



**St Martins**  
Lutheran College

PROSPECTUS

# 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.

## Enrolling

### MAKING ST MARTINS YOUR EDUCATIONAL HOME



St Martins considers 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; and adequate space and resources are available.

Students beginning in Foundation or starting 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 - FOUNDATION TO YEAR 6

St Martins encourages a love of learning in an encouraging and caring environment throughout the primary years of schooling. Nurturing differences and developing compassion and respect for one another and contributing to a friendly community are all part of the primary years' experience at St Martins. The wellbeing focus across the years aims to cater for the needs of students throughout their stages of social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual development, enhancing life long skills and confidence.

Essential literacy and numeracy skills are central to the curriculum that also encourages inquiring minds, creative thinkers and problem solvers. Even in the Foundation Year children are encouraged to be listeners and to collaborate, to work in groups and to independently take risks. Consideration of class size and support for all learners in a child centred learning environment provide opportunities for young people to flourish.

The comprehensive curriculum delivers the 8 areas of learning in accordance with the Australian Curriculum. Teachers strive to give constructive feedback supported by an A-E grading system and regular contact with parents through strong communication systems. As a Lutheran school and a Christian school, Christian Studies, devotion and worship are a key part of daily life at a sub school and whole school level. Messages of faith, song and prayer are central to the spiritual development of the whole school and strongly contribute to the strong sense of community.

The Primary years at St Martins are made up of two classes per year level from Foundation to Year 5 and three in Year 6, and is characterised by continuity across the curriculum and across the year level. Consistency in whole school approaches to behaviour management and student wellbeing support the holistic development of each individual as they move along their educational journey.

# Discovery...

## THE MIDDLE YEARS - YEAR 7 TO YEAR 10

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 sizes cater 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. The use of Information Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum.





# 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 the individual needs, abilities and goals of senior secondary students. St Martins is committed to providing individual pathways for students leading to further study or to a vocational program.

Students' pathways are individually negotiated and are as unique as the students themselves. While many students elect to follow an academic pathway, some prefer to take a vocational pathway.

St Martins provides students with opportunities in vocational education and training (VET), where students are able to access the Trade Training Centre at the College as well as facilities at other schools. A strong learning culture is encouraged and supported, and study across Year levels is not uncommon.

A caring environment, increased responsibility and independence are all features that encourage success in these vital final years of secondary schooling.

# Opportunities



## CREATIVE ARTS

All students from Foundation to Year 8 study music with specialist music teachers and have access to a wide variety of instruments and equipment. Students from Year 4 have the opportunity to play in a band through the Beginner Band program, which includes small group instrumental lessons supported by the College. In the second year, if students choose to continue, they become part of the Step2Band and the school provides the avenue for private instrumental lessons funded by parents. Both bands have performance opportunities within school, the community and at competitions.

Students may wish to continue their study of music in Years 9 to 12 through an elective selection and Stage 1 and 2 SACE Studies. All school music programs are complimented by access to visiting specialist instrumental teachers offering a variety of instruments including piano, guitar, drums, woodwind, voice, string and brass. In fact, music is quite a significant part of College life with a student based worship band, musicals, Generations in Jazz and many community outings.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

St Martins Lutheran College 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 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.

## SERVICE LEARNING

Service Learning is strongly embedded in our values of faith, growth and compassion. As a Christian school, faith is central to everything. Through giving our time and care for others we are sharing the love that was first given to us. By using our skills and talents to help and nurture others we are indeed growing as a person and as a Christian. To be able to get a glimpse of how others live and what they experience can deepen our sense of compassion.

While service learning can indeed be a part of everyday life in the way we interact with others, at St Martins, Year 10 students assist on a rotation at Mt Gambier Meals on Wheels. In addition Year 10 and 11 students are invited to participate in a 13 day service learning trip to visit a school and children's home in North Sumatra, Indonesia.

Our Junior Primary classes are buddied up with an Upper Primary class and while they build relationships they also help each other out when needed. The Primary and Secondary Student Representative Councils both organise fundraisers throughout the year and strive to educate about giving rather than just donating. St Martins also welcomes volunteers into our school, and while their skills value add to our community they are also role models to the student body. Indeed, serving others is part of our natural school environment.

## CULTURAL TOURS - GERMANY/CHINA

St Martins offers language learning opportunities in both Chinese and German. Chinese is taught from Foundation to Year 12 and German is available for students from Year 7 onwards. As a result of the language opportunities cultural tours are offered annually, alternating between China and Germany. These cultural tours are well attended by students and their families as an extension of their language studies.

## HPV - HUMAN POWERED VEHICLES

For a number of years now St Martins has been involved in Human Powered Vehicle competitions across the state. While this program is about pedal power and competing, it brings so much more to the team of students, staff and parents involved.

This program promotes a team approach to preparation and competing, with a fabulous opportunity for mechanical and engineering minds to work together to build and maintain the carts and strive for the competitive edge. The team of students commit to training and performing at their best in competition, and go with the highs and lows. The team of parents who form part of the supporting crew deeply enhance this very special and unique experience.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At St Martins we encourage all students to stand firm and show their spirit but some do have more of a tendency for leadership and we provide opportunities for both Primary and Secondary students to be involved in captaincy and to also have a voice through the Student Representative Council or SRC.

Annually we appoint Primary School Captains from Year 6 and Secondary School Captains from Year 12. In addition, students can be nominated and voted in as Primary and Secondary House Captains. Students from Year 3 to Year 12 are also then represented on SRC as nominated by their peers.

The key purpose of student leadership is to provide an avenue for student voice and student feedback, to be representatives of the school at key events and occasions and to give students the opportunity to be involved in the growth of the College from a guiding point of view.

## GOLF PROGRAM

The St Martins Specialist Golf Program (SMLCGOLF) provides a comprehensive golf program of the highest quality. The program currently caters for Year 5 to Year 11 students capable of self-discipline and respect for self, others and the environment.

Based at the picturesque Mount Gambier Golf Course, Attamurra, the program is dedicated to providing tuition and opportunities for promising golfers whilst complementing their overall academic education.

## 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 daily route.





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