



**Learning**  
*& Growing*  
at  
**St. Brigid's**





## Our Vision

Inspired by Brigid's faith,  
strength & courage,  
we strive to ignite the  
passion to grow  
and learn

## We'd love to show you around

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*It is a joy and privilege to be  
Principal at St Brigid's Gisborne.  
From the moment you step inside  
our community, you become family.  
Our strong bonds are what makes us special!  
We learn from and with one another.*



*Each child and family member is valued for their contribution to the rich fabric of St Brigid's. We support, inspire and nurture the growth in each other, developing and expressing our unique gifts and talents. Leadership, student voice and empowerment are actively encouraged from day one. Students' passions are explored and their ideas become reality. They are problem solvers and difference makers in our world.*

*You may find yourself thinking,  
'I wish it was like that when I went to school!'*

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*Melanie Daly*

Principal

To organise a tour or for enrolments,  
please call our friendly office staff on  
5428 2220





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*The people of St Brigid's come together in faith and education to nurture the future leaders of our community.*

*We build student capacity to become confident individuals, capable and independent learners and flourishing members of our world.*

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*Petrina O'Grady &  
Keena Lane-Kerton*  
Deputy Principals

# A modern, forward-looking school steeped in history



Founded in 1853, St Brigid's Primary School has a long and proud history. Located on Aitken Street we have been running for over 165 years. Over time, new facilities have been built and refurbished to enhance the learning and teaching environment.

Our school operates within the St Brigid's Parish Community where we place an emphasis on the whole student and their wellbeing. Our students are also privileged to participate in church celebrations on-site.



St Brigid's classrooms have been designed to maximise learning for our students. We pride ourselves on our contemporary approach to education with flexible learning spaces which are vibrant, engaging and cater for the needs of each individual.

We have crafted a nurturing atmosphere and a safe and welcoming environment. We have a range of outdoor learning and play areas that complement our indoor spaces, and we continue to improve and evolve our facilities to meet our students' needs.



*We look forward to welcoming*

*Fr Vincent Nguyen*

*as the Parish Priest for our school  
community for the upcoming year.*



## We put people first



A SMALL SCHOOL  
*With a big heart*

Capped at 220 children, St Brigid's has a small community atmosphere with a close-knit family of students, teachers and parents who genuinely care for the wellbeing and growth of your child.

Our students are happy to be at school, are engaged in the learning environment and enjoy being a part of the broader Gisborne community. Parents feel welcomed, love the friendly and warm spirit of the school, and appreciate the helpful and caring approach of the teachers.



GUIDED BY  
*Catholic  
values*

The school community places emphasis on building positive relationships based on Catholic values. We help bring these values to life through our charity involvement and student-led social justice groups. Together we deliver faith-led, resilient, creative, life-long learners through meaningful and innovative learning experiences.

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*We have been blown away with St Brigid's from the moment we stepped foot inside. It doesn't take long to realise that it is a school that truly prides itself on our children's wellbeing just as much as their learning.*

*We really love the small community feel and the very genuine student/teacher interactions. The pride the students have in their school is overwhelming and speaks volumes to the holistic teaching approach. Success is encouraged, recognised and celebrated across all levels. Whether your child is academic, sporty or creative they have an opportunity to shine.*

*Having the opportunity to be part of the Parents and Friends the last 12 months has deepened our connection with this beautiful school community. The many events organised with the main goal always being connection for our families and kids are inclusive and fun.*

*St B's is producing confident and caring leaders who genuinely care for others, year after year after year. It really is a small school with a big heart!*

Jessica Schembri

Parent

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## Dedicated to our students and the local community



We are all unique and we all learn in different ways. That is why we focus on the individual, in collaboration with parents, to create happy and well adjusted students.

Our teaching staff, including the principal, know each child by name and care for and accept them for who they are. We challenge ourselves to become familiar with each student's strengths and needs so we can tailor our learning methods to have the most positive impact. We place a strong emphasis on individual welfare, administer a consistent approach to behavioural management, and have a student wellbeing team that meets regularly.



## ENGAGING PARENTS & The local community

We welcome and encourage parent involvement in our school. Whether in the classroom, on school excursions, special days or activity nights, involvement is highly valued. Research tells us that parent involvement improves students academic, social and emotional wellbeing. At St Brigid's, parents are partners and regularly connect face to face and via our SeeSaw platform.

We also have strong connections with the Gisborne community and local secondary schools. Being close to the township, we provide many opportunities to broaden our students educational experiences through: tours of local businesses; local volunteer programs; nature and discovery walks; library visits and a swimming program. We also run a playgroup for our pre-schoolers.



*At St. Brigid's we have a small but inclusive community where everyone is welcome and everyone's voices can be heard.*

*Our school is environmentally friendly in lots of ways and we have loved every minute of being here. We love all the learning opportunities and sporting events that we get to participate in.*

*The teachers are wonderful and have taught us so many things on our journey at St. Brigid's. The social, emotional and wellbeing support is outstanding and ensures a safe and happy time at St. Brigid's. We couldn't have wanted a better school.*

*Lily & Tom*  
2023 School Leaders

# Contemporary learning environment and approach



St Brigid's has open and adaptable flexible learning spaces that encourage critical thinking and collaborative learning. Students are able to gravitate towards areas and seating arrangements where they feel most comfortable. Our contemporary learning spaces are resource and technology rich. This, along with multi-age classes which enhance student cognitive and social growth, are representative of current and future work environments and are considered to better nurture creativity and entrepreneurship in students.



We develop in our students the capacity for self-management and learning how to learn. We nurture and develop changemakers for the future. We emphasise teaching children through the Inquiry approach, which is student-driven learning. This encourages students to remain curious and be adaptable and flexible.

We prepare and empower students to master essential academic content; to think critically and solve real-world problems; to work collaboratively and communicate effectively; to be self-directed in their education; and to have a growth mindset in the face of adversity and challenge.





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*The St Brigid's community is like a second family.*

*It is a warm, inclusive and welcoming environment where wellbeing and connectedness are prioritised and fostered.*

*St Brigid's is a wonderful place to learn, grow and flourish.*

*It truly is a small school, with a big heart.*

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*Chep Stevens*  
Teacher

## A rigorous and long-term focus on academic outcomes



St Brigid's has rigorous academic standards that are based on the Victorian Curriculum. Our dynamic staff are professional, passionate and hardworking. They continually challenge their teaching in order to achieve improved outcomes for all students.

A large proportion of past students have been awarded leadership roles, scholarships, or received academic awards at our secondary feeder schools. Thus demonstrating that their education at St Brigid's has assisted them in becoming well-rounded, inspired and motivated individuals.



At St Brigid's, it's all about the learning and development of the individual.

We view your child's education across a seven year continuum. We know students learn at different paces and therefore take a holistic view of their learning. With parent guidance, our teachers set short and long term goals with students for their individual learning journey.



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St Brigid's Catholic Primary School is committed to creating an environment where the safety, wellbeing, and participation of all children within our care is paramount.