

JUNIOR JOEYS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What time does Junior Joeys start?	The program runs from 9am to 11am, however the classroom will be open from 8:50am with activities designed to assist in settling the children for a smooth transition. <i>It is not advised that you arrive at school prior to 8.45am.</i>
Where do I park when we arrive?	Please park around the corner of the school in Perry Street. The school boom gate is closed between 8:30am and 9:15am. Parking is not permitted in Main Street for drop offs.
Where do I go after arrival?	Please go to the school office to sign in where your child will receive a name sticker. Your child will then be accompanied by the Year Six leaders to the Junior Joeys classroom. Sign in and sign out is necessary for each session at the school office. <i>For the first visit you may accompany your child to the classroom so you can see where it is etc., however we do request that you leave promptly.</i>
What does my child need?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoes to run and play in (please no slippers, thongs, sandals, ugg boots, boots) • A fruit/veggie snack which can be easily consumed in a ten minute time frame (no large apples please) • A bottle filled with water • A hat • A spare change of undies/shorts in case of an accident
Do I stay with my child?	We are very experienced with assisting students settling into a new environment. It is best if you say goodbye and leave promptly, especially if they become teary. We do understand that this can be difficult however and we are happy to phone you and reassure you, when necessary. If this is an issue, please speak with the Principal.
What time do I collect my child?	Junior Joeys finishes promptly at 11am. Please wait outside the office area until your child is brought to meet you. Prior to leaving we will hand out any relevant information or 'homework'.
Do I need to sign my child out?	Yes. We need to know who is on school grounds at all times.
My child has a medical management plan. What do I do?	Please bring a copy of relevant information, for example, an Asthma Management Plan and give it to our school secretary for our records. You will also need to bring anything required like an asthma puffer and medication. We will ask you to complete a medication authority if applicable.
Do I need to tell the school if my child is sick and cannot be there?	No, it's not necessary but you are welcome to if you wish because we miss not seeing our Junior Joeys.
Can a relative/friend drop off or pick up?	Yes, but it's important that the office and the Junior Joeys staff are advised of a change to arrangements to ensure the safety of your child.
I am worried about how my child will 'cope'? Am I able to talk to the teacher about it?	The Junior Joeys staff welcome your input to get to know your child as best as possible, however, please keep in mind that prior to the Junior Joey's session commencing, the staff are preparing for the day and will not be able to give you their full attention. A short message is fine but if you require an appointment or meeting time please see the office staff to arrange a mutually suitable time.
What if I am late to pick up my child?	We understand that things happen unexpectedly. If this occurs, please call the school office so we can reassure your child that you are on your way. (6628 1009)
When can I enrol my child for 2022?	We encourage you to enrol as soon as possible. To do so please collect an enrolment pack from the office (if you haven't already done so), make an appointment to meet with Mrs Therese Seymour and your child will receive their official 'big school' T-shirt to wear to Junior Joeys when their application is in. Enrolment Days are held early in Term 3. St Joseph's Alstonville does not require an application fee.
Does St Joseph's have a Facebook page?	Yes, we do. We certainly encourage you to follow us to learn more about the terrific learning environment we have as well as receiving updates on necessary information.
How can I learn more about St Joseph's?	Each Tuesday our school newsletter is added to our website. The newsletter will show you all the regular goings on around school. We will send you an email each week with a link to our newsletter.
Will my child have a 'buddy'?	We regularly invite our Year Five students to join us at Junior Joeys to prepare them to become buddies in Year Six. In Term 4, we match your child to a Year Five student who we believe will suit them best.
What is the best way to contact the school?	Phone: 6628 1009 Email: alstp@lism.catholic.edu.au We will also add you to an Enrolment Group email list to send you further information when necessary. You will be unable to reply to this email. Please use the school email if you wish to respond.