



ST JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN  
SCHOOL  
1904

Small school,  
big heart.



With **wonder** we learn. With **love** we serve. With **courage** we grow.

# Our vision, mission and values



## Our vision

An inclusive and dynamic Christian community, learning with purpose and inspired to serve.

## Our mission

Empowering each child to thrive and embrace the world with wonder, love and courage.

## Our values

### Wonder

We learn with wonder by asking big questions, sparking creativity, and working together to explore, connect, and marvel at the world. Through strong relationships and a spirit of collaboration, we thrive as curious and inspired learners, ready to make a difference.

*With wonder we learn.*

### Love

We serve with love by caring for others with kindness, compassion, and respect, fostering a community where everyone belongs. We honour each person's uniqueness, open our hearts to new perspectives, and advocate wholeheartedly for our world.

*With love we serve.*

### Courage

We grow with courage by embracing challenges, taking risks, and persevering with resilience and hope. We are bold problem solvers and empowered learners, driven by creativity, critical thinking, and a commitment to making a positive impact in our changing world.

*With courage we grow.*

## Acknowledgement of Country

At St John's Lutheran School, we acknowledge and pay our respects to the Ngadjuri people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn, play, and grow. We honour their deep connection to Country and recognise their enduring culture, stories, and traditions.

We pay our respects to Ngadjuri Elders past, present, and emerging, and acknowledge their ongoing care for this land. As a school community, we commit to learning from and walking alongside First Nations people in a spirit of respect, reconciliation, and stewardship.



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# Message from the Principal

## A Warm Welcome to St John's Lutheran School

We understand that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make as a family. At St John's, we're here to warmly welcome you and walk alongside you every step of the way, helping your child thrive and embrace the future with wonder, love, and courage.

At St John's, we're more than just a school, we're a community that feels like home. Nestled in the heart of Eudunda, our small and close-knit school is a place where children feel safe, valued, and supported.

At St John's, we believe in the power of an inclusive, dynamic education that nurtures the whole child. We inspire students to learn with purpose, grow in faith, and embrace the world.

Like a close-knit family, we provide a solid foundation for our students' futures, supporting their academic, emotional, social, and spiritual development in a caring Christian environment.

We're proud of our rich history, but we're always looking forward, continually evolving to provide the best education possible. Our strong ties to the local community and other Lutheran schools, including Faith Lutheran College, mean that we offer a seamless educational journey from Foundation right through to Year 12.

At St John's, we create a vibrant, nurturing community where every child can thrive and grow, ready to embrace the future with confidence. I warmly invite you to visit us and experience the heart of our school firsthand by seeing our facilities as well as meeting our staff and students.

*Karen Leese*  
**Principal**



*At St John's Lutheran School, we honour our rich history and close community values while continuously striving to adapt and improve to meet the needs of a modern society, preparing our students for a bright future.*

# Image of the child

At St John's Lutheran School, we are deeply inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy, which emphasises the 'Image of the Child'. This perspective shapes how we view, interact with, and support our students throughout their learning journey.

We believe children are naturally curious, creative, and competent. They have an incredible ability to co-construct their journey of discovery as they make sense of and actively shape the world around them.

We understand that children thrive in an environment that acknowledges their holistic nature – spiritual, physical, academic, social, and emotional. When their needs are met, children truly flourish. We support the 'Image of the Child' through:

- Fostering a love of learning and the values of curiosity and wonder.
- Using the power of play to stimulate physical, social and emotional growth.
- Smart play uniforms that allow students to feel comfortable and free to move and express themselves, which helps them learn effectively.
- Co-designing learning spaces designed with children in mind, considering factors like lighting, sensory input, and furniture arrangement to create a focused and successful learning environment.

## A nurturing learning environment

### Our approach to learning

We believe learning comes to life when students engage in real-world challenges that make a meaningful difference. Our curriculum fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration, preparing students to apply their knowledge and skills in ways that positively impact their world.

### Personalised learning and small class sizes

Our commitment to small class sizes ensures that each student receives individual attention and tailored learning experiences. We celebrate diversity, catering to the unique needs of each child through close teacher-student relationships and differentiated instruction.

### Excellence in teaching

Our dedicated educators bring a wealth of experience and passion to the classroom. We continuously invest in professional development to ensure our teaching practices remain innovative and effective.



*At St John's Lutheran School, our diverse team of teachers brings a wealth of life experiences and perspectives, ensuring that each child is challenged and gets to experience personal success.*



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# A rich and diverse curriculum

We believe learning comes to life when we inquire into and solve real problems that make a difference and enrich our world.

## Core learning areas

Our core subjects lay the foundation for lifelong learning and provide essential skills that students will use throughout their education and future careers:

### English

Focused on developing strong literacy skills, including reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension. Our approach incorporates phonics, readers and writing workshop, storytelling, creative writing, and analytical thinking to foster effective communication skills.

### Mathematics

Our bespoke program is designed to meet the needs of every learner. Our structured program is designed to build problem-solving abilities, numeracy skills, and logical reasoning. We integrate hands-on activities, real-world applications, and digital resources to ensure student engagement.

### Science

Encouraging curiosity through hands-on experiments and investigations. Students explore biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science, developing critical thinking and inquiry-based learning skills.

### Humanities

Covering history, geography, civics, and economics, helping students understand the world around them, past and present, and preparing them to become responsible, informed citizens.

### Christian studies

Faith is central to our learning community, and Christian Studies classes help students explore biblical teachings, ethics, and spirituality in a way that nurtures their personal growth and understanding.



*At St John's Lutheran School, our experienced and caring teachers take a holistic approach to inspire curiosity and critical thinking, nurturing students to learn and grow.*

## Specialist programs

Our Specialist Program allows students to explore their interests and talents in a variety of areas, from the creative and performing arts to physical education and language studies.

These programs are designed to ignite passion, foster creativity, and promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

### Our specialist program includes:

- The Arts: nurturing creativity and expression
- German language: a connection to heritage and global perspectives
- Auslan: enhancing communication and expression
- Physical education: building healthy, active lifestyles

## Inquiry-based learning

We encourage students to ask questions, explore concepts deeply, and take ownership of their education. Through hands-on projects, research, and collaborative learning, students develop a lifelong love of learning and problem-solving.

## STEM and Makerspace

Our hands-on STEM program integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to engage students in innovative learning experiences. Our Makerspace fosters creativity and practical skills, allowing students to experiment with coding, robotics, engineering challenges, and digital design.

## Outdoor education and nature play

Our outdoor learning spaces, school gardens, and nature play area encourage students to explore their surroundings, develop environmental awareness, and build teamwork skills through experiential learning. Sustainability education is also embedded in our curriculum to inspire environmental responsibility.

## Leadership and life skills development

Our curriculum incorporates leadership opportunities, resilience training, and real-world skills to prepare students for future success. Programs such as Peer Support, Student Council, and Community Engagement Projects empower students to develop confidence and social responsibility.



# Extra-curricular activities

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities in sports, arts, leadership, and community engagement to enrich students' learning and personal growth.

## Sports and physical education

We encourage active participation in a variety of sports, offering students the chance to represent our school in wide range of activities such as SAPSASA, Swimming Carnivals, Sports Days, and the Lutheran Sports Challenge.

## Arts and performance

Students can build confidence and showcase their talents by participating in the biennial Year 3-6 Musical. The St John's choir regularly performs at school events, local shows, and community gatherings, visual arts also play an important role, with student work regularly featured in exhibitions like the "Eudunda SALA Festival".

## School camps

Camps at St John's are designed to build independence, resilience, and leadership skills, while also providing opportunities for students to deepen their friendships and develop their confidence in a supportive and fun environment.

## Excursions

To complement in-class learning, students participate in enriching excursions that offer hands-on learning experiences. These trips provide valuable opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and connect with the world beyond the classroom.

## Celebrating special events

Special events such as Book Week, the Premiers Reading Challenge, Mother's Day Stall and Morning Tea, and the Father's Breakfast are highlights of the year, fostering school spirit and community engagement. We also promote social awareness through initiatives like Harmony Day, Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) Awareness Day, Walk my Way and Market Stalls.

## The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Our students have the opportunity to engage in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, where they learn positive food habits for life. Through hands-on gardening and cooking activities, students connect with fresh, healthy food and learn valuable life skills.



*At St John's Lutheran School, our diverse range of extra-curricular activities allows students to explore their interests, develop new skills, and connect with their peers and the wider community. These opportunities help foster personal growth, teamwork, leadership, and a sense of belonging.*



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# A focus on wellbeing and community

We empower students to foster a growth mindset, express gratitude, show compassion, build relationships, and advocate for themselves in the classroom and beyond.

## A dedicated Care Coordinator

To enhance our commitment to nurturing the 'whole child,' St John's Lutheran School has a dedicated Care Coordinator who leads a network of Class Carers. This network provides valuable resources, such as parenting information, social skills development, and support for those experiencing grief and loss, as part of our broader Pastoral Care program.

## Pastoral care

Pastoral care is at the heart of Lutheran education, fostering a supportive partnership between our school, the Eudunda-Robertstown Parish, and the wider community. At St John's, it means walking alongside you, offering emotional and spiritual support to nurture wellbeing. We value learning from mistakes, cultivating empathy, and building a community grounded in love, forgiveness, and strong relationships.

## Restorative practices

Restorative practices are key to our school culture, promoting accountability, respect, and positive relationships. This approach encourages individuals to take responsibility for their actions and repair harm, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment. Through clear expectations and consistent, compassionate guidance, we create a safe and respectful learning environment where every child can grow emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

## Inclusive education

At St John's, every child is valued, supported, and empowered through an inclusive learning environment. Our dedicated team collaborates with teachers, parents, and allied health professionals to create personalised learning pathways. Through 1:1 support, small group interventions, and targeted in-class instruction, we help every student reach their full potential.



*At St John's Lutheran School, we foster a caring community through pastoral care, peer support, restorative practices, and anti-bullying initiatives.*



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# Facilities that inspire learning

At St John's, we believe that a great learning environment is about more than just classrooms — it's about creating spaces that inspire curiosity, collaboration, and confidence. Our students thrive in purpose-built facilities designed to support their learning, wellbeing, and growth.

## Classroom technology

Each classroom is equipped with smart boards and sound field systems to optimise learning. We implement a 1:1 device policy, ensuring that every student has access to modern technology. Additionally, our Junior Primary classrooms utilise Apple TVs, further enhancing interactive learning opportunities.

## School grounds

Our well-maintained school grounds include two spacious ovals, double courts, shaded playgrounds, and sandpit play areas. These outdoor spaces are thoughtfully designed to encourage active play, exploration, and learning.

## The Wellbeing Hub

Our sensory room provides a calm, supportive space tailored to students' needs. This space provides a calm and supportive environment, allowing students to manage sensory input and engage fully in their learning.

## Multipurpose hall

Our hall is a versatile space that serves as the hub for various activities. It includes a fully-equipped kitchen for culinary learning, and a stage area where students participate in concerts, performances, and end-of-year events. This space is central to our school's community activities and celebrations.

## Flexible learning spaces

As a forward-thinking school, we value student input in shaping their learning environments. Students play an active role in designing both indoor and outdoor learning spaces, ensuring that these areas reflect their needs and preferences. This collaborative approach fosters a sense of ownership and enhances the learning experience.



*At St John's Lutheran School, we pride ourselves on providing top-tier facilities that support dynamic and engaging learning experiences.*

## Nature play area

Our Nature Play Area is a vibrant space where students are encouraged to be responsible, creative, and critical thinkers. Working alongside staff, students have helped develop areas like our scrub area, vegetable garden, and general garden spaces. The simple guiding rules—be safe, be respectful, be prepared—ensure a positive and enriching outdoor experience.

## Library

The library at St John's is a welcoming space for the entire community. It features cosy couches and updated furniture, creating a comfortable environment for reading and study. With the introduction of the AccessIt library management system, students can independently manage their borrowing, fostering digital literacy and a love of reading. We believe that by empowering students in the library, we are nurturing essential life skills and fostering lifelong readers.

## Makerspace

Our Makerspace brings S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) to life through hands-on activities. Equipped with a variety of tools — from knitting looms to hammers, saws, and Lego — this vibrant space encourages students to explore their creativity and solve real-world problems. The addition of a green screen has further sparked curiosity among our budding filmmakers, providing endless opportunities for innovation and discovery.

## Buses and routes

At St John's, we offer reliable and flexible transport options to ensure every student has a safe and comfortable journey to and from school. Our dedicated bus drivers provide a caring and supportive environment, serving families in Kapunda, Marrabel, Saddleworth, and beyond.

We understand that every family's needs are unique, so our bus routes are designed to be inclusive and adaptable. We continually review and expand our services and encourage new families to contact us to discuss the most convenient stop and schedule for their child.







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# Join our community

We believe that a close partnership between home and school, along with strong community engagement, helps students thrive academically, socially, emotionally, academically and spiritually. We invite all families to become part of this vibrant and caring community, where every contribution makes a meaningful difference.

## Preparing our students for a bright future

At St John's Lutheran School, we honour our rich history and close community values while continuously striving to adapt and improve to meet the needs of a modern society, preparing our students for a bright future.

## Book a tour

We invite you to visit our campus during a regular school day to experience the St John's difference firsthand. A Principal's tour is a great way to experience St John's firsthand. We welcome families to visit, meet our staff and students, and see our vibrant learning environment in action.

During your tour, you'll have the chance to meet with our Principal, who will take the time to get to know your family, your children, and their individual needs. Our staff are happy to assist you in scheduling a convenient time.

## Enrol today

We invite you to become part of the St John's family. Our enrolment process is simple, and we welcome students from all backgrounds and faiths.

For more information, visit our website or contact our enrolments team:

Email: [office@sjls.sa.edu.au](mailto:office@sjls.sa.edu.au)  
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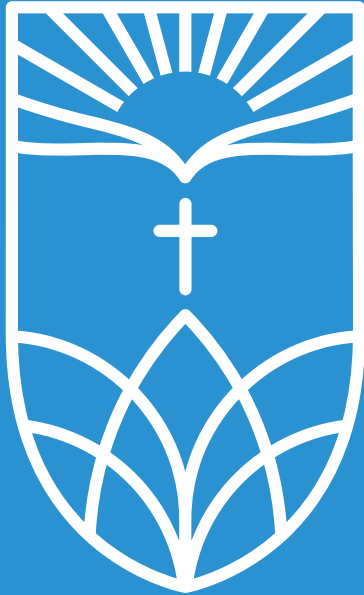
We look forward to welcoming you to our community.



*At St John's Lutheran School, Parents and the community are invited to partner with St John's to create a caring, connected community where every contribution enriches learning.*



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