

OUR VOICES Are Amazing

Dear Parents and Caregivers

At St Benedict's Catholic Primary School (SBCPS), we seek to deliver a schooling experience that caters to the needs, abilities and interests of each student. Our staff work hard to ensure students receive a personalised, relevant and meaningful Catholic education.

There are many ways in which families can support their children to be prepared for learning at school.

Please take the time to read this information and also to consider why teaching your children about raising their voices helps them be active and successful learners now and in the future.

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VOICES For Song

Walk in God's Ways

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Chorus

*Walk in God's ways, follow the path.
Walk in God's ways, do as God asks.
O Spirit guide us,
Come walk beside us.
Together you and I,
Together we will try, to
Walk in God's ways.*

*Reach out your hand, give a friend a new start.
Reach out your hand, open up your heart.
Reach out your hand, show God's love and care.
There is a pathway before us:*

Repeat Chorus

*Open your mind, try to make the right choice.
Open your ears, try to hear the right voice.
Open your eyes, open wide and see
There is a pathway before us:*

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

*Father on high,
Spirit our guide,
Jesus, your light shines
There on the pathway before us.*

Repeat Chorus Twice

*Together you and I,
Together we will try,
Together we will stand,
Together hand in hand.*

You should know...

OUR VOICES MATTER

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Our Songs and Prayers
for Families



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VOICES For Prayer

Prayer of St Benedict

*Gracious and Holy Father
Give us wisdom to perceive you
Intelligence to understand you
Diligence to see you
Patience to wait for you
Eyes to behold you
A heart to meditate on you
And a life to proclaim you
Through the power of the
Spirit of Jesus Christ Our Lord
Amen*

Early Years Prayer

*Creator God...
As we walk in your ways,
Be in our minds...
Be in our hearts...
Be always looking over our shoulders...
So that together,
Our St Benedict's family,
Can reach out in love
And 'Shine' in our world...
Amen*

Our School Prayer

*God Our Creator,
Open our eyes to see you,
Open our minds to you,
Open our ears,
So we can listen with the voice of our hearts.*

*As we walk in your ways,
Give us wisdom,
Give us understanding and
Give us patience.*

*As we walk in your ways,
May we be welcoming,
May we be generous and
May we be caring.
May we live, love, learn and celebrate together.
St Benedict pray for us...*

Our School Assemblies and Masses are the best places to hear our students' voices rise.

Assemblies are held every Wednesday commencing at 1.40pm. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend assembly each week.

Mass is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am/5:30pm at the school. A Mass, led by students, is also celebrated each Friday at 9am during the school term.

THE VOICE Of St Benedict

Our patron, St Benedict, was also known as *Benedict of Nursia; Founder of Western Monasticism*. St Benedict was born c. 480, in Nursia, Umbria, Italy of Roman nobility. His name means 'blessed'. He is the twin brother of Saint Scholastica. He studied in Rome but was dismayed by the lack of discipline and the lackadaisical attitude of his fellow students. He fled to the mountains near Subiaco, living as a hermit in a cave for three years. His virtues caused an abbey to request him to lead them. He founded the monastery at Monte Cassino, where he wrote the Rule of his order. His discipline was such that an attempt was made on his life; some monks tried to poison him, but he blessed the cup and rendered it harmless. He returned to his cave, but continued to attract followers, and eventually established twelve monasteries. At one point there were over 40,000 monasteries guided by the Benedictine Rule. A summation of the Rule: "Pray and work".



St Benedict died 21 March 547 of a fever while in prayer at Monte Cassino, Italy and he was buried beneath the high altar there in the same tomb as Saint Scholastica.

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

