

JPC Open Day FAQ's



What happens if after a few weeks the independent learning doesn't work for the child?

We are aware that students learn skills at different rates. The transition into Independent Learning Time is very gentle process. Students will be provided with additional skill activities and supports to get their ILT skills up to speed.

Do you anticipate having an open day/evening later in the year for families to attend?

We will be holding a Year 7 Information Session in September for enrolled students. This is held in House Groups for students and parents, which will give you the opportunity to see the school.

Will there be a come and try day later on in the year once COVID19 is under control?

Year 7 Induction Morning will be in Term 4; we aren't sure at this point if we will be able to hold a Try JPC Day, but will let you know if we do.

How is the house system applied in the daily experience of students?

Students meet their PC teacher every day. Student lockers are in House areas.

What interaction can parents expect with teachers?

Open communication is encouraged between students, teachers and parents. Emails for first contact, phone conversations, and in better times meetings on-site.

Is there an art class at JPC?

Art is an elective subject - we have a great art department – see [here](#). There has also been an Art club when the student interest is high.

Are students in mixed ability classes or are years streamed in various levels for classes?

All classes are mixed ability. We don't stream classes. Traditionally, streaming means selectively adjusting the core content and outcomes, which does not meet the ACARA requirement that all students have the opportunity to engage with the full Australian Curriculum. Our teachers differentiate learning to support all students, with appropriate adjustments to support students with additional needs.

Year 7 has always had a camp early in term 1 to look forward too. Is that still the case or has COVID changed plans for camp?

Year 7 Camp is a very important part of transitioning to High School. We hope this will be able to continue in a post COVID world.

What type of sports do you offer?

We run three carnivals - athletics, swimming and cross country and students then have the opportunity to represent JPC at the ACT carnivals. Many students have represented JPC in ACT competitions, as well as being members of ACT and national squads. Let us know if this is you. We work through the mentor to support students in this pursuit. There is an Elite Competitors Program. A JPC Elite Competitors Committee has been formed to support students in this program and assess submitted applications.

If a student in your care is competing for a significant amount of time in their field of excellence, representing at a National or State/Territory level, they may feel the need for special consideration in some areas of their education.

Are there policies in place in regards to feedback given for assessments?

All policies in regard to assessments can be found on our website through this link - www.jpc.act.edu.au/our-community/jpc-parents/policies/

Does JPC have a mountain biking club?

We don't have a Mountain-biking club - but with enough interest there is no reason why we could not have one. We HAVE had students participate in ACT mountain biking.

Do you have a drama club?

We offer a number of co-curricular clubs and drama is one of them. We had hoped to put on a Production of Cinderella this year, but it may have to be postponed. See more [here](#)

What's the size of cohort taken in Year 7 and do you run waiting lists?
So is the enrolment application considered on first come first basis?
I didn't allocate a second and third placement Schools, What is the likelihood of missing out for JPC?

Our Year 7 cohort is 200 students. We had waiting lists in both 2019 and 2020 and unfortunately haven't been able to make any offers from the list. Enrolments follow a hierarchy of priorities as set by Catholic Education. If we are unable to offer a place to someone who hasn't allocated another preference we would contact you and ask you to choose one and forward your application to them.

How are houses sorted?

Siblings are placed in the same house. Other students are randomly placed, however we do ensure there are a few students from each Primary School together.

Is there a sports oval?

We have a sports oval and this can be seen in the virtual tour- we have a garden and basketball, netball and tennis courts.

I have heard that JPC does not have a library, is that true?

During break times there is a designated indoor space for those students who like to occasionally read or play quiet games. This is supervised at all times. A range of fiction and non-books are available in the space and students have free access. Students have online access to databases and other sources of information to inform their academic studies.

What is the student/teacher ratio? How many per class and/or will this vary?

Classes are generally set at 25 students. Some practical subjects have a smaller class size due to WHS considerations.

Can I please ask if you provide any specific support to students who have parents in the Defence force as many primary schools do?

We have a DSM, Vicki Walsh – you would have met her had we had a “Normal” Open Day. More information available [here](#) or by email vicki.walsh@cg.catholic.edu.au