

2019 MAI & BEST START

Wednesday 30th January 2019 – MAI ASSESSMENT by appointment (Years 1-6)

Thursday 31st January - MAI ASSESSMENT by appointment (Years 1-6)

Friday 1st February – First full day of school for Years 1 – 6

Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February – Kindergarten Best Start Assessment

Monday 4th February – First full day for Kindergarten



Years 1-6 2019 MAI ASSESSMENT – Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st January

MAI (Mathematical Assessment Interview) is a one on one diagnostic interview which helps identify students strengths and areas of need in Number concepts (Counting, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and division) These days have been set aside for MAI assessment of students (years 1-6). Parents are asked to logon onto <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> to make a booking for their child / children. The time slots are **30min** and the interviews will be held in the child's classroom. **Please note this is not a full school day, students are not required to wear school uniform, and students are only required to attend school for the duration of their assessment.** If there are no time slots left for your child, please contact the school on Tuesday 29th January to book another time. Where available, we encourage siblings to have their appointments at the same time (if they have different teachers) - or as close together as possible. This will ensure that parents will have the shortest possible wait time for all assessments to be completed. We ask that the children are supervised whilst they are waiting for their interview. Students first full day for **Years 1-6 is Friday 1st February 2019.**

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

Code for MAI= j6jv5

Interviews will be open Friday 14th December 2018 and will close on Tuesday 29th January 2019

Kindergarten 2019 “BEST START” – Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st January, Friday 1st February 2019

Our **Kindergarten students** will participate in the Best Start Assessment before the start of the school term. Children start school with different levels of literacy and numeracy. Some are familiar with books, can recognise some letters and even write their name or count to ten, while others have not yet learned these skills. Our Kindergarten teachers have always observed their new students and used different methods to find out what each child knows and can do so that they can plan and teach what their students need to learn next. It is very important to emphasise that the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is *not a test*. Its purpose is to help the teacher gather information to guide the teaching of your child. The teacher will observe your child's early reading and writing, their ability to communicate with others, and how they recognise and work with numbers, groups and patterns. The teacher will record what the child knows and can do. Teaching of your child will be based on the information gathered in these ways. You will be given feedback about what we have learned about your child, which you are welcome to discuss if you wish, in keeping with our usual practice.

Parents are asked to book in a time via the link -

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

Code for BEST START = v6s2u

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Please arrive at the library 5 minutes before your appointment time. One of the Kindergarten Teachers will conduct the best start assessment with your child. Assessments take approximately **45 minutes**. These are student only appointments, and parents are not required to attend, but we invite you to return to the school at the end of the assessment time to pick up your child. **Please note these days are not a full school day, students are not required to wear school uniform, and students are only required to attend school for the duration of their assessment.** Due to the length of assessments, we ask that you provide a water bottle for your child to bring with them.

Kindergarten's first full day is Monday 4th February 2019.

If you have any queries please contact the school on shp@dbb.catholic.edu.au