



PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was wonderful to see so many parents at last week's Parent Information / Meet the Teacher nights. We appreciate the support and the thoughtful questions to assist with your child's time at school. The grade term overviews and slides from the night were sent out the following day on Compass, please contact us if you could not access them.

This week we have inducted our leaders, celebrated an opening school mass, commenced our Lenten journey and are very excited to trial our new newsletter format and invite you all to be involved in the naming of this "publication!!" There is a lot of information in this issue, and we thank you for your time in reading it.

God Bless
Genevieve Smith
PRINCIPAL

AT A GLANCE

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& Classroom Helpers

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new PBL Mascot

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ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday the 22nd we started our Lenten journey as a school community. Mr. Knight and the Year 6 Leaders led us through a beautiful and moving liturgy. Ashes that had been blessed by Fr. Kelvin from Holy Name Parish were placed on the forehead of all present as a reminder of our Lenten promises and prayers. The Caritas Project Compassion Appeal was launched and we all made commitments to move closer to God throughout this special time.



PRAYER FOR LENT

Lent is the time we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Jesus' death and Resurrection.

The word "Lent" is from an old word "lencten" meaning "spring." During Lent, we are called to live our baptismal promises. It is a very ancient tradition for Catholics to prepare for Easter by performing acts of penance during Lent. We try extra hard to become more like Jesus during this time.

We think more about His suffering and death and what a great gift that was for us.

The purpose of these penances is conversion: we turn away from our sins and we turn toward Jesus. We prepare by praying, fasting, and giving alms to show our conversion toward God and to love others more.

Father in Heaven,

We pray that during this time of Lent we will try to turn our hearts in love and kindness to you, by doing good to those around us, so that we may become more like Jesus, your Son. May this season of repentance, bring us the blessing of your forgiveness and the gift of your light. Please be with us as we begin our Lenten journey.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

DO YOU LOVE 'CONTACTING' BOOKS & HAVING AFTERNOON TEA?

We just received a large order of decodable readers for the infant classes and want to get them into the classroom as soon as possible. We are calling for any parents who have a spare hour to join us next week in the library on **Friday 3rd March at 1pm** to help cover the new books in contact. It will mean you can join us at our school Assembly after. We will provide afternoon tea! Please email or phone if you are available to help.

CLASSROOM HELPERS

On **Tuesday 14th March at 10am** we will be holding our registration and safeguarding workshop for any parents who would like to assist in the school as a classroom helper for the year. Please use the link below to RSVP to the workshop. Once the workshop is completed you will be shared the document to allocate what days and time you are available to assist. To register, please go to the following link: <https://bit.ly/Classroomhelpers> or scan the following QR code



COCO THE QUOKKA, OUR NEW PBL MASCOT

We would like to introduce you to Coco the Quokka our wonderful PBL mascot who was launched last week at Friday's assembly. She will be popping up in lots of different places around the school and we look forward to hearing her messages each week at assembly.



NAME THE PROUILLE NEWSLETTER!

We are trialling a new format for our newsletter and we would love your help in coming up with a name for our publication. The winning entry (student or family) will receive a prize. Please put your creative caps on and send your entries to: stephanie.pickford@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Entries close on Thursday 9th March.



COMPETITION

Name the Prouille Newsletter

The winning student or family receives a prize

Entries close on Thursday 9th March

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Our Opening School Mass and Year 6 Induction Ceremony was celebrated on Monday at Holy Name Church. It was a true testament of our faith-filled community with many parents and carers attending. Fr Kelvin presided over his first mass for Prouille which was run by the Year 4 students. Our Opening School Mass was a wonderful opportunity to put our prayers before God as we start our school year.



LEADERSHIP INDUCTION



The Student Leadership Teams for 2023 were officially inducted into their roles at the Opening Mass. Leaders received their badges before reading the Prouille Student Leadership Pledge together in front of those gathered in the church. We wish the Year 6 students all the very best in their roles this year.



YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP TEAM

School Captains	Olivia Ringrose and Lucas Bradley
Vice Captains	Ryan Littler and Adele Scully
Mission Captains	Pedro Holland Lopez and Madeleine Goodwin
Technology Captains	Ariz Ahmed, Alfred Mina, Harry Boyd and Nathan Koon
Environmental Captains	Zara Leach, Grace King, Isabella Ong-Grimes and Chloe Sheridan
Blue House Captains	Gabriel Edmunds and Kate Chappel
Red House Captains	Christopher Doyle and Sivani Karthikeyan
Gold House Captains	Emma Murray and Annabelle Haigh
Green House Captains	Zachary Leach and Luke Kamiya

2023 SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who received their SRC badges at assembly this week:

Emma Coppock, Georgina Gale, Georgia Coupland, Lucy Williams, Isla Leutogi, Elise Sheridan, Valentina Salinas, Elsie Adkins, Matthew Pepper & Isis Nardi.

The Students Representative Council representatives have been elected by their class. Their role is to take any ideas their class has to the SRC meetings each fortnight and discuss, plan and help implement changes to continue to make Prouille a wonderful school. They will represent their class for the first semester and will be led by the executive: Olivia Ringrose, Adele Scully, Lucas Bradley & Ryan Littler.

NAPLAN 2023

An information brochure at the back of our newsletter provides invaluable information about NAPLAN 2023. We will provide Year 3 and Year 5 parents with a detailed outline of the day and date of each test at Prouille as well as the opportunity for catch up tests during the sitting window.

******Please note that we need all students to have appropriate headphones that connect directly to the IPAD via a cord and NOT Bluetooth.******

"FOOTLOOSE" THE MUSICAL

We are excited to announce on Friday 31st March all Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to attend the full-dress rehearsal of Brigidine College's production of Footloose. This is a great opportunity for our students. We are calling on available parents to help transport students to and from the venue so we do not need to pay for bus hire. Parent helpers are welcome to stay and watch the production as well. If you are available and interested in helping, please contact Genevieve via phone or email. Permission notes will be posted on Compass with all details in the coming weeks.

OPEN DAY - WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH

We warmly welcome all families of future students seeking enrolment in 2024 and beyond to come along to our **first Open Day on Wednesday 29th March 2023** and experience what a day-in-the-life of Prouille looks like.

Our Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to see what our school can offer you and your child. School tours will be an opportunity for parents and children to meet our Principal, Genevieve Smith, chat with our friendly senior students and teachers, see a typical school day in action and tour the school facilities.

The Open Day schedule is as follows:

- **Morning session: 10am to 11am**
- **Evening session: 6pm to 6:30pm**

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for further information. To register, go to the following link: <https://bit.ly/opendaydbb> or scan the following QR code.



SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS

As mentioned in last week's assembly, we would like to congratulate all those who took part in the school swimming carnival. It was great to see so many students taking part in the 25m races regardless of how confident a swimmer they were. Many thanks again to all our amazing parent helpers who made the day possible by assisting as a place judge, recorder, handing out ribbons, starter or lifeguard. You help make these days happen for the children. Below is a list of the Age Champions for 2023 as well as the Prouille team that will be competing at the North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival on Thursday, 2 March.

	Girls	Boys
8 years	Amelia Ringrose	No Swimmers
9 years	Amelie Ogden	Louisson Palmer
10 years	Matilda Quoye	Isaac Holland Lopez
11 years	Ava Munce	Jack Wilson
12 years	Olivia Ringrose	Chris Doyle

Prouille Swim Team for the North Shore Cluster Carnival

Hannah Behnam	Ava Munce	Olivia Ringrose	Louis Palmer
Kate Chappel	Isis Nardi	Adele Scully	Luke Ringrose
Jocelyn Gibbs	Amelie Ogden	Tennyson Cain	Charles Slade
Annabelle Goodwin	Isabella Ong-Grimes	Chris Doyle	Joseph Slade
Alice Hallam	Georgina Quayle	Isaac Holland Lopez	Frank Wilson
Skylar Jang	Matilda Quoye	Pedro Holland Lopez	Jack Wilson
Eliza Magpayo	Amelia Ringrose	Alexander Moraleda	Luke Wilson

TECHNOLOGY CODE OF CONDUCT

There are still a number of parents who have not completed the Internet and Network Services User Agreement through the Compass Parent Portal. Please provide consent for this user agreement ASAP to ensure your child can access our devices, internet and network in class.

MERIT AWARDS

2023 Merit Awards Term 1 Week 1	
Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Alice Devries and Younah Naghibi
Kindy Kangaroo	Avery Tang and Saul Fernandes
Year 1 Lyrebird	Noah Smith & Tara Dallow
Year 1 Rosella	Savannah McKie & Fletcher Hill
Year 2 Emu	Amelia Kuhn & William Moraleda
Year 3 Platypus	Amelia Roberts & Faith Murray
Year 4 Dingo	William Fullilove & Evie Jones
Year 4 Kookaburra	Alexander Moraleda & Parker Niles
Year 5 Echidna	Ava Munce & Luke Ringrose
Year 6 Wallaby	Nathan Koon & Adele Scully

2023 Merit Awards Term 1 Week 2	
Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Ella Campbell and Zach Zizza
Kindy Kangaroo	Hazel Schoenmaker and James Glavac
Year 1 Lyrebird	William Belsey & Maggie McInnes
Year 1 Rosella	Conor Rabbit & Edward Mouawad
Year 2 Emu	James Murray & Amelia Ringrose
Year 3 Platypus	Daisy Meyyappan & Viaan Singh
Year 4 Dingo	Amelia Cooper & Harry Brady
Year 4 Kookaburra	Charlie Kamiya & Mairead De Fries
Year 5 Echidna	Amelie Boon & William Groom
Year 6 Wallaby	Harry Boyd & Gabriel Edmunds

MERIT AWARDS

2023 Merit Awards Term 1 Week 3	
Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Christian Courtney and Georgina Gale
Kindy Kangaroo	Arabella Richards and PJ Brennan
Year 1 Lyrebird	Luke McVeigh & Clementon Goron-Sincere
Year 1 Rosella	Christian Arruzza, Lucy Williams
Year 2 Emu	Miguel Monroy & Elliot Cooper
Year 3 Platypus	Angus Kerr & Alisha Ahmed
Year 4 Dingo	Georgina Quoye & Alisha Senn
Year 4 Kookaburra	Frank Wilson & Kiana Bhandoria
Year 5 Echidna	Orlando Cain & Gabriella Rice
Year 6 Wallaby	Lucas Bradley & Grace King

2023 Merit Awards Term 1 Week 4	
Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Phoenix Niles & Ian Lee
Kindy Kangaroo	Oliver McDonald & Emma Coppock
Year 1 Lyrebird	Massimo Campisi & Georgia Coupland
Year 1 Rosella	Archie Ronald & Xander Gao
Year 2 Emu	Aaryan Dua, George Teong & Lily Jordann
Year 3 Platypus	Skylar Jang & Louisson Palmer
Year 4 Dingo	Patrick Mouawad & Abigail Jordann
Year 4 Kookaburra	Amelia Bhatti & Dallas Palmer
Year 5 Echidna	Jared Lee & Jocelyn Gibbs
Year 6 Wallaby	Luke Kamiya & Zara Leach

TERM 1 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming Events for Term 1			
Link to Website Calendar			
2023			
Week	Date	Event	Grade
5	2/3	North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival (Selected Students)	by invitation
	3/3	Parent Helpers to help cover books. 1.00 pm in Library	Parent volunteers
6	8/3	Stage 3 Run Cake Stall	K-6
7	14/3	Classroom Helper Registration and Safeguarding Workshop 10.00am in Hall	Classroom Helpers
	15/3 - 27/3	Naplan Test Window Years 3 and 5	Y3 and Y5
	17/3	P & F Family Welcome Day 3.30 - 6.00pm - Lower Playground	All Families
8	15/3 - 27/3	Naplan Test Window Continues Years 3 and 5	Y3 and Y5
	20/3	School Photo Day	K-6
	24/3	Prouille Cross Country & Fun Run	K-6
9	29/3	Open Day - for prospective 2024 families 10.00 - 11.00am 6.00-6.30pm	2024 New families
	31/3	End of Term P & F Lunch for students	K-6
	31/3	Years 5 & 6 at Brigidine College for Footloose Dress Rehearsal	Yrs 5 & 6
10	5/4	Holy Week Liturgies	K-6
	6/4	Last Day of Term 1	K-6
Wednesday 26th April - FIRST DAY OF TERM 2			

P&F FAMILY WELCOME DAY

17 MARCH 2023

Our P&F Family Welcome Day is coming up on Friday 17th March. To register, please go to <https://bit.ly/ProuilleWelcome> or scan the QR code below. For further details, please see the flyer below.



The flyer is for the Prouille Family Welcome Day. It features a yellow background with a white wavy line at the top. On the left, there is a crest with a crown and a shield, with the word 'PROUILLE' above it. To the right of the crest, the text 'PROUILLE FAMILY WELCOME DAY' is written in bold black letters. Below this, the date 'Friday 17th March 2023' and time '3:30 pm - 6:00 pm' are listed, followed by 'Lower Playground' and 'Everyone is Welcome!'. A small pink balloon icon is to the left of the date. Below the date, the text 'Come Join the Fun!' is written in a purple, cursive font. A list of activities is provided: 'Free Sausage Sizzle', 'Petting Zoo', 'Hair Braiding', 'Face Painting', 'Balloon Twisting', and 'Colouring Competition'. To the right of the list is a small illustration of four balloons (pink, blue, purple, and yellow). At the bottom left, it says 'Hosted by the Prouille P&F'. On the right side of the flyer, there are four photographs: a girl in a pink dress holding a pink balloon, a girl with colorful butterfly face paint, a girl with a braid at a table, and a group of people holding balloons.

 **PROUILLE
FAMILY
WELCOME DAY**

 Friday 17th March 2023
3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Lower Playground
Everyone is Welcome!

Come Join the Fun!

- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Petting Zoo
- Hair Braiding
- Face Painting
- Balloon Twisting
- Colouring Competition



Hosted by the Prouille P&F



NAPLAN

Information for parents and carers

2023

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)• Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations)	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the writing test• To be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

Register for the Happy Families Webinar by going to the Happy Families website or scanning the QR code below.



Hi Vivienne

Sometimes school sucks...or should I say *sux*?

Anyone who's been there knows how awful it is to be sent to what feels like prison. Every day. Friendships fail. The work is hard, or boring, or irrelevant, or all of the above. Sometimes teachers don't understand. Anxiety, ADHD, autism, or jiggly wiggly legs make school feel like torture. And it seems like it will never, ever, ever end.

Parents struggle for solutions when school is a trial for their children. How do we help our children feel positive about learning, experience a sense of belonging, and do the work that can set them up for future success?

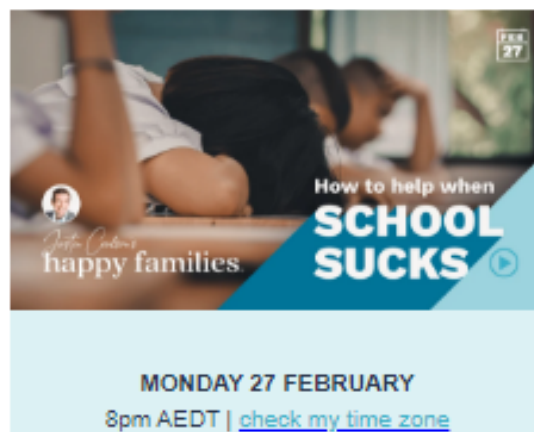
Join us for a webinar about how to make school suck a little less. In this webinar, you'll receive:

- 5 BIG IDEAS to change the way your kids see school
- Tools to help you work with your child, teachers, and the school community
- Strategies you need to set your child up for a better school experience

I hope to see you there!

Dr Justin Coulson

Co-host and parenting expert on Channel 2's "Parental Guidance", founder of happyfamilies.com.au



When was the last time you felt **really alive?**



God is glorified
when men are
fully alive
St Jerome

MEN'S WEEKEND

The **menALIVE Men's Weekend** is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

11 - 12 March 2023

Prouille Catholic Primary School hall
5 Water St, Wahroonga, NSW

For more information, contact:

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To register, visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFECK>



The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au



Prouille Catholic Primary School - 2023 School Photos

Your school photo day is almost here!

We are excited to be capturing your child's memories at **Prouille** on **Monday 20 March 2023**

Ordering your 2023 photos is quick and easy! You can order now through the Compass Portal.

Be quick to order and take advantage of the special pricing, when you order through the Compass Portal. But these prices are only available for a limited time.

To place your order, make sure you have your Compass login details handy!

Online ordering Closes Monday 20 March 2023.

Archive fee applies after this date.

Click here for our simple online ordering guide.

Click here to Start Ordering!

If you are having problems logging into your parent portal, click "Can't access your account?" and follow the prompts.

Sibling Photos are also available to order through Compass and must be ordered before midnight **PRIOR** to photo day.

Please note that students hold the responsibility of presenting themselves for their family photo at their allocated time slot.

If you have any questions regarding the photography service or packages available for purchase, please contact our friendly team on

9499 6555 or by email to **sydney@msp.com.au**

Get your smiles ready!

Kind Regards

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 **YEARBOOKS**



OPEN DAY



PROUILLE
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Our Open Day is a structured morning that will provide you with an opportunity for meaningful insight into our school



Meet our Principal, teachers, learning specialists, students and other families



Learn about Prouille's faith-led approach, well-rounded education, small class sizes and personalised learning experiences



Visit our classrooms, playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, library and gardens



Gain a real sense of Prouille's welcoming and nurturing community

Wednesday
29 March 2023
10-11am & 6-6:30pm

Come and experience first-hand why Prouille is the perfect choice for your children



**Scan Now
To Register**

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*Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ,
to love learning, to use their talents
to be the very best they can be.*