



Strength and Gentleness

A Kildare Ministries school in the Brigidine tradition

Junior School 2024 Parent Information Evening

Brendan Cahill

Principal

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country –
Tiah Kalaja – 2024 College Captain

College Prayer –
Andrew Beiers – Dean of Faith and
Formation





Acknowledgement of Country

Let us have a sense of importance of the country upon which we are sitting, where learning and ritual have taken place over many thousands of years.

Let us sense the land beneath our feet and acknowledge the traditional custodians the Yuggera and Turrbal people.

Let us pay our respects to their elders' past, present and future as we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

Let us also reflect together upon the millions of footprints that have travelled the Dreaming pathways and our own loved ones who have gone before us.

For we too are one in land, one in spirit, belonging to one family, united in God's love.

College Prayer

Brigid, you were a woman of peace,
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light into darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace
cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and reverence all God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and
spirit.

Amen



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Introduction of Tessa Leggo from
Fred Street





Designing Play Spaces With Your Girls in Mind

Tessa Leggo





How do we make sure that our play spaces are designed with young girls in mind?

Ask them

'I just like to climb up there and sit with my friends. We always sit here in recess. That is just our spot.'

(Girl, 12 years old) Climbing Activates Tween Girls Kompan White Paper



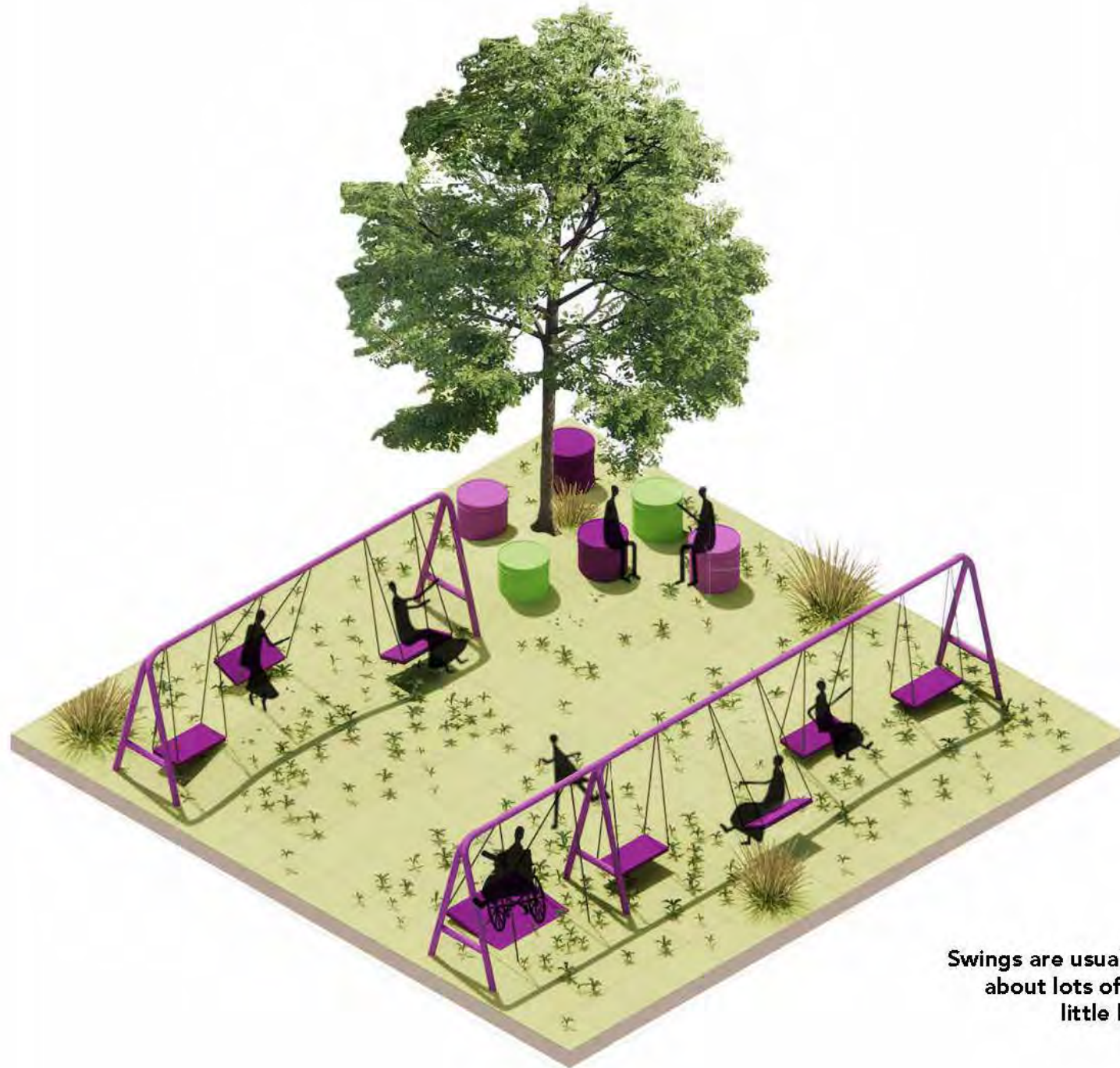
Being high



Being up high is fun.

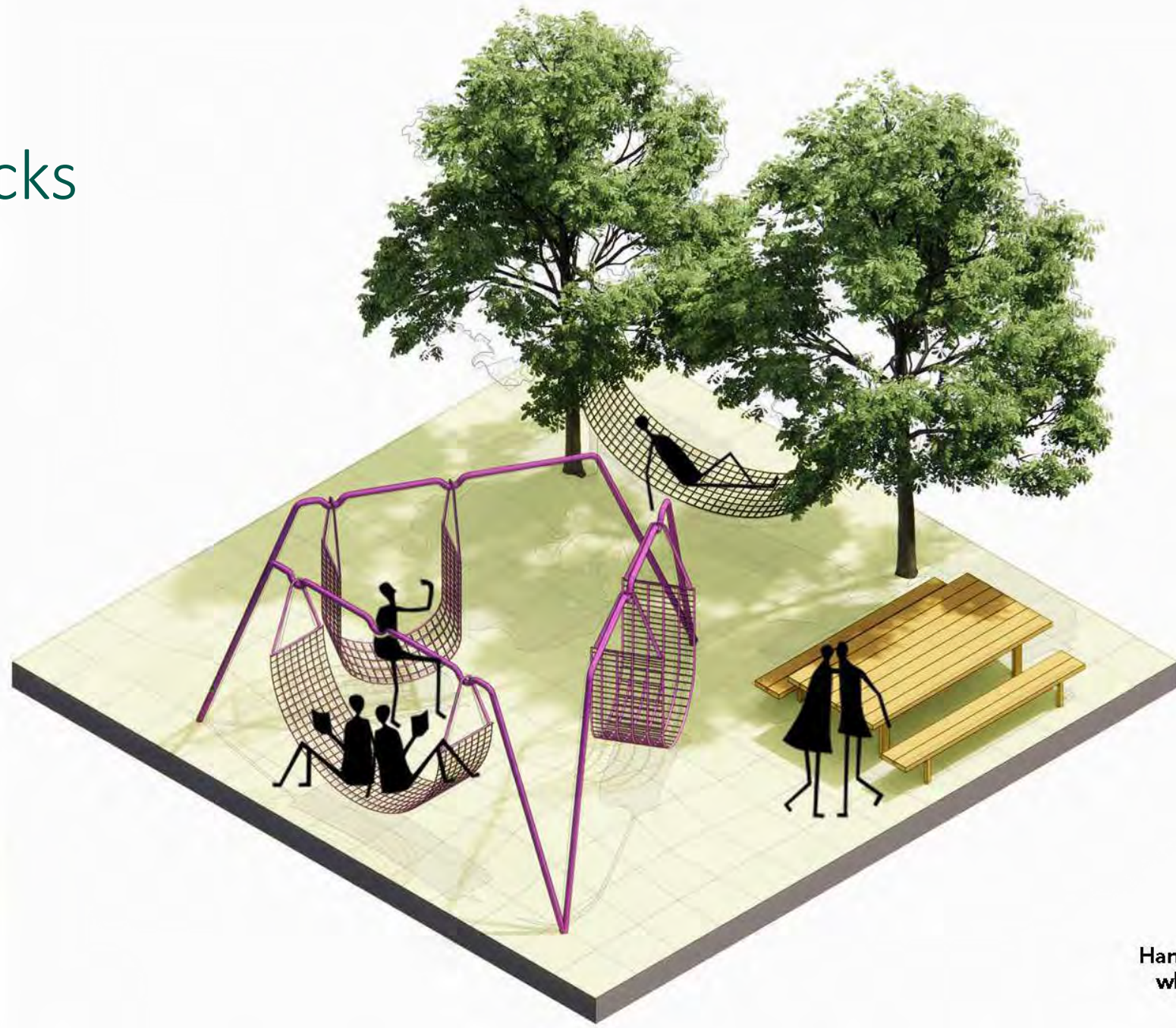
So how about some places to hang out up there, with scramble nets for access?

Swings



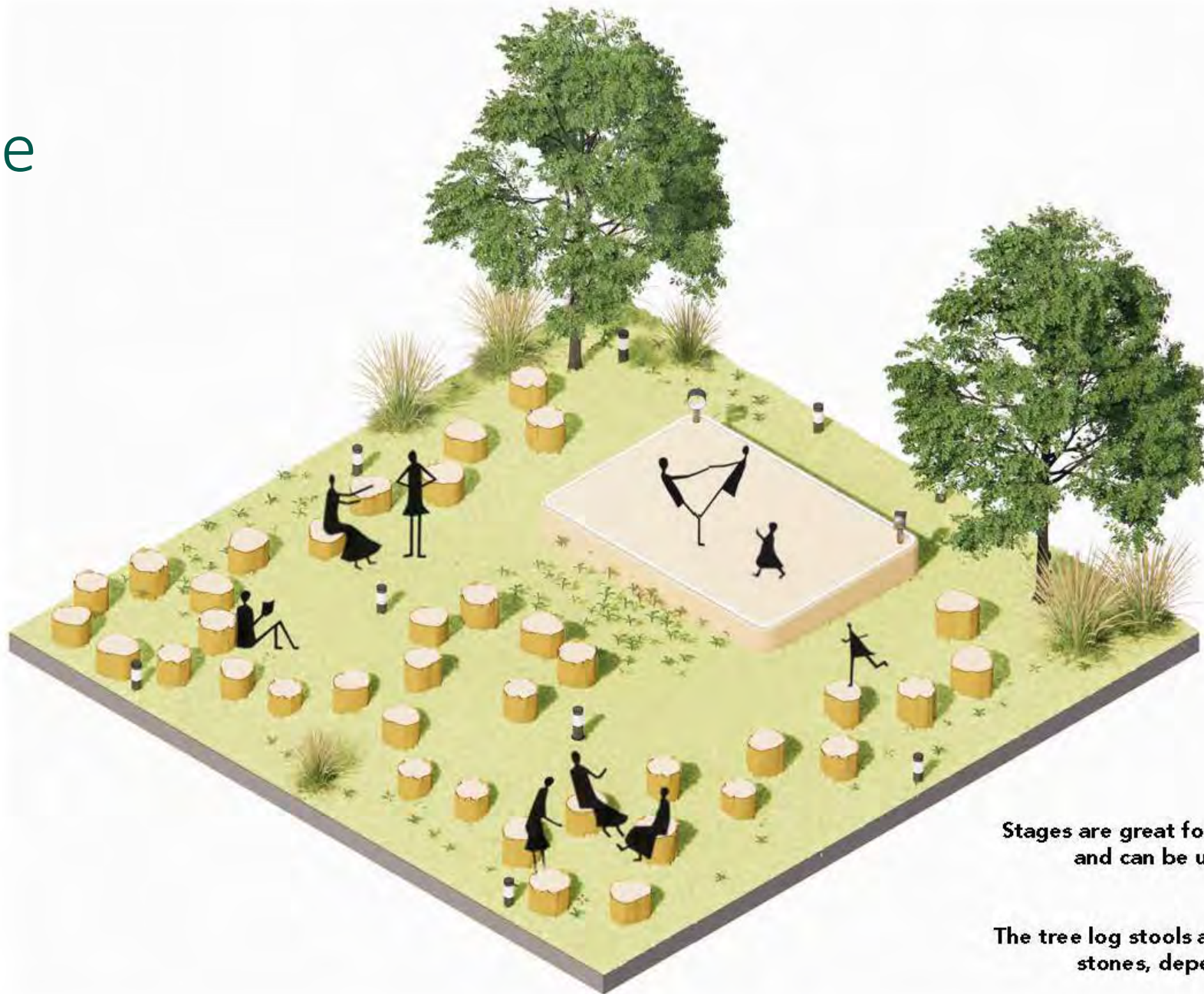
Swings are usually top of the wish list, so how about lots of them and well away from the little kids, with accessible ones too.

Hammocks



Hammocks are a great way to while away time in the park.

On stage



**Stages are great for performances of all kinds,
and can be used by the community too.**

**The tree log stools are social space or stepping
stones, depends how you feel that day.**

Exercise



Why does gym equipment in parks need to be in a row?

What about a space where you can chat and exercise at the same time?

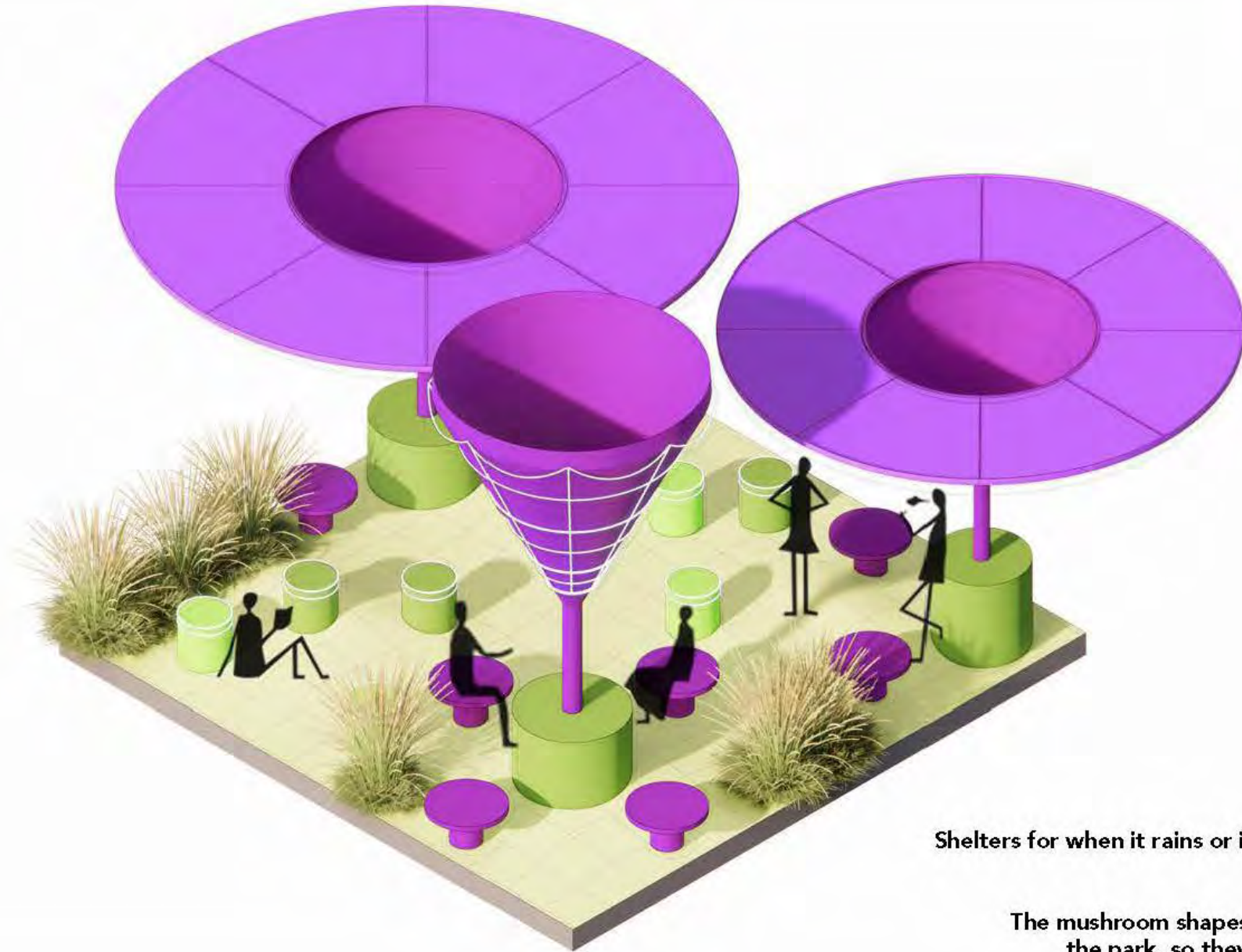
Social seating



It's much more friendly to face each other when you chat, so curved benches make a much better social space.

And no one has to get a gravelly bum from sitting on the path.

Shelter



Shelters for when it rains or if the sun is too much.

The mushroom shapes collect rainwater for the park, so they are eco-friendly too.

Dividing spaces



If there's just one space or pitch, chances are that the boys will take it over.

Dividing it up gives everyone a chance to play, and it can be a goal, a shelter, a space for TikTok dances too.

Oh and we put seats in it too.

What do you like?



What do you like?



What do you like?



Thank you



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Culture of Learning with care

Student-centered

Authentic students for the 21st Century

Introducing Anna Pianta, Program Leader for the Junior School



Introducing Ava Knox – current Year 7 student

Ava joined Brigidine College earlier this year and is here to speak briefly about her experience with transition to Brigidine College.



Introducing Junior School Staff



Anna Pianta – Junior School Program Leader

Anna is passionate about Upper Primary education and its place in the educational continuum of a student's life. Transitions to high school are hard and it is our job as upper primary specialists to make that as seamless as possible. I am committed to teaching the whole child and recognising their personal success, at their level wherever that is. Their mental wellness is paramount to this success. Anna has spent 2023 building the Junior School program to reflect the college culture and innovative practice for modern learners reflecting strength and gentleness.



Laurie Wilson - Year 6

Laurie is a passionate Independent schools' educator for over 20 years, a mother of two teenage girls, and lover of all things techy. Laurie strives to create a classroom environment where each child feels valued and respected, and where learning is tailored to meet the needs of individual students in an increasingly technology-driven environment. More than anything she loves a team environment, having her own class and teaching Upper Primary.



Year 5 - Debbie Shalders

Debbie is an educator with 26 years of experience in Catholic Education. She is passionate about welcoming and supporting the youngest members of our community to Brigidine as they settle into college life. Debbie brings a wealth of knowledge and practical experience to our team and creates agile classrooms that encourage students to be compassionate, active, and curious learners while assisting them to achieve their personal best.



Year 5 Emma Currey

Emma's strong relationships with her students are a base for meaningful learning, together with the higher order thinking skills necessary tools to become confident and contributing global citizens. Her supportive nature and focus on pastoral care will help young Brigidine women settle into college life with resilience and readiness. Working alongside students in a holistic and challenging environment, Emma inspires them to lead well rounded lives of leadership and learning.

Getting started

Prior to December 2023

Periodic communications as required from our enrolments team

Stationery list will be emailed to your family

Families book uniform fitting appointment – appointments are available between 9 October-7 November 2023. Booking platform will be live from Friday 25 August 2023 via the Humanitix link [here](#).

December 2023

Students will receive a welcome letter from their classroom teacher which will identify House allocation (considering your family's College history). This will also outline Day 1 procedures, as well as some conversation starters for home to assist in transition, as well as a 'meet the teacher' opportunity in January 2024 during the student-free week

January 2024 (Student-free week)

Allocated open classroom time to meet the teacher, drop off school supplies and acquaint yourselves with the Junior School building, as well as to determine your family processes for getting to and from school.

February 2024 (Week 3 Monday)

Classroom information evening for parents



Uniforms

Compulsory Formal Uniform Requirements

- College tartan dress OR Tartan blouse with formal navy long pants or formal navy day shorts;
- College Hat;
- Brigidine College Socks (White with Dress, Navy with Shorts/Trousers);
- College Tie – Plain Green with College Badge and House Badge;
- Black leather lace-up shoes with low heel (formal hard leather, cleaned and polished);
- Dark Green College pullover;
- College school bag (backpack only);
- College navy duffle bag;
- College issued laptop bag.



Uniforms & Fees

Compulsory PE Uniform Requirements

- NEW College sports skort
- NEW College sports collared shirt;
- White College ankle-length sports socks;
- College sports hat
- Joggers/sports shoes that support growing feet (Dunlop Volley/Converse/ Vans are not appropriate);
- College tracksuit (tracksuit pants, sports jumper or jacket) in cooler weather only

Students to wear College PE uniform on PE days and Fridays. No need to change at school.

Please join the College's [second-hand uniform Facebook group](#).

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We manage school-fee related payments through FACTS Management system. You will receive link via email from fees@brigidine.qld.edu.au to sign up to the [FACTS](#) portal to set up your payment plan.



How will the day run?



Before school from 8:00 am

- Quiet time outside classrooms on L1 Brigid Centre

Bell times and timetabling: 8:25 -3:05 pm

- Same lunchtimes as rest of school

Learning structure

- Primary school structure for learning with specialist teachers in certain subject areas

What Language will my daughter study?

- Students in the Junior School will study the Japanese Language

Illness/early collection etc



In the case of absence

- Log absence through the College App or call student services

If your daughter is late to school

- Check in at St Brigid's Student Services and then walk down to Junior School

If your daughter becomes sick at school

- School will contact you to collect her. Collection will be from St Brigid's (entry on Fairley Street)

What is my collection arrangements change?

- Contact Junior School Reception through Student Services

Can my daughter wait in the Junior School for me to collect her?

- Students are unable to wait for family after school in the Junior School as there will be activities on offer.



Technology in the Junior School

1:1 Laptops

Students will use Teams, OneNote, digital storage and systems, digital Arts and creative learning tools. Equipped with a stylus, Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office Suite, and a school-issued carrycase. Laptops will be allocated during Week 3.

Phones

Will be locked away in school hours. Recommend a 'dumb' phone. This includes Smart watches.

Interactive Whiteboards

New to BCI to build student-centred learning and 21st century engagement in digital learning culture.

1:1 Laptop Program



Homework at BCI Junior School

Homework at Brigidine College Junior School will incorporate:

- Encouraging the routine and practice in readiness for Middle School transition
- 30 minutes per week of a combined English and Maths
- Focusing on practice and reinforcement – not new learning.



Instrumental Music Program

Year 5

Students will be tested and allocated an instrument in early Term 1 for use for the year.

They will have group lessons with a qualified tutor as part of their music curriculum.

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the complimentary Junior Band/Orchestra on Wednesday afternoon.

Year 6

Students in Year 6 will access paid private lessons through the Director of Arts.

Complimentary access to the appropriate Band/Orchestra cocurricular participation is strongly encouraged.



Inclusion and Extension

Inquiry based learning throughout classroom curriculum delivery allows for extension and consolidation at student level guided by classroom teacher.

Differentiated teaching by experienced and specialist primary school teachers who understand how students learn and employ strategies particular to student need within the spiral of Australian Curriculum.

- School officer support within classrooms.
- Small group interventions (consolidation and extension) within the classroom as teachers team teach.
- Unit plans with **explicit strategies and opportunities to support and extend.**

Inclusion – Access and Diverse Learning

- A team approach between college, families and specialists to ensure students can reach their potential.
- Anna Pianta will coordinate with classroom teacher and College ADL team to ensure appropriate student support.
- Learning plans and goals developed in collaboration with families and student voice.
- Case managed by Anna Pianta

Extension

- Opportunities to participate in college-based extension competitions
- Participation in team-based activities with ATC and other schools
- Small group opportunities
- Personal inquiry opportunities to extend and enrich



Lunchtimes

Eating time:

- First 15 minutes of each lunch, supervised on multi-use courts.
- Ordering from Curragh Café through My Monitor which will be delivered to the eating area.
- Additional food after eating time can be bought using Student Id card from Curragh Café (we would recommend you include a limit for student purchases 😊)

Play time:

- Multi-use Court
- Purpose built playground
- Library (Junior School section)
- Curragh.

Bathrooms at lunch:

- Students to use Level 1 Brigid Centre bathrooms.



Junior School Cocurricular offerings

Afterschool opportunities (included in College fees)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:15-4:30	Junior Choir	Sport	Band/ Orchestra (strongly encouraged)	Homework Club	Art Club (TBC)
	Library open to 6pm	Library open to 6pm	Library open to 6pm	Library open to 6pm	Library open to 6pm

Fee inclusive, places in these cocurricular opportunities need to be reserved for on a termly basis to ensure safety and staff-student ratios are adhered to. Capped numbers will apply for Art Club.



Junior School Cocurricular offerings

(payment required)

Invitations to register in additional Sporting and Arts opportunities will be sent through email lists from Director of Arts and Director of Sports with instructions how to sign up.



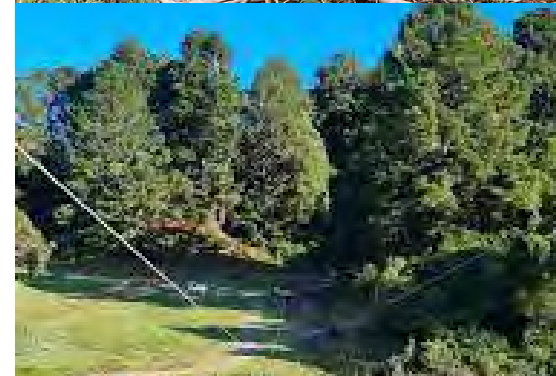
Year 5 Specific Information

Compulsory Camp – Term 2

Two days (one night). Kindillian Redlands Bay – not included in fees.

Growth and Development talk – Term 2

Age-appropriate opportunity (with individual parent permission) to participate in growth and development talk



Year 6 Specific Information

Compulsory Camp: Term 3 Week 10 Cairns and Great Barrier Reef

- Focus on Tourism, Biological Science, First Nations history – there will be a camp meeting as part of your Classroom introduction meeting
- Not included in fees – contact the College for payment plan options.

Compulsory Year 6 Shirt:

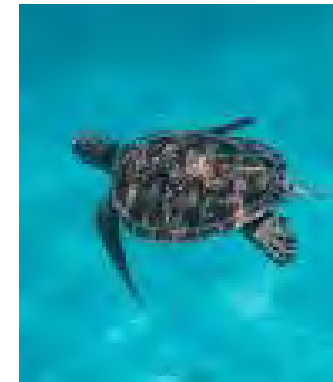
- Available for order during your daughter's uniform fitting
- Will be a part of the Camp 'uniform'.
- Able to be worn on '*even*' week Fridays to school in place of sports shirt (eg: week 2, 4, 6 etc)

Leadership:

- Spread across cohort (including events, assemblies, activities, sporting and mission).
- Supported by middle school leaders.

Year 6 Crossing the Tairseach Celebration:

- Proposed Term 4 Week 7 Tuesday.
- To celebrate transitioning from Junior School to the Senior College.
- Age-appropriate opportunity (with individual parent permission) to participate in growth and development talk - Term 2



Faith and Mission Opportunities

In the Classroom

- Religion curriculum aligned to BCE curriculum
- Sacred Space
- Morning prayer delivered by students
- Formation opportunities linked with the Australian Curriculum, Health Curriculum
- As part of retreat days, camps.

In the College

- Participation in College Masses
- Celebration of Patron Days
- Opportunity for Sacramental learning in conjunction with Holy Family Church Parish
- Mini Vinnies
- Junior Environment Club

In the Community

- Service opportunities
- Specific collaborations with ATC Junior School
- Links to Holy Family Parish

Embracing our Catholic identity



Arts at Brigidine

In the Classroom

- Year 5 Instrumental Music Program (1 hour per week throughout the year)
- Access to specialist learning spaces for curriculum
- Delivery of Visual Art, Drama, Music, Dance by Specialist teachers across Year 5 and 6.
 - This includes 6 months of Visual Arts and then 6 months of Drama in Year 5.
 - This includes 6 months of Visual Art and 6 months of Musical Theatre in Year 6.
 - Media Arts is part of Year 6 Science and involves creating an educational Vlog.

In the College

- Participation in a number of fee-inclusive activities (choir, band/orchestra, art club (TBC)) as part of our after-school program
- The opportunity to enrol in a selection of College Arts (full opportunities in Year 7) – information from the Director of Arts
- Students may be a part of Arts Showcases etc

Private tuition

- Contact the Director of Arts for further details



PE at Brigidine

In the Classroom

- PE curriculum (1hour/week) by Specialist PE teacher, including swimming for a term in College pool
- Health curriculum delivered by Junior School teachers
- Active play and play-based formation activities throughout the year.

In the College

- Cross Country
- Track and Field
- Swimming
- Opportunity to enrol in a selection of College Sporting (full opportunities in Year 7) – hear more about this from Director of Sport, Ms Rebecca Horne next
- Participation in a fee-inclusive Sports program activities as part of after school program



Sport at Brigidine

Term 4 2023

- BWPI (Saturday Water Polo)
- Schoolgirls Water Polo (Friday afternoon)
- WDNA Twilight Netball Competition
- Swimming (registration to open soon)
- Functional Training (registration to open soon)
- Rowing (Year 6 only)

2024

- GBC Swimming
- GBC Cross Country
- GBC Track and Field
- CaSSSA Swimming
- CaSSSA Cross Country
- CaSSSA Track and Field
- CaSSSA Touch Football
- CaSSSA Netball
- CaSSSA Basketball
- CaSSSA Football
- Queensland Representative School Sport Pathway



Sport at Brigidine

2024 BRIGIDINE COLLEGE SPORT OVERVIEW- YEAR 5 & YEAR 6													
		TERM 1			TERM 2			TERM 3			TERM 4		
		JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CORE SPORTS	Cross Country												
	Swimming												
	Track & Field												
CaSSSA	Basketball												
	Football												
	Netball												
	Tennis												
	Touch Football												
OTHER	Functional Training												
	Futsal												
	Rowing												
	Rugby 7's												
	Water Polo												
<p>Note that there are College Representative opportunities that may fall outside of the Sport timeline.</p>													

Mixing with the greater College Community

As a Junior School

- Swimming Carnival
- Junior School Assemblies
- Year 6 Crossing the Tairseach Celebration

Together with the College

- Opening Masses
- Cross Country, Athletics
- Brigidine Day, Patron Days, World Environment Day, Science Week, Book Week, Fundraising,
- Use of the Library before, during and after school.
- Buddies (Year 9s)

Students will use Brigid Centre as their base for learning, support, teachers and amenities.



Travelling to and from School

Car

Drop off Cecil Street – suggest car pickup 3:15 to avoid congestion

Walking

Entry via Cecil Street, Fairley Street and walk through, Fairley Street and walk through

School Bus

Details available via portal – we use Southern Cross buses. They are extremely helpful with regards to the best bus stop for your family.

BCC Bus

Central Avenue, Indooroopilly Shoppingtown

Train

Indooroopilly Station and Walk up. Travel squad of older students will be formed in order to help.

Southern Cross Bus Option



Collaborating with Other Schools

Sporting opportunities

With ATC

- Planned structured events across the year (Service, Mission, Academic)
- Interschool moderation by teachers
- Representative sport opportunities (limited)

With Girls Schools

- GSN cluster
- CaSSSA Gala days



Staying in touch

Email

Classroom teacher email will be distributed early in 2024.

SEQTA

Reporting is done through SEQTA. IT are in the process of developing a parent guide.

Year level Facebook group

This will be a great tool for organising and communicating Year group specific events. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Rep, please let us know.

App

Notices, Sporting and Arts opportunities, student absences, events etc.

College Facebook page

General news and events.

College Blog

This is published fortnightly and is communicated through the App notices so keep an eye out.

Parent Portal/My Monitor

Updating Parent information/Ordering from the Curragh Café/Brigid's Cloak etc.



Parents and Friends



Feedback

Please scan the QR code to provide feedback so we can further assist and consolidate any questions.

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Thank you for attending.