

Nurturing, engaging & transforming lives



**Good News**  
Lutheran School





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The Lutheran Church of Australia established Good News in 1984, in accordance with the values and traditions of the Lutheran faith. We seek to give God the glory for all that we have and maintain a gospel-focused approach in all that we do.

# Welcome to our school

*We engage and captivate young minds, seeking to deeply and positively transform every child.*

At Good News Lutheran School we cater for Prep to Year 6 students within a caring, Christ-centred environment. Our mission is to positively nurture, engage and transform every child academically, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually so they may enjoy a rewarding and hope-filled life.

In partnership with parents, we foster a supportive and encouraging school environment that enhances emotional wellbeing and inspires students to make the most of their God-given potential.



Through dynamic, stimulating and innovative programs that foster thinking skills, creativity and collaboration, our caring staff and well-resourced learning spaces assist students to experience *Life in all its fullness*, the words of our motto.

Our school is open to those who seek a Christ-centred education for their child within an environment of safety, excellence and enjoyment. You're invited to visit our campus and experience why we love our school.

Now that's Good News!

Adam Richardson  
*Principal*



# Christian ethos and values

*Every child is a special and unique creation of God who deserves to be valued, respected and cared for.*

## **Christ-centred education**

We believe that understanding the teachings of God's Word is fundamental to providing and maintaining the positive and caring learning environment we've developed.

Through daily devotions, weekly worship services and a Christian Studies program, our students learn about God's love, grace and plan for them. They also learn about the social responsibility they have toward one another and the wider world, with encouragement to be advocates for those less fortunate.

Good News is a special place where everyone is valued, appreciated and celebrated for who they are, the efforts they apply and the progress they have made.

This is reflected in our values, service opportunities, approaches to relational management and our focus on team spirit and positivity.

*Jesus said, "I have come in order that you may have life - life in all its fullness." John 10:10*



A group of students in school uniforms are gathered around a wooden podium. A microphone is positioned in front of them. The students are looking down, possibly at a book or paper. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students and a blue wall.

Grace  
Christ-centred  
Care

*"I love that I can learn about  
Christ and Christianity and  
that God will love me  
no matter what."*

Student.

*"I just love my school."*

Student.



# Student - focused learning

## **A Life-changing adventure**

As well as reflecting local area history, our school-wide teaching and learning framework uses the imagery of adventure to appeal to children's curiosity and creativity. Through its 4 main principles of Learning That Matters, Learning Together, Learning That Values All, and Learning Through Challenge, it provides a sense of excitement about education and gives purpose beyond academic achievement.

## **Growing every child**

All staff are passionate about what they do, understanding the vital role they play in the overall

development of students. In all our decision-making, we seek to grow children who graduate happy and hopeful, strong in their sense of identity and belonging, healthy, confident and resilient, respectful and courteous, creative and imaginative, as advocates for those less fortunate, and filled with a love of learning.

## **Project based learning**

PBL has a strong focus on life-long learning skills, such as collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Following a design-thinking process, students investigate interesting questions, problems and challenges, then create responses that are shared with audiences beyond

their teacher and peers. In doing so, students are given a voice and take action on important issues, such as sustainability and equity, in authentic and intellectually challenging ways.

## **Agile environments**

To maximise engagement, our learning spaces adjust to the changing academic, physical, social and emotional needs of the children.



# Specialised programs

## Learning enhancement

Strong literacy and numeracy skills are foundational for student success, so we provide small group delivery of English and Maths that is targeted at individual student needs.

## Digital literacy

Our teachers ensure technologies are effectively and appropriately integrated into the curriculum. Students learn how to safely use devices in exciting, innovative and purposeful ways to achieve outcomes not possible through other means.

## Music

Through formal and informal opportunities, music forms an integral part of our school life. Our specialist music teacher develops students' musicology, composition and performance skills.

Students also have opportunity to undertake private or small group instrumental lessons for brass, woodwind, percussion, strings, guitar, piano or voice, and/or be involved in choirs, bands and ensembles.

## LOTE - Mandarin

Learning a language other than English improves students' cognitive skills, enhances understanding of English features and provides additional opportunities to engage in our global society. Good News students learn Mandarin from Year 3, participating in reading, writing, speaking and cultural awareness.

## Library

A dedicated teacher-librarian enhances children's love of literature and ensures the resource centre is an active hub of school life.





*Welcoming learning areas and beautifully landscaped social spaces stimulate a child's sense of wonder and desire to learn.*

### **Physical education and sport**

A structured perceptual motor program begins from Prep to assist children with improved balance, coordination and cross-brain connections. A strong physical education program, sporting opportunities and interschool competitions develop fitness, game skills and team spirit within an environment that celebrates effort over winning.

### **Outdoor education**

Our students look forward to their annual year level camps, which start in Year 4. These fun and memorable experiences foster and build relationships, confidence, independence and resilience, helping to stretch abilities and problem-solving skills.

Integrated  
Personalised  
Rigorous





*"I am so grateful for the teachers at Good News. They are very caring and make learning exciting. The students are also encouraging and supportive."*

Parent.

# Caring relationships

*Children learn best when they feel safe, they belong and have purpose and passion for their learning.*

## **We care for each other**

Community is the essence of life at Good News Lutheran School. Built upon strong Christian values, we are each responsible for maintaining and growing our welcoming and supportive approach to pastoral care.

A buddies program between younger and older students, social spaces that encourage cross-year level activities, student leadership and an active approach to social inclusion assist Good News students to learn the value of giving to others and embracing the diversity of our community.

## **Partnering with families**

As parents, you are your child's primary educators and best understand their changing needs. We value parental support, input and feedback, and operate with an open door policy for our families. Parents, grandparents and siblings are encouraged to be active in school life.

The Good News Lutheran Church congregation, which shares our worship space and facilities, also takes an active part in the life of the school, embracing our families and staff as part of their wider mission.



# Serving one another

## Values and social skills

Our 3 central values of Identity, Compassion and Respect are developed alongside the core characteristics of kindness, thankfulness, honesty, forgiveness, responsibility, cooperation and humility. Students are encouraged to apply these in their interactions with others to grow and enhance social confidence, resilience and positive friendships.

## Leadership and service

By providing many formal and informal leadership opportunities, we encourage all students to be true leaders in attitude, behaviour and kindness towards others.

Service within our community and beyond is promoted as a way of living and learning, rather than as an event, with students making positive and lasting differences for both themselves and those they connect with.

*Good News  
welcomes people  
from diverse cultures  
and backgrounds,  
remaining united in  
the body of Christ.*





Identity  
Compassion  
Respect

*"I like Good News  
because everyone cares  
for each other."*

Student.

# Community partnerships

*In friendships,  
in classrooms,  
as a school, in the  
surrounding suburbs  
and in the wider  
world, we champion  
a positive community  
that reaches out.*

## **Co/Extra-curricular activities**

Your child's interests and abilities can be enriched through art, speech and drama, debating, chess, ICT and tennis lessons / workshops, as well as academic challenges and sporting opportunities throughout the year.

## **Specialist support services**

Our school community is supported by a speech pathologist, occupational therapist, psychologist, EAL consultant, AVTs and a congregational pastor.

## **The Good News bus service**

A dedicated Good News bus service is available mornings and afternoons to assist busy parents, while fostering greater independence and confidence in the children.

## **Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)**

Good News offers students before school, after school and vacation care programs. Children have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of engaging activities and learning experiences in a safe and familiar environment.





Learning for Life  
with purpose  
and passion



Good News Lutheran School is an independent co-educational school offering quality Christian education for children from Prep to Year 6.

We would love you to visit Good News for a tour of our campus and an opportunity to meet with our Principal or Deputy.

If you would like to apply for enrolment, please contact our office or visit our website.



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