



St Martins Lutheran College

Grow in Christ | Growing the Future

Educating



Encouraging



Empowering



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... come and see the difference



Welcome

Welcome to St Martins Lutheran College, a school for students from Foundation to Year 12. St Martins values each individual member of the community. The message of love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ informs all relationships.

St Martins offers a variety of learning opportunities to encourage students to reach their potential academically, spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally. A strong curriculum fosters a love of learning and is complemented by a vibrant extra curricula program allowing students to develop skills beyond the classroom. An emphasis on service to others is a feature of life at St Martins.

Our committed and caring staff welcome parent participation both within the classroom and in various other areas of the College to achieve our common goal of assisting children to learn and grow.

Modern buildings and good facilities provide a pleasant and constructive learning environment for students. Access to information and communication technology equips students for an education appropriate for the learning needs of today and future years.

Come, visit St Martins and see the difference!

Vision and Mission...

MISSION STATEMENT

St Martins Lutheran College is a vibrant learning environment, challenging each student to strive for excellence in a caring, Christian community.

St Martins provides opportunities for young people from Foundation to Year 12 to grow and develop into young men and women with the skills to face an ever-changing world.

A well balanced and varied curriculum suited to the students' needs is combined with a rich co-curricula program to provide an education suited to the 21st century. This education is provided in a caring Christian environment where students are presented with opportunities to grow in maturity and in an understanding of Christian living.

St Martins' students develop a strong sense of community through their involvement in worship, class devotions and community service.

...come and see the difference



Enrolling...

MAKING ST MARTINS YOUR EDUCATIONAL HOME

St Martins offers its program in education to all applicants regardless of ethnic origin, gender, religion, ability or disability provided that;

- Parents or carers seeking enrolment for their child/children undertake to support, willingly and freely, the stated purposes of St Martins College.
- Adequate space and resources are available

RECEPTION

Students beginning in Foundation or beginning school for the first time must turn five years of age on or before 30th April of that year to start at the beginning of Term 1. Enrolment at other times may be negotiated with the College and relevant agencies.

Enrolments in all year levels are accepted throughout the year providing a class placement and adequate resources are available.

To apply for admission to St Martins, families are asked to complete the enrolment application which is available from the school or can be found on the website.

Families who wish to know more about the college are warmly invited to contact the enrolment officer to arrange a personal tour.

Beginnings...

THE PRIMARY YEARS

St Martins encourages a love of learning in a caring environment during the primary years of schooling. Encouragement, developing respect for one another and contributing to a friendly community are all part of the St Martins primary years experience.

Essential literacy and numeracy skills are central to a curriculum that also encourages inquiring minds, creative thinking and problem solving. Small class size, access to learning support and a child centred learning environment provide opportunities for young people to learn and flourish.

Our comprehensive curriculum, caters for the eight areas of learning in accordance with the Australian Curriculum. Together with a special focus on Christian Studies and devotional time we endeavour to meet the varied needs of children beginning their educational journey or continuing through the primary years.

The Primary School at St Martins is characterised by continuity across the curriculum as well as through each of the year levels. Consistency in whole school approaches to behaviour management and student well-being support the holistic development of each individual.

...meeting the needs of children and families

Discovery...

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 also study a core curriculum and continue with their study of a second language. As students move into Year 9 they begin to have more choice in their course of study.

In addition to a broad and challenging curriculum Year 10 students begin careers education and work experience.

Small class size recognises and caters for the unique developmental needs of middle school students.

Excursions and camps broaden student learning beyond the classroom and help to build strong learning relationships.

Classroom teachers in the Middle School work closely with support staff providing programs in gifted and talented education, special education and ESL. Information technology caters to individual needs, with an iPad program introduced to students in Years 10 - 12.



Pathways...

SENIOR SCHOOL - YEAR 11 and 12

Students in Year 11 and 12 are provided with a wide variety of subject choices within the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

The academic program is tailored to meet individual needs, abilities and goals of senior secondary students.

In conjunction with other local schools St Martins provides students with opportunities in Vocational Education and Training (VET).

A strong learning environment is encouraged in the St Martins Lutheran College senior years. Study across year levels is not uncommon. A caring environment, increased responsibility and independence are all features that encourage success in these vital years of secondary schooling.

St Martins is committed to providing individual pathways for students leading to further study or to a vocational program. Until the end of Year 10 students experience a broad general curriculum based on the Australian Curriculum. Thereafter, students' pathways are individually negotiated and are as unique as the students themselves.

In addition, students who elect to take up distance education opportunities are assigned a staff tutor to assist them with this study option. Students who would prefer to take a vocational pathway are able to access the Trade Training Centre at St Martins as well as facilities in other schools.



...striving for independence



Diversity...

MUSIC

All students from Foundation to Year 8 study music with specialist music teachers in our modern music suite which is fully equipped with instruments for classroom music. Students may wish to continue their study of music from Year 9 to Year 12.

In addition to the curriculum music program students have access to a dynamic instrumental music program. Visiting teachers offer tuition in a range of instruments including piano, guitar, bass, drums, woodwind, voice, string and brass.

Extracurricular programs include choirs, worship bands and vocal ensemble. Students also participate in The South East Music Festival, the Christmas Parade and functions such as the Secondary Musical, Seniors Week concert and performing for the elderly at Boandik Lodge. The Year 6 musical at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre is a highlight for students in Year 6 and the rest of the College community, as is the Secondary Musical held on alternate years.

LEARNING SUPPORT

St Martins Lutheran College, through the Learning Support Team, provides support to students in Foundation through to Year 12 who experience barriers to their learning. These barriers may be physical, intellectual, emotional, sensory, language, social and/or behavioural barriers or interrupted schooling. Students can be referred for support by pre-school staff, health professionals, parents and teachers or students themselves can self-refer. Support is provided in consultation with class teachers and may be given in small groups, in class, individually or as a home programme monitored by school staff.

In the Secondary Years, support is also flexible but is generally given 'in class' where students are assisted to participate in the curriculum to the best of their ability with modifications made to assessment tasks where necessary. The College also assists families to access assessments and services that may support students in their learning.

GATE (Gifted and Talented Education)

Staff at St Martins Lutheran College are committed to supporting the learning of all students at the College, including those who benefit from a gifted program. Opportunities for extension are built into class activities as part of a whole school focus on enrichment within the College educational program.

Gifted students at St Martins are identified through a variety of strategies including formal testing and parent or teacher nomination

Nominated Students work together in small groups on a negotiated curriculum which could include activities such as environmental projects, community based projects, games, puzzles and quizzes.

A gifted education coordinator supports both staff and students to achieve the best possible outcomes for gifted students

Services . . .

AREA BUS RUNS

Assisting those families living outside of Mount Gambier, St Martins offers four bus services in the following areas: Port Macdonnell, Naracoorte, Millicent and Strathdownie (Victoria)

There are also two City Bus Runs that incorporate St Martins in their route daily.

...taking students further