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Dear Families,

Thank-you for considering St. John Vianney's school for your child's education. Our school strongly values its existence as a community- a community of learners, a community of teachers, a community of parents, a community of families and one school community. The strength of our community is embedded in our size, by comparison to neighbouring schools we are small with a student population of mid 150's and plans to grow to 180. Our community works together to provide a curriculum and environment that is welcoming and supportive to all.

#### Programs

St. John Vianney's curriculum is designed using the Victorian Curriculum and taught through a mixture of straight and multi-age classes. All children's progress is monitored through teacher assessments and standardised assessments in Literacy and Numeracy with progress reported to parents via formal written reports (twice a year) and parent-teacher interviews. In addition to the core curriculum we have specialist teaching programs in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Library, Physical Education, Indonesian and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths)

All student learning is supported by our Learning Support Programs which are coordinated by our Student WellBeing Leader.

To support our curriculum based learning we have a strong leadership program for all students, this includes our Buddy Program (for Year 6 and Prep students), a Student Representative Council (Prep-Year 6) and Student Leadership Groups in Years 5&6. Our Year 6 students participate in a 5 day leadership training program which culminates in their attendance at the National Young Leaders Forum in March of each year.

We offer a range of extra-curricular programs in keyboard, guitar, chess, dance, environmental education, arts and sports. In recent years not only have our students been offered the opportunity to participate in a broad range of activities but they have shown themselves to be more than capable with recent students being selected as- Kingston Junior Mayor, Dolphin Research Institute Ambassador, Catholic Education Melbourne's Visual Arts Award winners, Write a Book in a Day State and Southern Australia Winners, 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Chess team in schools tournament, State Runner-up in Victorian Primary Schools Basketball and Lacrosse, District Swimming and Cross Country Champions (based on school sizes) for the last three years in a row.

#### What do We Believe?

We know that we aren't as big as surrounding schools and given our focus on community we don't want to be a 400+ school. We want to be the strong supportive community that we are, offering every child the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of school life. We want each child to know that they are a known member of our community and that their contribution is valued.

Shane Regan

Principal