



‘Grow In Grace’

Prospectus

2023



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School Motto—"Grow in Grace"

The St Peter's Lutheran Primary School community believes that God is a loving, gracious God. He cares for and stands by all of us as we grow in our relationship with Him. We believe that every child is blessed with gifts, ready to grow.

School Vision

St Peter's Lutheran Primary School offers a safe, Christian environment that:

- Provides a diverse learning environment facilitating individual development.
- Strives for excellence in all that we do.
- Uses God's gifts and blessings to the fullest for ourselves and for our society.
- Develops spiritual, academic, emotional, social and physical skills.
- Nurtures mutual respect, love and care.

Values

At St Peter's Lutheran Primary School we value community, respect and integrity.



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Curriculum

St Peter's offers a varied program of learning affirming literacy and numeracy development. Staff participate in ongoing professional development for all curriculum areas.

The curriculum aligns with the requirements of the Australian Curriculum which covers key areas of:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology (including Information, Communication and Computer Technology)
- Art, Music and Drama
- History & Geography
- Health & Physical Education
- Civics and citizenship
- Language



Additional and Integrated Learning

Programs include:

- Christian Studies
- Participation in community awareness programs
- Cultural performances
- Current and ongoing safety awareness initiatives
- Visiting speakers
- Craft Elective Program
- Outdoor Education/Camp/Excursion Program



Shared Interschool Curriculum Days include Interschool sport, camps and extra curricular activities with neighbouring schools including Dimboola Primary School, Holy Trinity Lutheran College and Nhill Lutheran Primary School.

Opportunities for gifted individual students to participate in camps and other state and nationwide extra curricular activities are constantly available. Check at the school for more details.

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About Us

St Peter's Lutheran School, Dimboola was established in 1958 commencing with 1 teacher and 32 students. School Uniforms were introduced in 1964. Enrolments peaked at 82 in 1982.

School Council is responsible for the governance of the school, and consists of:

- Members of St Peters Lutheran Congregation
- Parents and Friends representatives
- Pastor

St Peter's Lutheran School receives income from:

- Government recurrent grants, State and Federal
- Special grants from the Government
- Congregational support
- Fees
- Parent Fundraising



Staff

The present staff includes Acting Principal, Millie Dent, 1 full time class room teacher and 1 part time teacher, with the Principal teaching part time as well.

Support staff members are used to assist student learning including Holy Trinity Staff, 2 Teachers Aides and a Office Administrator.

Volunteers are welcome to assist student learning in many various areas like reading, numeracy, art, craft, music etc.

All academic staff are fully qualified in their particular areas. Teaching staff are required to undertake additional accreditation in theological studies through Australian Lutheran College.

Parents as Partners

At St Peter's we enjoy working in a team. We strongly believe that community member and parental involvement enriches a child's experience at school and actively encourage participation in a variety of areas within the school.

- Listening to children read
- Art and Craft
- Sport
- Group activities
- Music
- Utilizing your talents around the school environment

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Fees

Fees are kept to a minimum. To continue providing our quality education parents/guardians are asked to make the commitment to meet our affordable fees. Accounts are sent out early each term. Fee payments may be made weekly, monthly, or quarterly—according to convenience.

In cases of genuine need, fee assistance is also available on tuition fees. In such cases parents/guardians are requested to raise the issue with the Principal and negotiate an amount appropriate to their financial capacity. Such matters are strictly confidential.

Parents/Guardians who hold a Pension Health Benefit Card, A Health Care Card or a Health Benefit Card are entitled to apply for Camp, Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF.). Application forms are available through the school office.

What do fees include?

- Tuition
- All stationery for the year –including pencils/pens, paper, text books, art supplies etc.
- Excursions (excluding Senior Class camp)
- Sports Programs

Camps are subsidized and are offered at a reduced rate.

Fee Structure 2023



Number of Children	Cost Per term
1 child	\$624.00
2 children (7.5% discount)	\$1,154.40
3 children & subsequent	Free

Payment is for 40 weeks in the 2023 school year. Each term payment is based on an average of 10 weeks. (Actual term lengths may vary - the fee payable remains constant).

3rd child free applies only when there are 3 children from one family currently enrolled.

Fee payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, credit card or direct deposit to the school's bank account.

Concessions are available, please contact the Principal for a confidential discussion.

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Enrolment Information

St Peter's Lutheran Primary School offers an education program to all. No exceptions are made because of ethnic origin, gender, religion, ability or disability so long as parents or guardians seeking enrolment for their child/children undertake to support willingly and freely the stated aims of St Peter's Lutheran School, and that adequate space and resources are available.

Prep Enrolment Age

To start primary school your child will need to turn five years of age by 30 April of the year that they start school.

Enrolment Procedure

All parents seeking enrolment for their child/children are asked to arrange an interview in order to formally complete enrolment procedures. Early enrolment assists a smooth transition for your child.



Immunisation Certificate

Parents enrolling their child/children are required to provide a Health Immunisation Certificate to the school. These are available from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register or from your local DHS Service Centre. Certificates can also be requested by phoning 1800 653 809 or from the website: http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-childhood-immunisation-register?utm_id=9

Open Days

An Open Day and an information evening are held annually. Local visits are encouraged and invited by the kindergarten. Visitors and parents are welcome at the school at any time. An arranged appointment will ensure that staff take care of your needs.



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School Routine

School runs from 9 am to 3:20pm, Monday to Friday. Breaks include half an hour for morning recess and 45 minutes for lunch. During Term 1 Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays.

Term Dates

Term Dates for 2023 are as follows:

Term 1	30th January	to	6th April
Term 2	24th April	to	23rd June
Term 3	10th July	to	15th September
Term 4	2nd October	to	13th December



There is a possibility that these days may alter slightly, but parents will be given ample notice if adjustments are made.

Chapel

Opening and Closing Chapel Services are held on the first and last day of each term. A weekly Chapel Service is held each Friday morning at 9 am in the church. Parents are welcome to join in with the services. Brief devotions are held daily. Students are encouraged to support a worthwhile cause by donating at the Friday Worship Service.

Homework

We recognize student's need for leisure time and participation in home tasks and activities. Homework is kept to a minimum. The aim of homework is to support the student in his/her learning and to give time for practice that consolidates. Emphasis is placed on daily reading. At various times other areas of work will also be encouraged through homework. Excessive homework is discouraged. A positive attitude, a daily time schedule and short sessions are encouraged. In general the following homework times per night are suggested:

Prep/Year 1:	10 minutes
Year 2 & 3:	15 minutes
Year 4:	20 minutes
Year 5:	25 minutes
Year 6:	30 minutes



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Assessment and Reporting

Regular monitoring of student work provides the basis of assessment and reporting in line with the ACARA guidelines. In Term 1 verbal reporting through Parent Interviews occurs. In Terms 2 and 4 written reports on student progress are sent home.

Parents are heartily encouraged to discuss their child's progress with teachers at any time during the year.

St Peter's participates annually in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy) for all Years 3 and 5 students.

Discipline

St Peter's is committed to caring for the wellbeing of each child. This includes setting and adhering to clear guidelines and carrying through consistently in a spirit of love, care and concern when these guidelines are not met.

We believe students need:

- Guidance in learning to live harmoniously
- Consistent expectations and procedures
- Forgiveness when they fail and a new start
- Genuine loving care, yet firmness.

So that all students can live and learn happily, it is expected that:

The rights of all students to learn in a harmonious environment are respected

The rights of all teachers to teach in a harmonious environment are respected.

We stand by our anti harassment policy which clearly states that no verbal or physical bullying will be tolerated.

Parent commitment to and cooperation in applying our discipline policy is sought. Our open door policy invites shared commitment in caring for children through discipline.



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School Uniform

All uniform requirements are available at school by filling in an order form from the school office. St Peter's also has many second hand items available—please contact the school office for further information.

BOYS

Official Winter Uniform (able to be worn every day)

- Pale blue polo shirt with school logo (long or short sleeved)
- Long grey school trousers free of markings (NO cargo pants)
- Grey socks
- Neat, black shoes free of any markings
- School bomber jacket with logo

Official Summer Uniform (able to be worn every day)

- Pale blue polo shirt with school logo (long or short sleeved)
- Grey school shorts
- Long or short plain grey school socks
- School sandals (socks optional) OR neat, black shoes free of any markings. NO reef sandals or scuffs
- School bomber jacket with logo
- School hat with logo (available from the school)



St Peter's is a Sun Smart accredited school and as such endorses the wearing of hats to protect students all year round. A *No Hat, No Play* policy is monitored by staff in Terms 1 and 4 and is recommended in Terms 2 and 3.

Sunglasses are also encouraged under this policy, as an optional extra. They should be named and are the responsibility of the student.

Year Round Everyday Wear (Optional, NOT official school uniform)

- Navy gloves and scarves (not to be worn in the classroom except with written permission)
- Navy or black sunglasses

Sports Uniform

Sports Uniform must be worn to school on the designated PE day.

- Navy blue shorts (available from the school)
- School navy and gold sports shirt
- Plain white sports socks (no anklets, no logos or bands)
- Navy blue tracksuit pants (plain, no logos or markings)
- School bomber Jacket with logo
- Runners (predominantly white)

Jewellery (optional)

- Watch
- One small plain gold or silver stud or sleeper (no gem stones or shapes) per ear lobe only

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GIRLS

Official Winter Uniform (able to be worn every day)

- Prescribed skirt, royal blue and navy blue tartan with yellow and white pin stripe
- Pale blue polo shirt with school logo (long or short sleeved)
- Navy tights or white socks (no anklets)
- Navy long pants (no logos or markings)
- Neat, black shoes free of any markings
- School bomber jacket with logo

Official Summer Uniform (able to be worn every day)

- Short sleeved dress of prescribed blue and white check
- Short plain white school socks (no anklets)
- School sandals (socks optional) OR
Neat, black shoes free of any markings. NO reef sandals or scuffs
- School bomber jacket with logo
- Pale blue polo shirt with school logo (long or short sleeved)
- Navy blue skorts (no markings or logos)
- School hat with logo (available from the school)



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Girls with long hair should keep it tied back.

Year Round Everyday Wear (Optional, NOT official School Uniform)

- Navy gloves and scarves (not to be worn in the classroom except with written permission)
- Navy or black sunglasses

Sports Uniform

Sports Uniform must be worn to school on the designated PE day.

- Navy sports shorts (available from the school)
- School navy and gold sports shirt
- Plain white sports socks ((no anklets, no logos or bands)
- Navy blue tracksuit pants (plain, no logos or markings)
- School bomber Jacket with logo
- Runners (predominantly white)

Jewellery (optional)

- Watch
- One small plain gold or silver stud or sleeper (no gem stones or shapes) per ear lobe only
- Blue or white hair scrunchies or ribbons free of any markings (hair accessories of uniform material are permitted)