

# ST JOHN BOSCO BASC

## Dates for your Diary



**March:**  
AGM (Date to be Confirmed)

**2nd of April:**  
Good Friday

**5th of April:**  
Easter Monday

**6th - 16th April:**  
Vacation Care

**Pupil Free Days:**  
15th June, 17th September, 16th & 17th December

**October:**  
Re-enrolment for current families

**November:**  
Enrolment new families (November)

**20th December - 9th January:**  
Centre closed

**10th January:**  
Centre re-opens

## Committee

**President** Elizabeth Urquhart  
**Vice President** Amanda Prentice  
**Secretary** James Rowe  
**Treasurer** Deborah Dumbrell  
**Public Officer** Candice Rossington  
**General** Fiona Muckian

St John Bosco BASC is a non-for-profit community based organisation and is managed by parents of the service. This year we have available positions as many of the current committee have been serving the centre for many years and their children have left the service so we are now calling for parents who feel like they can contribute to the service by standing for the committee. If we do not have a committee the centre does not operate.

## Staff

**Director** Sheilagh  
**Co-Ordinator** Michelle  
**Co-Ordinator** Alanah  
**Accounts/Admin** Helen  
**Supervisor** Sarah  
**Supervisor** Sean  
**Supervisor** Matt  
**Supervisor** Ben  
**Educator** Taylah  
**Educator** Shaelyn  
**Educator** Jesse  
**Educator** William  
**Educator** Lyn  
**Educator** Rosanna

## COVID-19 Update

BASC is now registered as a Covid-Safe business and we have updated our safety plan. All staff and visitors who enter the Centre are now required to scan in via a QR code.

We would like to thank all of our families for their support and patience during these challenging times.

### Breakfast at BASC

Breakfast is provided for children who have not had breakfast prior to arrival. This occurs between 7:30am - 8:00am.

### Sun Safety at BASC

In the school holidays we had a whole day dedicated to sun safety and the children engaged with all of the activities. Resources for this day were collected from <https://www.cancer.org.au/cancer-information/causes-and-prevention/sun-safety/preventing-skin-cancer>

## Room Set-Up

Our kindergarten children start Thursday so we will outline our routines for new families:

- Kindergarten and year one will be in the two front rooms.
- Year two, three and four will be in the back room.
- Year five and six in the demountable on Hanley.

The children will also access areas of the school playground.

## Kindergarten Transition

During the first term all kindergarten children will be picked up from the cones in the playground. Please ensure your child has clear instructions on where to go in the afternoon, the school teachers will aid them to the cones. If your child will not be attending please email or text the numbers below.

### Casual Bookings

**Please be mindful that the service does not offer casual positions in term one. You also cannot book casual positions on the portal due to a technical issue with the software it does not transpire onto our rolls.**

## Assessment and Rating

BASC will undergo assessment and rating within the next six months. This process assesses our service against the seven quality areas of the National Quality Standard. As a part of this process we will be issuing a survey for families in the coming weeks.

# Safety Concerns

The service installed a new gate late last year, and several times since we have had to have it repaired due to children swinging on the gate and holding the gate due to separation anxiety, whilst their parents are in the process of leaving the service. If you are entering and exiting the premises please do not allow your child to step onto the gate, swing or climb on the gate. If upon arrival at the service your child is distressed please divert your attention away from the gate, as children are using the gate as an object to release their tension on. This compromises the safety of the other children as the gate continually needs new hinges. If you are waiting near the gate please supervise your child and if you are having trouble separating yourself from your child, please call a staff member to aid you. We hope to be able to set up a transitional area (weather permitting) on a rug near the tree so you can assist your child transition better if there is a problem. A staff member will also be there to greet you at the gate. It is part of our obligation to regulations that the gate is maintained in working order, and we would appreciate if all families could adhere to this at all times.

## Educa

For updates on our program please check Educa. If you are not on Educa please let a staff member know and we can add you to the app. As part of our ongoing improvement plan we encourage all families to comment on Educa where possible. You can add a comment at the bottom of a story.

# **SUNSMART**

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Skin cancer, including melanoma and non-melanoma, is the most common cancer in Australia.

Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in childhood is a major factor for the development of skin cancer later in life. By implementing a best-practice Sun Protection Policy, OOSH services can help protect staff and children from UV radiation and teach children good sun protection habits from an early age to reduce risk.

## **Vacation Care Guidelines:**

- At BASC we have sunscreen provided at the entrance to our centre on our front sign in desk. Can all parents please make sure upon arrival, that children are applied with sunscreen.
- Can ALL parents please make sure NO children attend vacation care in sleeveless shirts/tops or backless clothing.
- ALL children MUST have a hat provided from home.
- Upon arrival, if a child is found to be wearing clothing that does not follow our Sun Protection Policy/Vacation Care Guidelines, parents will be asked politely to take them home to change into the appropriate outfit.