



Sinai News

Friday 2nd February 2024

From the principal's desk

Welcome to the 2024 academic year. We commenced our studies last week, with the children getting to know their classrooms, their teachers and their new friends.

We have enjoyed getting to know all our new friends at Sinai College, with a number of new children starting with us, particularly in the Littles room.

As principal of Sinai College I would like to reiterate my commitment to serving the children, and the community of Sinai College with fidelity. We have a very unique school here, and one that is worth protecting, especially as we grow. I love hearing from our parents so if you would like to email or make an appointment to see me, please contact me on charman@sinaicollege.qld.edu.au



Curriculum Update

As many would be aware, Sinai College invested significantly in a full re-write of our College curriculum in 2022. Late last year we received the notification that our curriculum, written to the newest V9 Australian curriculum standards was fully endorsed and compliant. Congratulations!



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Sinai Scholars

We are very proud to provide wrap around support to our children and families. Sinai Scholars forms part of our Enrichment programs, supporting the academic development of our students. Sinai Scholars is an after-school program, running from 3pm-6pm M-Th, providing academic support to students.

Sinai Scholars is staffed by a qualified instructor and includes afternoon tea and a light dinner, charged at a fee of \$15/session.

To book, please contact admin via email

Classroom Cleaning

This year we have a pastoral focus on teaching our children responsibility and community pride. This starts with pride and care for their learning spaces and the College at large. To help our children take pride in their spaces we are setting aside 10 minutes at the end of each day where children will take responsibility for wiping down their desks and chairs, and to clean any rubbish from the classrooms. This simple task will not only impart important skills to the children, but will teach responsibility and care. We would encourage you to continue this learning at home with simple, age-appropriate cleaning tasks and to report back on their success



A message from the Rabbi

It is lovely to be back at Sinai for another year of material and spiritual growth.

We have a delightful group of enthusiastic students, who are demonstrating great interest and participation in our morning Tefillah – prayer, and weekly Parsha – Torah sessions.

As we prepare for Shabbat and we enter, next week, the happy Jewish month of Adar 1, I extend my blessings to all the students, their families and the entire Sinai College family, a happy healthy and prosperous year ahead.

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The Littles

The children have been busy learning their new classroom routines and procedures, with our older children working to help our newest students to adjust. While the Preps are practicing their pencil grips and older children are practicing letters and numbers as well as simple sentences

The Mids

We have learnt about the flags of Australia – The Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags as well as doing some in-depth research into the state that we live in. In Science we are learning about ecosystems and have started learning about Producers, Consumers and Decomposers. We've started exploring the suitability of materials and why it is important for materials to be appropriately matched to a need in Technology. We've started off our class novel and had a fabulous time sharing our novel with Romi earlier this week.



The Bigs

We have loved seeing all the baby pictures coming in for our birthday chart. In English, we started reading our new novel Wonder by R.J Palacio to Romi our therapy dog. In Mathematics we have dived straight back into place value using playing cards. In HaSS we are doing History this term and have started talking about Australia's federation and influential people.



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Reading Dog Program

Sinai College is so fortunate to have an established Reading Dog program. Romi Shilton is a trained reading dog, providing literacy support to the children of Sinai College on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Romi works to positively reinforce fluency in reading, as well as encourage reluctant readers.

We have seen a tremendously positive upswing in literacy enthusiasm, as well as overall wellbeing since Romi has commenced with us.



Swimming

Swimming commences this week at Sinai's own on-site swimming pool. We have accredited coaches attending, and taking the children in small groups. Please be sure to send your child with their towels, swimming costume and rash vest, as well as goggles and swim cap if needed.



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Embracing Diversity

At Sinai College we actively embrace diversity within our community. This means that we understand that not all people are the same, and that different learners have different needs at different times.

Some children may have a disability, they may speak English as their second language, they may communicate differently or they may need information and skills presented differently. Some children need a quiet environment, while others need stimulation.

We know that embracing diversity benefits ALL children and we actively teach understanding and empathy to our children.

If you have any questions, or if you feel your child may have some unique needs, please reach out to your child's teacher

Upcoming dates

Please be sure to mark these dates in your calendar, and we will send out more details closer to the dates

- Swimming- Every Friday in Term 1
- NAPLAN testing 13th-15th March + 18th-19th March
- Pre- Purim school celebration Friday 22nd March
- Purim community celebration- Sunday 24 March

