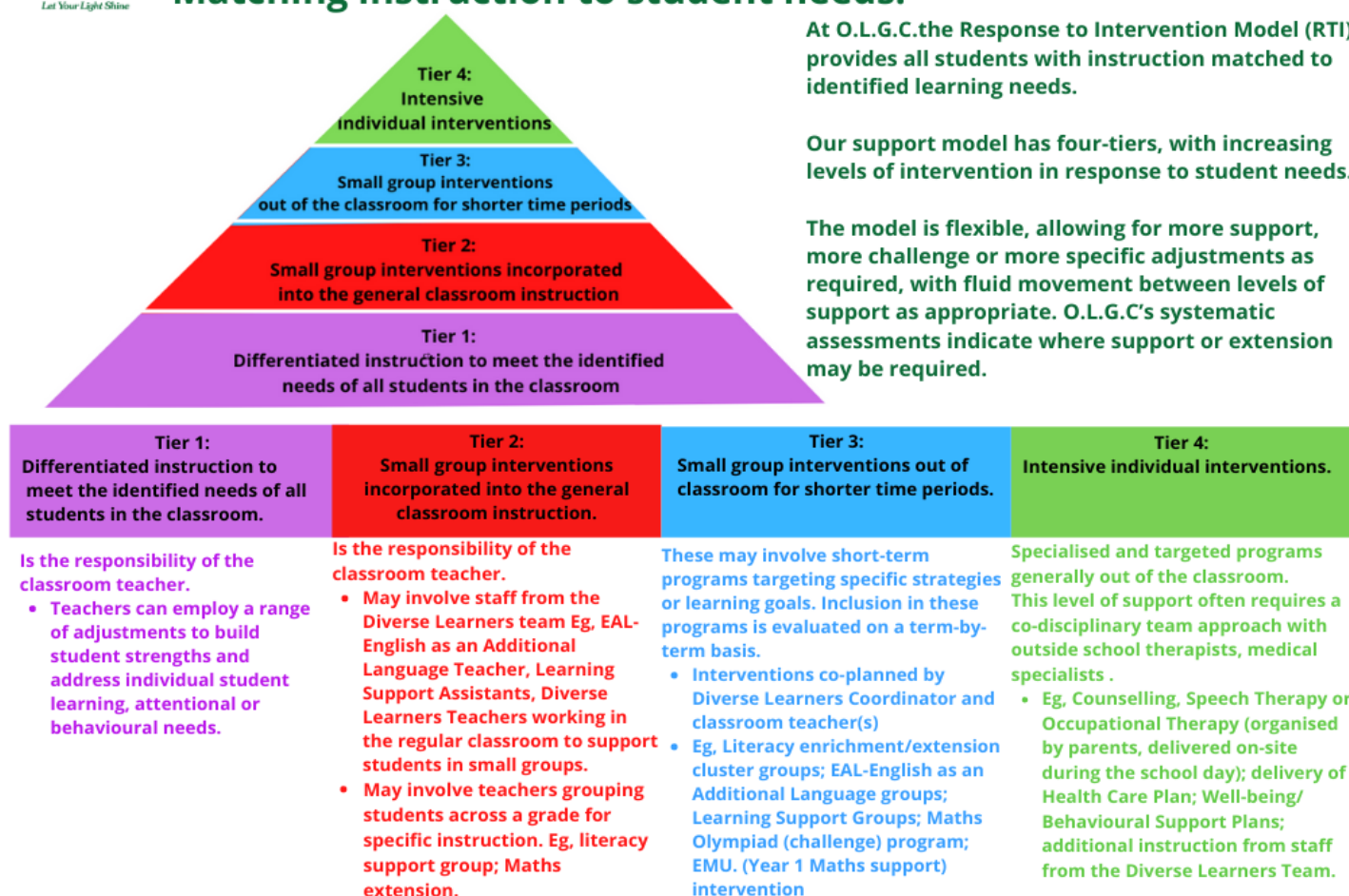


## O.L.G.C Response to Intervention Model Matching instruction to student needs.

At O.L.G.C. the Response to Intervention Model (RTI) provides all students with instruction matched to identified learning needs.

Our support model has four-tiers, with increasing levels of intervention in response to student needs.

The model is flexible, allowing for more support, more challenge or more specific adjustments as required, with fluid movement between levels of support as appropriate. O.L.G.C.'s systematic assessments indicate where support or extension may be required.





### **Co-Curricular Activities Available at OLGC**

- Band program – Training and Performance Band
- Individual instrument lessons with tutors
- Keyboard lessons before school or at lunch time
- Choir
- Indonesian language, taught during class time
- Chess Club
- Skipping Club
- Garden Club
- Religious Creative Arts Competition
- Buddy System
- Public System (K-6)
- Debating (5-6)
- Lego Masters
- Mini Vinnies
- Coding
- Tennis
- Lunch clubs

### **CatholicCare Outside School Hours Care**

CatholicCare provides OLGC with Outside School Hours Care service for all families.

Operating hours are –

Before School Care: 7:00am-8:45am

After School Care: 3:10pm-6:00pm

Outside School Hours Care provides the children with breakfast while After School Care provides a selection of fruit and an afternoon tea snack. During school holidays a Vacation Care service runs from 7:30am-6:00pm daily. For further details on our service please contact CatholicCare directly on 0400 787 186 or email [oshc.forestville@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:oshc.forestville@catholiccaredbb.org.au)

### **House Teams**

There are four Houses – Bass (Green), Dampier (Blue), Flinders (Yellow) and Tasman (Red). Children from each family remain in the same House from Kindergarten onwards. The team structure is used at the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals.

### **Parents and Friends Association**

The Association helps the school achieve its annual goals and is vital in building strong community support for the school amongst parents. General meetings of the association are held each term.

Parents assist at the school in many ways. Class Parent Helpers volunteer each year to support the teachers in each class and assist in creating supportive relationships amongst the parents within each class.

## School Fees - 2023

Following is an explanation of fees for 2023. School fees now include one streamlined Education Fee, which is outlined below.

### School Education Fee:

Tuition Fees for 2023 are: -	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	<b>\$ 4130.00</b> per year
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	<b>25% reduction</b> per year
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	<b>55% reduction</b> per year
	4 <sup>th</sup> Child	<b>100% reduction</b> per year

Tuition Fees do not apply for 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent children.

The Education Fee assists in covering costs associated with the delivery of tuition, building levy, school resources and supplements income received from the Commonwealth and State Governments. This cost includes the following:

- Excursions and incursions
- Sport levies and general sport expenses
- Curriculum resources
- Cleaning of the school and associated grounds maintenance
- Security
- Building levy
- School resources

The Year 5 and 6 camp fees will be on the initial account sent home for each year in January. Additional accounts will go home for Year 6 polo shirts and fees associated with Band and Choir.

2023 fee payments are billed annually at the beginning of Term 1 and are payable in 10 monthly instalments, the first being due in February and the last in November. School fees may be paid more frequently (annually, fortnightly, or weekly). **Fees may be paid in full but should be paid by the due date.** Fees may be paid by BPay, Qkr!, EFTPOS (Visa and Mastercard only), cheque or cash.

A family experiencing genuine hardship with fee payment should contact the school Principal.

**Our school song – “Let Your Light Shine”**  
**By Amanda McKenna and the 2015 Year 6 Workshop**

In this place we welcome everyone  
We learn and grow and together we have fun  
We always strive to do our very best  
We care for each other and know that we are blessed

Each day we try to be  
respectful and kind  
with open hearts and open minds

**So let your light shine**  
**Let it shine for all to see**  
**and together we become**  
**the best that we can be**  
**Mother Mary**  
**Open our hearts to become**  
**More like you and your son**  
**Jesus Christ – the light of the world.**

Each day we try to let  
our true colours shine  
with open hearts and open minds

**So let your light shine**  
**Let it shine for all to see**  
**and together we become**  
**the best that we can be**  
**Mother Mary**  
**Open our hearts to become**  
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