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## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Early Learning Guide

### Building independence in a place of belonging

Early learning at All Saints' College is play-based and personalised

**At All Saints' College, its early learning centre students come together innately curious and keenly motivated to understand the world through their unique perspective.**

Play-based learning in the early years is guided by educators to inspire and provoke as students develop core skills and capabilities. As children develop, play becomes framed with inquiry, enabling self-motivated learning to continue through all Junior School years.

"Inspired by the African proverb, 'it takes a village to raise a child', staff focus on the holistic wellbeing of

students in partnership with parents, and the students develop tools for life – The Seven Habits, Design Thinking, Thinking Routines and Protective Behaviours, for example," All Saints' Junior School Dean Penelope Crane said.

Within and beyond the classroom, authentic learning continues as students connect with their local area through the All Saints' Bush School, Outdoor Learning and Service Programs, becoming active and engaged contributors in the community.

"Bush School is a special place that nurtures an appreciation of the natural

bushland of the Bull Creek area, while building resilience and opportunities for sensory, multi-disciplinary learning," Ms Crane said.

"Squelching through mud and splashing in the creek provides great inspiration for expanding vocabulary and role play. The experiences also inspire questions and wondering, leading to scientific understandings of the natural world."

All Saints' educators, with their specific expertise in early childhood development, engage young students in a way which personally inspires and creates a sense of belonging, encouraging students to develop independence within a supportive child-centred environment.

These professionals listen carefully to the words of children in order to understand their interests to engage and motivate them. Children are encouraged to work positively through mistakes and to see them as natural in learning. All Saints' calls this 'learning', or learning through failing. And importantly, resilience grows as students learn through play, and enjoy the process of learning.

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