

FEBRUARY 2024 EDITION 2

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



Upcoming Events

Monday 26 February 2pm Mercy
College visiting Yr 2 - Yr 6 girls

Tuesday 5 March
Open Day

Thursday 21 March
Harmony Day

Friday 29 March
Good Friday

Monday 1 April
Easter Monday

Tuesday 2 April
Staff development Day

WELCOME TO 2024

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

We are looking forward to having our current and prospective parents, wishing to enrol their child in 2025, visit Our Lady of Dolours on 5 March for our Open Day.

Open Day tours will take place between 9.00am and 10.30am with an address from me at 10am.

Those wishing to attend are asked to register so that we can arrange small groups to have a guided tour of the site by staff and then for me to talk and answer questions in the Hall.

Enrolment packs for 2025 will be available on the day or by contacting the office. If you have a younger child at home who will be starting school next year or know someone interested in our school, please join us on the day or email the office on old@dbb.catholic.edu.au

OPEN DAY



Scan now
to register

Enrolling now for 2024 and beyond



THE SEASON OF LENT

In his message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to emphasize the importance of listening to the cries of the oppressed and confronting personal and societal idols, the Pope calls for a Lent marked by prayer, fasting, and communal action.

Click below for Pope Francis' message for Lent.



The season of Lent also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



I have been teaching for almost 30 years & I could not imagine having any other job. From the time I was a little girl I wanted to be a teacher. I love working with children, seeing them learn and grow. I consider myself as privileged to be part of each child's journey and I love seeing past students and hearing about their adventures and achievements.

I love to spend time with my family, especially my gorgeous niece and two delightful nephews.

My husband and I love to travel. The hardest thing about travelling is that I am a hopeless packer and always take too much.

I love reading, an excellent hot chocolate, a little pampering and a bit of shopping!

I am absolutely delighted to be teaching 2 Gold, 2024 and be a part of the OLD community. It has been fantastic to be so warmly welcomed into the community.

I am looking forward to getting to know the children and families in 2024 as well as inspiring the children in 2Gold to reach their potential.

A fun fact about me is that my Dad and I share a birthday!

Hi my name is Ross Caltabiano and am the new sports teacher. Students call me Mr.C. Been teaching for 7 years and love playing and watching sport. My favourite sports are soccer, basketball and rugby league. I am excited to be teaching the students at Chatswood and making sure all students are giving it their best effort in sport. Looking forward to all the wonderful representative trials and gala days, that the students can participate in and showcasing their sporting skills.



My name is Evaline Tjhia and I teach 1 Blue. Thank you for welcoming me into your beautiful school community. I have been teaching for 14 years. My family and I lived in Canberra for 15 years before moving back to Sydney 5 years ago. Since then, we have been enjoying all the musicals Sydney has to offer. We all love music and play the piano. Additionally, my son and I are big fans of all things Disney. I can't wait to see the wonderful school musical in Term 3!

Hi, I'm Mrs Jacqueline Crino and I am thrilled to be part of the OLD team. I have worked in schools for many years, as both a classroom teacher and in learning support.

I became a teacher so I can help children to grow to their full potential, both academically and socially, in a safe and nurturing environment. I hope to inspire them with my love of learning, especially with subjects such as English and History.

A fun fact about me is I am actually a former student of OLD Chatswood and I sent my two children to this school as well. My extended family and I are long standing members of our Parish.

I look forward to a wonderful year teaching 5 Blue.



CONGRATULATIONS

Basketball Polding Rep Trial

On Friday 9th February, 2 students from Year 6, Floyd.H and Greyson.W attended the Basketball Polding Trial at Sportz Central in Coffs Harbour. From all accounts, both boys played extremely well and put in their best efforts on the day.

Here is a recount by Floyd and Greyson on their trial day:

Greyson and myself attended the Coffs Harbour Basketball Trial. At the start, we did pressure dribbling up the court, hard defence and a little bit of shooting. After all of that, we did 2v2 and 3v3, followed by a short break.

We started then doing free throws, continued by some more shooting and dribbling and by then, it was recess time for 20 minutes. Then we went into 5v5 against other dioceses. Broken Bay (our school area) won all four games. After 5v5, we did possibles vs probables. We both made the possibles and probables game. The students who didn't make it went home. After the possibles vs probables game, the selectors had chosen their team.

We were both selected for the Polding team. We have training before we go compete in Newcastle later in the Term. Greyson and myself are so looking forward to the experience.

Our Lady of Dolours community is so proud of Floyd and Greyson in representing our school in Basketball. We give them a big congratulations in both making the NSWPSA Boys Basketball Championships which will be held in Newcastle on the 28th May – 31st May. We wish Floyd and Greyson all the very best for the next trial and I am sure they will make the school proud.

GOOOOOOOOOOOO Floyd and Greyson!!!!!!



2024 STUDENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & OTHER INFORMATION COLLECTION

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Australian Government conducts an annual collection of data on Student Residential Addresses and Other Information. Please refer to the [this letter](#) for further information regarding the data collection process.

The Department provides you with contact details if you have any further questions.

If you have changed your address recently, please notify the School Office immediately on (02) 7256 2118 or old@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Regards,
Marco Ianni
Principal





Awards



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 2 April

Monday 29 April

Staff Development Day

Friday 5 July

Monday 22 July

Staff Development Day

Friday 27 September

Monday 14 October

Staff Development Day

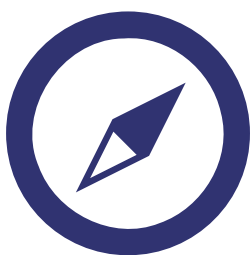
Thursday 19 December

Friday 20 December

Save the Date

Tuesday 17 September
Creative Arts Festival

Friday 6 December
Year 6 Graduation



COMPASS is the main communication app for the school and where you will note student absences, find school reports and book meetings with teachers. In the case of a full day absence parents must enter their child's absence before 9am. If your child is marked 'not present' by the teacher and you have not entered an absence note you will be sent a notification informing you that your child is not at school. You will need to add the absence as soon as possible. You will also receive an email to remind you to enter the absence reason within 7 days. Remember, every school day is important for your child's social, emotional and academic development.



A reminder that all parents must email teachers via the school email (old@dbb.catholic.edu.au) this gets forwarded to each teacher. A teacher is unable to reply to emails or phone calls during school time, as their main priority is the education of your children and every teacher has a duty of care for their students. If a message is urgent please call the school office for the message to be communicated to the teacher as soon as possible



Safety at OLD regarding Nuts/Nut products & Egg/Egg products

Several students at OLD have a serious, life threatening allergic reaction to nuts/nut products, eggs/egg products. Because of this, we strenuously ask all families to not send nuts/nut products and egg/egg product to school in your children's lunches. Thank you for your anticipated support of this critical matter.



Dropping *forgotten items* at school. In a bid to encourage independence in our students we would ask that you do not drop forgotten items at school unless it is an emergency. Getting items to students once the school day has started interrupts valuable learning time for the student. Instead we encourage you to assist your child/ren to develop a routine in packing their school bags the night before—you will quickly be amazed by how independent and responsible your child becomes.

Dismissal confirmation & Photo permissions:

Please remember to complete your dismissal & photo permission forms on COMPASS. If you need assistance, please drop into the school office.



Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School Chatswood



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March 2024 9am – 10.30am



Meet our Principal, teachers,
students, parents.



Learn about our School's faith led
approach.



Visit our classrooms, play area,
library, TV studio,
music rooms



Gain a real sense of the OLD
School's community



**Scan now
to register**

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Why Chess?

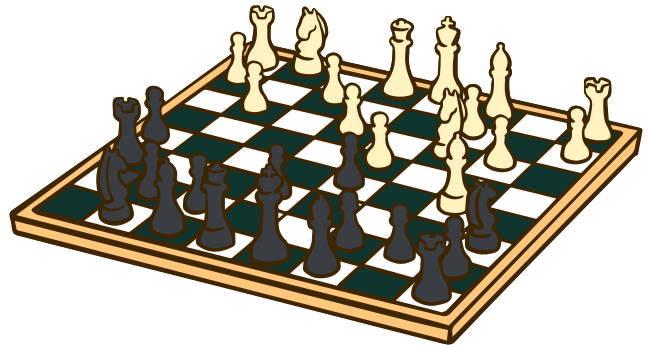
- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Combines
learning
with fun!



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds



Our Lady of Dolours Primary School (Chatswood) Chess Classes, 2024

Thursdays 1:15PM - 2:00PM

Term 1	Cost: \$157.50	15th Feb - 11th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$175	2nd May - 4th Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$175	25th Jul - 26th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$157.50	17th Oct - 12th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **YHPUA5FHV3** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, teacher strikes or change of mind. Any missed classes can be made up at one of our online chess classes. Please visit <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online> for more information. Payment must be made the day before attending the first lesson of the commencing term. The participant will not be allowed to join the class until payment has been received. Joining midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery)

Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$25 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$40 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$25 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a free chess set or workbook 2. Offer expires 31st March, 2024.



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CODING FOR KIDS

Term 1, 2024

Y2 - Y6 Students

CREATIVE CODING

Our Lady of Dolours
In-person coding classes

Every Thursday
8 Feb - 11 April | 10 weeks

SCRATCH
7:45 - 8:45 am
Y2 - Y4 students

INTRO TO JAVA
7:45 - 8:45 am
Y4 - Y6 students

Laptops are provided

\$270 per student per term

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