

COMMUNITY Involvement

Dear Parents and Caregivers

St Benedict's has been meeting the spiritual, educational and pastoral needs of young people in Mango Hill and North Lakes for the past 10 years. Ours is a distinctive and genuine Catholic Community founded in the spirit of the Benedictine tradition and teachings of love, service hospitality, prayer and welcome.

Community is important at St Benedict's and relationships are promoted and celebrated through positive interactions with students, teachers, parents and the newly formed parish community. The partnerships we share assist us as we carry out our greatest responsibility - shaping the lives of the young people in our care.

No matter our size, we strive to come together as people of diversity with a common purpose to live, love, learn and celebrate together. This community focus is incredibly important to me and I invite all families to join me to devote a shared energy and experience in enhancing and growing the journey St Benedict's has made over its brief history.

At the core of our school's values is a deep belief in and rich tradition of care and concern for others. This provides the basis for activities and interactions between staff, parents and the wider Parish and local communities.

Volunteering at St Benedict's is welcomed and encouraged. Please take the time to read this important information and consider why volunteering your time matters and how it can make a difference to the lives of students and ensure they are active and successful learners now and in the future.

Patrick Davis
Principal
St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS

The Volunteer's Role in the School

Our aim is to give students the sense of feeling safe, being safe and valued as people so that they are secure and ready to learn. Volunteers play a significant role in the work and life of St Benedict's and they form part of our school community and assist in providing the optimal learning environment for students. Volunteers, visitors and parent helpers who are working or visiting our school are asked to sign in and out of the Visitor's Record Book located at our school administration office.

Brisbane Catholic Education require that all volunteers (parents, grandparents, etc) complete an online *Student Protection and Parent Code of Conduct Course*. It takes about 30 minutes to complete and when completed, parents are asked to print out the Completion Form, and send to school. It supersedes any previous training or forms and must be completed for volunteers to assist us in any way. To locate the *Code of Conduct Book* and online course for volunteers, click [here](#).

After School Drive Through Volunteer

St Benedict's operates a highly efficient, effective and safe after school pick up program known as the Look Out Program. Volunteers are essential to the success of the program. Please contact the school administration office if you can offer 20 minutes of your time any afternoon from 2:45pm – 3:05pm, to support our school and the wider safety of students.

Café Volunteer

Volunteering in our School Bennies Munchies Cafe is a great way to meet other parents and your children will LOVE to see you behind the counter at break time. Everyone is more than welcome! The Café is open Wednesday – Friday from 8:00am to 2:30pm. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Elouise: ephillimore@bne.catholic.edu.au

Classroom or Resource Centre Volunteer

Volunteering in a classroom may involve supportive listening, reading, helping with art, etc... Volunteering in our Resource Centre may involve covering new books, shelving, organising displays or helping with borrowing. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. . If you are interested in helping out please contact pmangohill@bne.catholic.edu.au

You should know...

COMMUNITY MATTERS

here @ SBCPS

School Support/Volunteers
Overview for Families



www.stbenedicts.qld.edu.au

pmangohill@bne.catholic.edu.au

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Absentee 3481 4688



COMMUNITY At St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic School Parents (CSP) Association

Our CSP participates in the optimum spiritual, intellectual, social and physical development of pupils in the school by:

- Providing a medium of support, information and involvement of parents/carers in their children's education and the school community
- Developing collaboration between parents/carers and school staff.
- Promoting the principles of Catholic education.
- Fostering a distinctive Christian environment in the school.
- Providing a medium for parents/carers to participate at Diocesan, State and National levels.

CSP Mission Statement: *"To build a community of parents and friends that as a group, make a positive difference to the education and development of every pupil at St Benedict's School."*

CSP meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month commencing at 7.00pm. All parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend. For CPS related inquiries please contact mangohillCSP@bne.catholic.edu.au

St Benedict's School Board

St Benedict's *Pastoral School Board* was established in 2010. It is an Archdiocesan expectation that a school board is established for every Catholic school in our Brisbane Catholic Archdiocese.



Please review our St Benedict's School Policies, which can be found on the school website or Parent Portal, before proceeding with volunteering responsibilities.

The role of the *Pastoral School Board* is visioning in nature. It involves developing school policies, communicating with parents the directions that the school will be taking, reviewing school budgets and guiding as a Community of Leaders. We are blessed to have some very generous parents involved in the life of the *Pastoral School Board* and thank them for their ongoing commitment to the life of our growing school community.

Under its constitution the *Pastoral School Board* comprises of members from across the school and parish community. The membership of the *Pastoral School Board* consists of School Principal, Parish Priest, staff representatives and parent representatives. If you are interested in being a member of the *Pastoral School Board* please contact pmangohill@bne.catholic.edu.au

The *Pastoral School Board* meets on the second Tuesday night of every month within the school calendar.

St Benedict's Catholic Parish

St Benedict's Catholic Parish is served by Parish priest, Fr Bryan Roe. Mass is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am/5:30pm at the school. A Mass is also celebrated each Friday at 9am during the school term.

Activities in the community include playgroup, preparation for Baptism of infants and Sacramental initiation of school age children, social and fundraising activities and family groups.

For more information about baptism, sacramental programs, pastoral care and other community activities contact admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au



St Benedict's Pastoral Parents

St Benedict's Pastoral Parents are essentially the conduit for communication, information and requests for assistance between the classroom, teacher, community and parents for such things as activities and special occasions. They are also involved in the support and/or coordination of rituals and celebrations that reflect the basis of the school and they may co-ordinate practical help for care and concern activities within their class groups. St Benedict's Pastoral Parent will not be expected to be the sole voice or lone contributor, but rather the facilitator for support and action involved in and around each of our classroom, school and wider communities.

The role of Pastoral Parent requires enthusiasm, a positive approach and an active promotion of the school's Vision of *'Walking in God's Ways to live, love, learn and celebrate together'*. Pastoral Parents will strive for an inclusive approach to families in their class, remembering that every little bit is a great bit and that even the smallest of contributions will be valued.

If you are interested in becoming a St Benedict's Pastoral Parent. Please send your name and your child's class to pmangohill@bne.catholic.edu.au

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School is proud to be part of a community that continually supports the progress, development and management of our wonderful school.



We walk in God's ways where together we live, love, learn and celebrate.

