

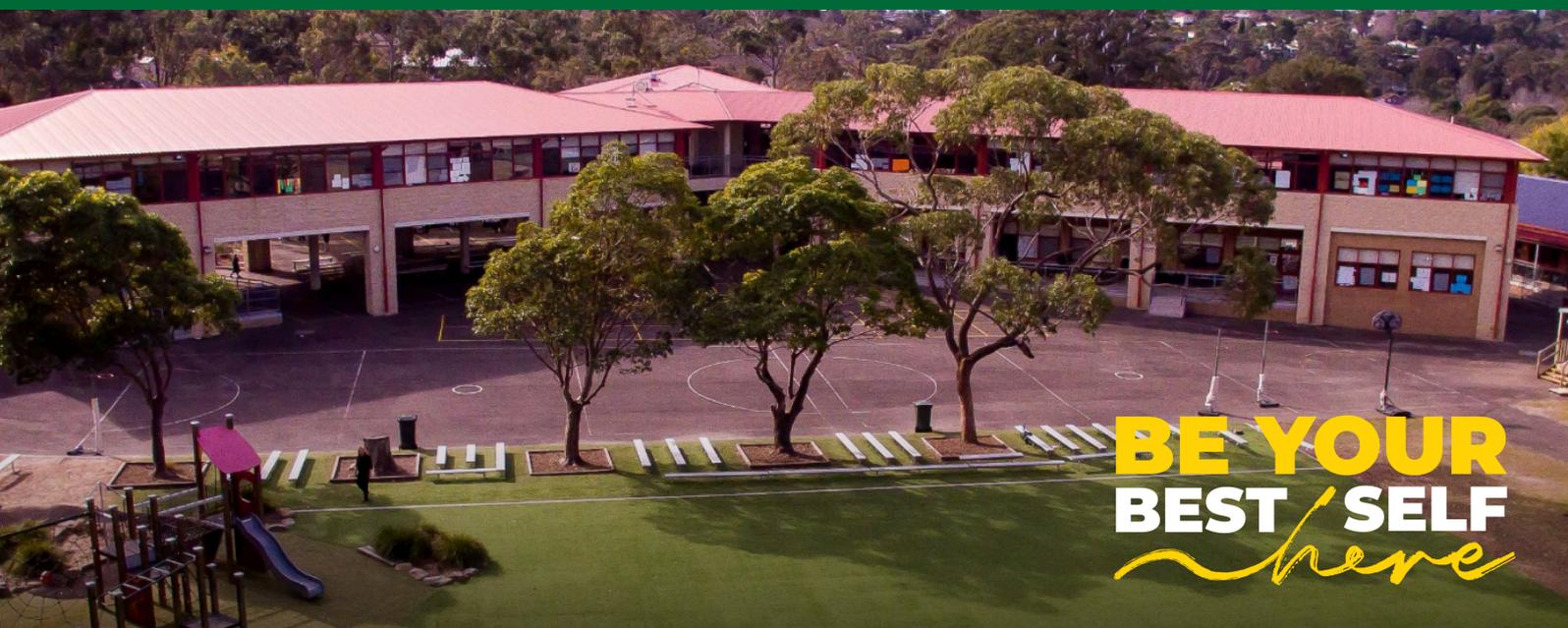


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School Prospectus

2026

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School Forestville



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



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic primary school, Forestville.

We are a caring and inclusive school community, inspiring children to love learning and discover their gifts so they can be the best they can be. We welcome children of all backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and faiths, and we believe wellbeing, connection, and optimism are essential for engaged learning.

Our dedicated staff nurture every child's academic, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth.

We are committed to high-quality teaching and learning, using an evidence-based cycle of planning, explicit teaching, assessment, feedback, and reflection that ensures teaching is purposeful and responsive to student needs.

The 2025 NAPLAN results affirm the power of teacher professionalism, evidence-informed practice, and truly knowing every learner. Our Lady of Good Counsel, primary school, remains focused on continuous improvement so every student can thrive.

We are proud to offer a strong whole-family pathway, with an on-site Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) Early Learning Centre and Outside School Hours Care providing continuity from early years to Year 6. Children at OLGC also benefit from established CSBB secondary pathways, ensuring a smooth transition to excellent Catholic secondary colleges that share our values and commitment to student growth.

Supported by robust wellbeing frameworks and a culture of genuine care, we ensure every child is known, valued, and encouraged to flourish.

Paola Brannan

Principal

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School

Forestville NSW 2087

Bachelor of Arts

Diploma of Education

Certificate of Tesol

Post Graduate Certificate in Education of Student Wellbeing



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Acknowledgement of Country

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Forestville, acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather and learn. We honour their Elders past and give thanks for the wisdom and care they have shared on this land.

We recognise the Elders and leaders of today, and the future Elders of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, who will carry the dreams and culture of their people forward.

We acknowledge all who are part of our community today. Together, may we continue to learn from one another with respect and open hearts.



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General Information

School Address:	11 Currie Road, Forestville 2087
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Principal:	Paola Brannan
Assistant Principal:	Alexis Conn
Religious Education Coordinator:	Tanya Fitzpatrick
Parish Priest:	Fr Satheesh Parish Administrator
Parish Office Phone:	9451 5097
School Hours:	8:45am to 3:10am
Recess:	10:50am - 11:30am
Lunch:	12:50pm - 1:30pm
School Finishes:	3:10pm



Family Journey

At our school, every child's learning journey begins with a strong foundation. Our onsite Early Learning Centre nurtures the earliest sparks of faith, curiosity and a love of learning- ensuring children feel known, supported, and inspired from their very first steps in education. By seamlessly integrating early learning into our broader Catholic school environment, families experience a clear and connected pathway from early childhood through primary, secondary, and beyond.

With both an Early Learning Centre and Out of Hours Care located right on our school grounds, families benefit from a cohesive, safe, and familiar setting throughout the entire day. This integrated approach strengthens relationships, minimises transitions, and provides continuity of care and learning. Children thrive in a community where their wellbeing, growth, and sense of belonging remain at the centre of every stage of their journey.

Together, our early learning and school environments create a unified experience - supporting families, honouring each child's potential, and setting them on a pathway to lifelong learning and success.

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.
- Modern facilities – classrooms, library, hall and canteen.
- On site before school care, after school care and vacation care.
- A supportive and active parent community.
- Focus on student and community wellbeing
- Specialist teachers in Creative Arts, Physical Education, Wellbeing, Library and Coding.
- Spacious grounds within a natural bush area.
- Canteen on site - Tuesday to Friday

Our School Motto

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"



Positive Behaviours for Learning

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”.

Eddie the Echidna's PBL 3

Our Lady of Good Counsel Forestville

Respectful Learner	Responsible Learner	Safe Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHARE AND TAKE TURNS BE A GREAT LISTENER HELP MAKE THINGS RIGHT WHEN THINGS GO WRONG SPEAK AND ACT WITH KINDNESS CARE FOR YOUR APPEARANCE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEARN AND ALLOW OTHERS TO LEARN BE PREPARED TO DO YOUR BEST BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME CARE FOR BELONGINGS CARE FOR OUR SCHOOL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CARE FOR OTHERS MOVE AROUND THE SCHOOL SAFELY WEAR YOUR HAT WHEN YOU ARE OUTSIDE HAVE SAFE AND CARING HANDS MAKE GOOD CHOICES

At OLGC we "Let our light shine"



School Curriculum



School Curriculum

There are seven Key Learning Areas –

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Human Society and Its Environment - History & Geography
- Creative and Practical Arts (includes, Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts).
- Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

Religious Education

The syllabus places an emphasis on Catholic doctrine and values that are embedded in daily life.

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.

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 numbers 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.



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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 inter-personal 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.

Technology

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.

Coding

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



Co-Curriculum

Co-Curricular Activities Available at OLGC

*Please note additional fees may apply

- Band program – Training and Performance Band
- Individual instrument lessons with tutors
- Keyboard lessons before school or at lunch time
- Choir
- Indonesian culture, taught during library lessons
- Croation and Mandarin language lessons
- Chess Club
- Skipping Club
- Garden Club
- Religious Creative Arts Competition
- Buddy System
- Public System (K-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 in the mornings whilst the afternoon care provides a selection of fruit and a snack. During school holidays OSHC offer a vacation care services. For further details on our service please contact CatholicCare directly on 0400 787 186 or email oshc.forestville@catholiccaredbb.org.au

Colour 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 'house' team structure is used at the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals for the accumulation of points to determine the place of each colour 'house'.

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.

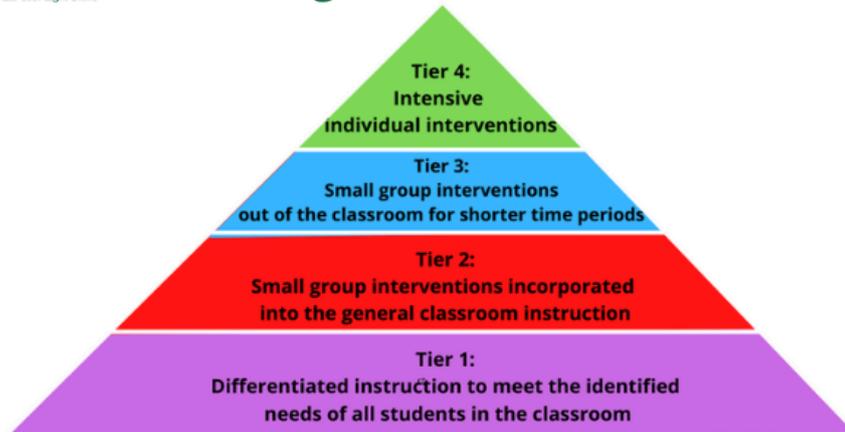


Diverse Learners Programs

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.

Tier 1: Differentiated instruction to meet the identified needs of all students in the classroom.	Tier 2: Small group interventions incorporated into the general classroom instruction.	Tier 3: Small group interventions out of classroom for shorter time periods.	Tier 4: Intensive individual interventions.
<p>Is the responsibility of the classroom teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers can employ a range of adjustments to build student strengths and address individual student learning, attentional or behavioural needs. 	<p>Is the responsibility of the classroom teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May involve staff from the Diverse Learners team Eg, EAL-English as an Additional Language Teacher, Learning Support Assistants, Diverse Learners Teachers working in the regular classroom to support students in small groups. May involve teachers grouping students across a grade for specific instruction. Eg, literacy support group; Maths extension. 	<p>These may involve short-term programs targeting specific strategies or learning goals. Inclusion in these programs is evaluated on a term-by-term basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interventions co-planned by Diverse Learners Coordinator and classroom teacher(s) Eg, Literacy enrichment/extension cluster groups; EAL-English as an Additional Language groups; Learning Support Groups; Maths Olympiad (challenge) program; 	<p>Specialised and targeted programs generally out of the classroom. This level of support often requires a co-disciplinary team approach with outside school therapists, medical specialists .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eg, Counselling, Speech Therapy or Occupational Therapy (organised by parents, delivered on-site during the school day); delivery of Health Care Plan; Well-being/ Behavioural Support Plans; additional instruction from staff from the Diverse Learners Team.

Enrolment Process

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) Enrolment Process for primary schools commences one year prior to the intended year of commencement, with Kindergarten Enrolment Offers generally made within that time frame. Enrolment applications for other year levels (Years 1 to 6) may be submitted throughout the year and follow the same Enrolment Process, subject to current availability.

Step 1 | Enrolment Application Form

Download and complete the Enrolment Application Form from the school website and submit with supporting documentation directly to olgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

The student's original birth certificate is required to be sighted by the school during the enrolment application process. Any additional supporting or required documentation is to be submitted with the Enrolment Application Form (where applicable and available). The Enrolment Application process will not be completed until all required documentation has been received and verified.

Step 2 | Enrolment Application Review and Assessment

This step provides an opportunity for the school to understand the student's individual needs and gather any additional information that may support their enrolment and transition. It is a collaborative process involving families and schools, ensuring thoughtful discernment and shared understanding. Once your Enrolment Application and supporting documentation has been received by the school, we will contact you to arrange a Family Meeting, if required. These meetings typically occur soon after the application is submitted. All parties to the Enrolment Application, including the enrolling student, are encouraged to attend. The meeting is a valuable opportunity to:

- Meet with the school Principal.
- Share insights about the student.
- Provide or clarify any additional information needed to support the application.
- Develop a shared understanding of CSBB and our schools' values, policies and processes.

Step 3 | Enrolment Offer or Waitlist

After the Enrolment Process has been completed, including the review of the Enrolment Application, the completion of the family meeting (where appropriate), and the collection and assessment of all relevant information, you will be contacted directly by the school regarding your application.

The outcome of your Enrolment Application is based on our Enrolment Policy and supporting information.

Step 4 | Confirmation of Enrolment

Following an Enrolment Offer, all parties to the Enrolment Application will be asked to sign and complete the Enrolment Agreement by a requested date. Confirmation of Enrolment will only be confirmed once the Enrolment Agreement is signed and submitted. Once the signed Enrolment Agreement has been submitted and verified against the Enrolment Application, you will receive a confirmation of the enrolment.

Step 5 | Welcome to Catholic Schools Broken Bay

Once you have received the Confirmation of Enrolment, we will then provide you with transition and orientation dates to welcome your family to our school community.



School Fees

Tuition Fees 2026	➤	1st Child \$ 4692.00 per year
		2nd Child 25% reduction per year
		3rd Child 55% reduction per year
		4th Child 100% reduction per year
		Year 5 & 6 Leadership Camp \$251
		Year 5 & 6 Camp \$371
		Coding (Years 3 -6) \$75

Tuition Fees do not apply for 4th 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

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), or cash.

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



Relationships with High Schools

Catholic Schools Broken Bay believe a Catholic education is for life and offers a diverse range of educational opportunities from Kindergarten to Year 12. Every student who is enrolled in a CSBB primary school will be supported to continue their Year 7 to 12 education within the CSBB system.

Our Primary schools work with local secondary schools to provide a seamless transition and sense of continuity in our students learning journey.

Catholic Schools Broken Bay Secondary Colleges:

- Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood–Female educational learning opportunities from Year 7 -12
- St Paul's Catholic College, Manly – Co-educational
- Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood – Co-educational

Please note, if you have a child who graduates from OLGC and continues their educational journey with a Catholic School Broken Bay Secondary College, you will continue to receive the sibling discount for the children who are enrolled at OLGC.

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.





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An Overview of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School, Forestville

Mission

- Local outreach and support of our community
- Caritas: Project Compassion Fundraising
- Catholic Mission Australia fundraising
- Support for Manly Women's Shelter for Mother's Day
- St Vincent de Paul Winter Clothes and Christmas Hamper Appeals
- Mini Vinnies - introducing children to social justice
- Socktober - raising funds to benefit children overseas
- Stage 3 student Late Out (Sleep Out) supporting St Vincent de Paul initiatives.

Wellbeing

- Buddy system
- Student leadership program
- Positive Behaviour for Learning framework
- Open Parachute - social and emotional learning
- Peer Support Program
- Day Against Bullying, RU OK? Day, Be Kind Day, Harmony Week
- Mater Maria students perform in an anti-bullying play

Sport

- A specialist Sports Coordinator
- A specialist physical education teacher
- Swimming Carnival
- Athletics Carnival
- Cross Country Carnival
- Children have the opportunity to represent OLGC at a local, state and national level
- Participation in Northern Beaches Gala Days: Eagle Tag, Cricket, Football, Netball, Soccer, Tennis and Basketball
- Host venue for external hand ball competition

Curriculum

- Strong NAPLAN results
- Coding program
- Diverse learning programs
- Thinking routines embedded in the curriculum K-6
- Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge
- Maths Olympiad
- Indonesian - Cultural Awareness
- STEAM – Science, technology, engineering, arts and maths allocated resources to enhance next level thinking.
- Public speaking
- ICAS Testing (optional)

Creative

- At OLGC, all children take part in weekly creative arts lessons
- OLGC also has a strong co-curricular music program including bands, choir and music tuition.
- Annual band and choir activities including Northern Beaches Eisteddfod, Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival, NSSWE Spring festival, Warringah Mall Schools Spectacular, UNSW Band Festival, Swain Gardens Open day, an annual Music Showcase and Band Day at Camp Kedron.
- Forestville RSL 'Australia My Country' Competition
- Online platform called 'Amplify' to enhance the learning of dance, drama and music.