



ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCH



# ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL EUDUNDA PROSPECTUS

LEARNING TO SERVE

# Welcome to your new family

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# Message from the council

*St John's Lutheran School is part of the Australian Lutheran School system. We provide a supportive Christian community for your children with quality education and encourage our students to maximise their potential in all facets of their lives*

At St John's we are one body – the staff, the students, the parents and the parish. We form a team which together works to provide the best possible education for the students in our care. We strive to create a warm, caring family atmosphere where Christian love and forgiveness are an integral part of our daily lives. Our staff commit to maintain strong communication links with parents, focussing on providing a supportive partnership team to ultimately benefit each child. This team bond exists at an administration level too, where parent requests and concerns are always carefully considered in the decision making process.

I firmly believe St John's is a school community where our children can grow and develop knowing we are grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and surrounded by His love. St John's Lutheran School offers F - 7 Lutheran Education.



CHAIRPERSON

*Regina Scholz*

# Why choose our school

St John's Lutheran School is part of the Australian Lutheran School system. We provide a supportive Christian community for your children with quality education and encourage our students to maximise their potential in all facets of their lives. St John's provides a warm, caring environment which nurtures students to be self-motivated, active learners.



## OUR CHILDREN

We believe every student is a special gift from God each with unique gifts, skills and talents, which when nurtured enable them to become active citizens beyond school. Every child is treated with love and respect and encouraged to have control over their own learning. Through constant encouragement and support students can challenge themselves to set goals and rejoice when they have achieved them.

## OUR STAFF

Our dedicated staff at St John's are committed Christians who are passionate about their work. They have completed State teacher requirements and further professional development studies to prepare them for teaching in a Lutheran School. Each staff member serves their school as caring, supportive contributors to each child's learning.

## OUR LEARNING AREAS

Our classrooms reflect a warm and vibrant learning environment, an environment where children feel safe and cared for each day. Our classrooms are a place where teachers strive to mirror the Gospel of Jesus in all interactions with children, imparting to them the values that are crucial to their well-being as they grow up. Children's work is regularly displayed in class and in community areas so that children can share and celebrate their learning with others.

## OUR FAMILIES

At St John's, we are one body working together towards a brighter future. Staff, students, parents, caregivers, St. John's Lutheran Church and community members all make up the rich, warm educational environment St John's provides. Through regular communication, openness and partnerships we all work together to create the best possible education for the children in our care. Every member of the school is different and gifted and through our differences and gifts we all support each other to ensure that St John's reflects a climate of love and learning, where we know and trust God.



*“Every child is treated with love and respect and encouraged to do their best in every situation. Through constant encouragement and support students can challenge themselves to set goals and rejoice when they have achieved them.”*



St John's Lutheran School is owned, governed and controlled by the Eudunda Robertstown Lutheran Parish. The Parish is responsible for school policy, for the appointment of the Principal and for the general management of the school.

The Parish annually elects a School Council to act on its behalf, holding meetings twice a term. The entire school community has the opportunity to serve the council through participation on one of its sub committees.

# About our School

*'St John's Lutheran School is a Christ centred school, nurturing the individual in a caring, inclusive, family environment, committed to quality, global education.*

## Our Motto:

Our school motto is "Learning to Serve". This motto recognises that learning is ongoing and that we all, staff, students and parents, continue to learn. Most important, is that we continue "learning to serve" Jesus and the wider community.

## Our Vision:

- Building a passionate learning community
- Christ centred
- Child focussed
- Investing in families
- Highly skilled, caring staff



## OUR PURPOSE

As a Lutheran School, St John's has the ultimate aim of glorifying God through the equipping of children for this life and the life to come, by nurturing them in a growing relationship with God in Christ. At St John's Lutheran School we aim to encourage and support students, informed and sustained by the Word of God, to develop their God-given talents so that they may shape and enrich their world.

Therefore, in Lutheran Schools we see:

- Everything we are and do in relation to God.
- Each member of our school community as someone in relation to God.

This understanding of the identity of each person before God motivates us to strive for the best, care for each person, develop the whole person, reflect characteristics of God and create a learning environment that incorporates values that reflect God's relationship with us.



## OUR AIMS

1. To assist and encourage each student to come to grow in the Christian faith through worship, regular study of God's word, Pastoral care and shared witness in a Christian community.
2. To provide a learning programme and environment which will enable all students to discover and develop their God-given talents and abilities and to use these gifts in service to God and society.
3. To satisfy all that the State requires by law in education, provided that this does not conflict with the Word of God.
4. To assist the church as the community of believers and Christian parents, in their responsibility to nurture children in their baptismal faith.
5. To encourage each individual student to strive for excellence in learning and honesty in effort, according to each individual ability.

# Our students the heart of our school

Our students have opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities which develop and broaden their social, emotional, academic, physical and spiritual skills.



## Keeping In Touch

The school newsletter "The Informer" is sent home weekly on Wednesdays. The Newsletter keeps parents and the community up to date as to what is happening within the school on a weekly basis.

We have our own Facebook page as well as the Seesaw App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent/student community.



## Student Well-being

At St John's Lutheran School the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the means and motivation for inviting, encouraging and developing acceptable student behaviour.

Since Christian behaviour and attitudes are not inherent to human nature, teachers will present the Christian lifestyle through instruction and example. This will be reflected in a happy, loving and caring environment in order to reinforce Christian values and to encourage positive attitudes and behaviours.

Should any student behave in an unacceptable manner, that student will be ministered to appropriately and, where necessary, a logical consequence imposed.

All efforts by the school to promote positive attitudes and behaviour and to correct unacceptable behaviour, will have as their primary goal, the Christian growth and development of the students as individuals and as members of a community.

# Our school Curriculum



St John's Lutheran School is an accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) along with more than 1,400 schools throughout the world. These schools share a common philosophy and commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that we at St John's believe is important for our students.



## THE IB MISSION

“ The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, the organisation works with schools, governments and international organisations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences can also be right. ”

The IB focuses on: Learners by making them agents of their own learning, promoting healthy relationships, ethical responsibility and personal challenge; Learning and Teaching which emphasises collaborative inquiry into six transdisciplinary themes aimed at promoting commonalities of local, national and global significance; and The Learning Community which involves everyone in the life of the school and other significant adults who together commit to nurturing resilient, optimistic and lifelong learners. The IB Learner Profile underpins everything we do so that all learners strive to display the attributes of being inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, courageous, balanced and reflective.

The learning areas at St John's Lutheran School are prepared using the National Curriculum Documents found in all Australian schools. The major curriculum areas are:

- Mathematics
- English
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- The Arts
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages – German
- Science
- Technologies

In addition, St John's provides a Christian Studies Curriculum based on the Lutheran Christian Studies Curriculum Framework designed for Lutheran schools. Christian Studies provides a safe and supportive context in which students can reflect on their experiences of the world and on their own beliefs and spirituality. Whole school weekly worship, daily class devotions and service in our community are integral to our Christian education program.

St John's has tailored a comprehensive curriculum with the explicit teaching of Numeracy and Literacy a focus to ensure success in the inquiry process. Each student's progress is carefully monitored through comprehensive testing and as a result, differentiation is employed to ensure that individual student's needs are catered for. Each term, students set achievable goals for their own development and growth in Literacy and Numeracy so that individuals can achieve success and confidence to strive to be the best they can be.

Resources for successful inquiry are essential and St John's has a well-equipped Library and Resource Centre to facilitate teaching and learning. The Information Technology Studio, along with mobile devices including laptops and iPads give learners every opportunity to develop as digital citizens which is crucial in this 21st Century. Learning areas also have a large LCD smart screen for the enhancement of learning. St John's staff also welcomes primary resources so that Units of Inquiry can be enhanced by people who have expertise and passion to aid in deepening inquiries. Play based learning is also a feature of learning for our Junior Primary students.

St John's has a comprehensive Special Needs Program with early intervention to assist children with learning difficulties a priority. In addition, our school offers oral language intervention to students targeted to be 'at risk' of achieving their full Literacy potential. Other intervention and support programs include Multilit and Hickey Multi-sensory training. Students with high intellectual potential are given the opportunity to extend their level of thinking through the development of tasks and activities which challenge them both within and outside of the classroom teaching program. Classrooms have flexible seating to accommodate the different learning styles of individuals.

St John's School engages in many activities which add an extra dimension to a functional curriculum. Such activities include field trips, school camps, music and dramatic productions, non-competitive and competitive inter-school sport and a team entry in the International Pedal Prix.

# Our school Curriculum

## Student Assessment and Reporting/Communications

St John's Lutheran School recognises the importance of integrating all guidance practices which will make student progress and adjustment more effective. Standardised achievement tests help to determine student, class and teaching strengths and subsequent areas of improvement.

The readiness of the Association of Independent Schools special education advisors and the Education Department's Psychology and Guidance Branch to help in specialised areas, assists the school to adjust teaching procedures.

St John's Lutheran School has adopted ongoing assessment procedures. The Portfolio Folders, containing each child's report is sent home each semester.

Additionally, Parent Teacher Interviews are conducted towards the end of Term One and subsequent terms on a needs basis. These can be requested by either parents or teachers. Student-led Conferences are held and the Unit of Inquiry book is sent home at the completion of each unit. Students participate in the Exhibition which is a culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the PYP.

Parents are encouraged to talk regularly to teachers regarding the progress of their child/children. The connection and partnership between home and school constitutes one of the strengths St John's Lutheran School.



# WE CONNECT THROUGH INNOVATIVE WAYS

## Pedal Prix

St John's has been involved in the Pedal Prix for over 25 years now and it has proven to be a positive experience for both our students and their families. It is something that many past students mention and share as a great moment for them in their primary school years. It is also a fantastic opportunity for fellowship with other families from our school. The school looks forward to continuing this opportunity for its upper primary students as a key senior extra-curricular experience.

Our school, in recent years, has participated in three annual 6-hour events, one in Loxton in term one and two in Adelaide during terms 2 and 3. This has worked extremely well for our team.

Pedal Prix is a rewarding, challenging and character-building exercise for all children who participate in it. It is also a very rewarding experience for the families where team spirit is heightened through commitment and dedication.

## Service Learning

All students are involved in service learning projects during the school year. This enables students to use their gifts, talents and skills in serving others in the community.

## Music

St John's offers music and drama lessons as part of the curriculum as well as private music lessons through specialised teachers.

## Dyslexia Aware School

As a DAS (Dyslexia Aware School), our goal is to provide successful learning opportunities for all students at St John's Lutheran School. We believe that better outcomes for students with dyslexic type learning needs can be achieved through early intervention and research based, goal directed intervention programs. We will pursue and implement best practice approaches to teaching and learning in our classrooms.

Teachers are mindful of and implement:

- The Playberry Program (previously delivered as Hickey)
- An open-minded approach towards different teaching styles to accommodate all students
- A range of visual prompts to help students
- Engaging and appropriate instruction to maximize the intake of information for all students
- Rigorous and ongoing suitable testing at different year levels throughout their primary years to help to identify students with dyslexic type learning needs and respond using suitable early intervention
- Multisensory intervention programs to best suit the students' abilities and learning styles
- Working programs for student support officers to ensuring they are informed and able to identify issues and celebrate achievement.

# Our school FACILITIES

*Our school has a range of facilities including:*

- Multi-purpose learning centre
- Newly renovated agile and flexible learning spaces
- Performance and worship area
- School playground and oval
- Nature play area
- Sensory room





*We pray*  
**Student:**  
Dear God, please bless our  
grandparents. Thank you for the life  
they gave our parents and for the life  
they give to us.

*All: We thank you, God.*

*Bus services to St John's Lutheran School are the same as those provided to the Eudunda Area School. Transport to St John's Lutheran School from the Area School is by chartered bus and a small fee is passed on to parents of the children using this service.*

*We have a bus which services families from the Kapunda and Marrabel regions and also a bus that services families from the Robertstown region. A fee is applicable for students using this service.*

# Our School CONNECTIONS

*St John's values connection. We invite all our families to take an active role in their children's schooling by supporting events and happenings at the school.*

In a rural community, we want our students and their families to connect with each other, with the community, with the environment and with the congregation. This is why we have many opportunities each year to foster these relationships.

These include an active P&F association, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, social functions, excursions, student fun days, swimming and student awards, and much, much more. We love to see our families at our school and are proud of the contribution they have made to our school community.





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*There are many opportunities to be involved in our school life. From grandfriends days, to sports carnivals, weekly assemblies and worship to Christmas Street parties, social functions and excursions.*

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# Our school Finances

## School Fee & Charges

Fees	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th Child	Mid Year Intake
Base School Fee	\$2490	\$2290	\$2090	\$1890	\$1245
Composite Fee	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$80
Capital Levy*	\$150	-	-	-	\$75
Student's Fees	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2960</b>	<b>\$2610</b>	<b>\$2410</b>	<b>\$2210</b>	<b>\$1480</b>
Less School Card Discount	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	n/a
<b>DISCOUNT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2360</b>	<b>\$2010</b>	<b>\$1810</b>	<b>\$1610</b>	

Any parent who elects to pay their full fee account within 30 days of the first account being issued (usually the end of March) will receive a 3% early payment discount from their account. School Card discount is available to qualifying School Card applicants. School card is not claimable on mid-year intake.

### Composite Fee \*

Charged per student to cover costs in the following areas: Sports, art and craft, photocopying, library and minor excursions.

### Capital Levy \*\*

An annual fee charged to each family. The annual tuition fee covers the day to day costs such as salaries and teaching resources. In order to build for our future, the school needs to seek other sources of financial support such as the Capital Levy. All payments to the Capital Levy go towards the annual building maintenance programme, repayment of loans and the development of new learning spaces. This cannot be claimed as a tax deduction as it is a levy and not a donation.

### Students' Fees \*\*\*

Swimming pool/lessons levy per student	\$60.00
IT levy per student	\$100.00

## Financial Assistance

It is the policy of St John's Lutheran School that no child be excluded from attending this school for financial reasons. There are two ways that parents can gain financial assistance if difficulties are experienced in meeting fee commitments. The first way is the School Card System. This is the major avenue of assistance. Details can be obtained from the School Business Manager.

There may however be families who are not eligible for the School Card Scheme and still require assistance. These families can appeal to the Principal for some fee remission. A suitable financial arrangement, in line with the family's need and ability to pay, will be discussed.

# Our School Enrolment

Enrolments should be completed as early as possible to allow adequate preparation time for parents and the school. An enrolment form needs to be completed. All parents are required to have an interview with the Principal before the admission of their first child.

## Enrolment Policy

St John's Lutheran School, which is owned and operated by the Eudunda Robertstown Parish, offers its program in Christian Education to all applicants regardless of ethnic origin, religion or disability, provided that:

1. Through enrolment procedures, parents seeking enrolment for their child/children undertake to support willingly and freely the stated purpose of St John's Lutheran School.
2. Adequate space and resources are available.



## Enrolment and Early Years of School Policy

Two intakes of Foundation Students occur each year. One at the beginning of the year for children who turn five by 1 May and a Mid-year intake at the beginning of Term Three for children who are five years of age prior to 31 October. In exceptional circumstances the length of time a child may spend in the early years of school can vary based on the needs of each child and policy requirements.



## LET'S CONNECT

Talk to us today to find out more about our school, to arrange a principal's tour or to start the enrolment process. We can't wait to meet your family!



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