



St Martins Lutheran College

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St Martins

Purpose

St Martins Lutheran College is a welcoming, caring, Christ-centred learning community where students grow, flourish and are inspired to make a difference.

Principal's Welcome

Welcome to St Martins Lutheran College, a Reception to Year 12 school located in the beautiful city of Mount Gambier, South Australia. Established in 1982, we are a family-friendly College with a strong sense of community, where everybody is valued for who they are as an individual and student learning is at the heart of everything we do.

As a College of the Lutheran Church, our faith inspires us to care, to pursue learning with passion and to strive above and beyond for every student. We take pride in providing an education that develops all aspects of a student's intellectual, spiritual, physical, creative and social character. We pursue a student-centred approach to learning and recognise that each member of our community is unique. We seek to provide a range of learning pathways in order to challenge each student to strive for personal and community excellence, so that they are well prepared for the challenges of tomorrow's world.

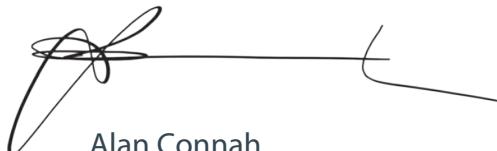
Through a balanced and varied curriculum, combined with modern approaches to teaching, we endeavour to foster a true love of learning. This is complemented by a vibrant extra-curricula programme that allows students to explore a range of interests outside the classroom. In keeping with this, we encourage all students to take an active role in the wider life of the College. Our caring and committed staff welcome parent participation in their child's education and we are fortunate to have a very supportive parent body. We encourage open, two-way communication, between home and the College.

As a College we are fortunate to have modern buildings and facilities, and a pleasant learning environment. Our students enjoy access to a range of information communication technology, which helps equip them for the learning needs of today and the future.

At St Martins we provide a caring Christian environment where each student has the opportunity to develop an understanding of Christian living in keeping with our College values of: Respect, Compassion, Growth, Faith, Encouragement and Hope.

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

If you would like to learn more about St Martins or see our College in action, please contact our Enrolments Registrar at: enrolments@stmartins.sa.edu.au



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Principal





Our History **Est. 1982**

St Martins Lutheran College started as St Martins Lutheran Primary School at the St Mary's Catholic Church in February 1982. The School experienced consistent growth in its first 5 years and in 1987 moved to the College's current location on St Martins Drive.

From humble beginnings with 33 Primary School students in 1982 the College has progressed to its current 780 students including Secondary School students since 2004.

St Martins has always strived to provide a quality Christian learning environment, where students are given opportunities to grow academically and spiritually.

**1982**

St Martins Lutheran Primary School was officially opened on February 7 1982, with just 33 students and two staff.

1987

Students started their first day at the new location on Crouch Street North (the College's current site, now known as St Martins Drive) .

2004

St Martins Lutheran Primary School became St Martins Lutheran College and expanded to include Secondary Students in 2004.

2008

St Martins Lutheran College had its first class of Year 12 students in 2008. There were just 5 students in the first class, all of whom graduated.

2020

In 2020 the College underwent a significant restructure. It had previously been split into Primary and Secondary sub-schools but significant growth saw the need for a further split into Junior, Middle and Senior sub-schools.

2022

2022 marked 40 years of St Martins Lutheran College.



Junior School

Beginnings

St Martins encourages a love of learning in a stimulating and caring environment throughout the Junior School Years from Reception to Year 6.

Essential literacy and numeracy skills are central to the curriculum that also encourages inquiring minds, creative thinking and problem solving. From the beginning of their school journey, students are encouraged to be listeners and to collaborate, to work in groups and to independently take risks as they embrace learning experiences.

Nurturing differences, firm consideration of class sizes and working closely with parents provides good opportunities for children to flourish in a Christ centred learning environment. A restorative approach is strengthened by our school values and enhances lifelong skills and social understanding.



Robyn Teakle

Meet the Head of Junior School

With over 30 years experience in the education industry, Robyn has a wealth of knowledge and a passion for connection and educating future ready students. Robyn has been an integral part of St Martins Lutheran College, starting her career as a Year 2/3 classroom teacher in 1990. Robyn then progressed into the College's Leadership Team in 2005.

Middle School

Discovery

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 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.

A particular feature of the Middle School experience is the Rite Journey, a wellbeing programme students experience in Year 9. Students are challenged as they examine their identity, relationships and purpose as we support their move into young adulthood.

Small class sizes cater for the unique developmental needs of Middle School students. Excursions, camps and a wide range of extra-curricular activities broaden student learning beyond the classroom and help to foster strong learning relationships.

Classroom teachers in the Middle School strive for engaging learning experiences, building skills and attitudes to equip students for our ever-evolving 21st century world. The use of Information Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum.

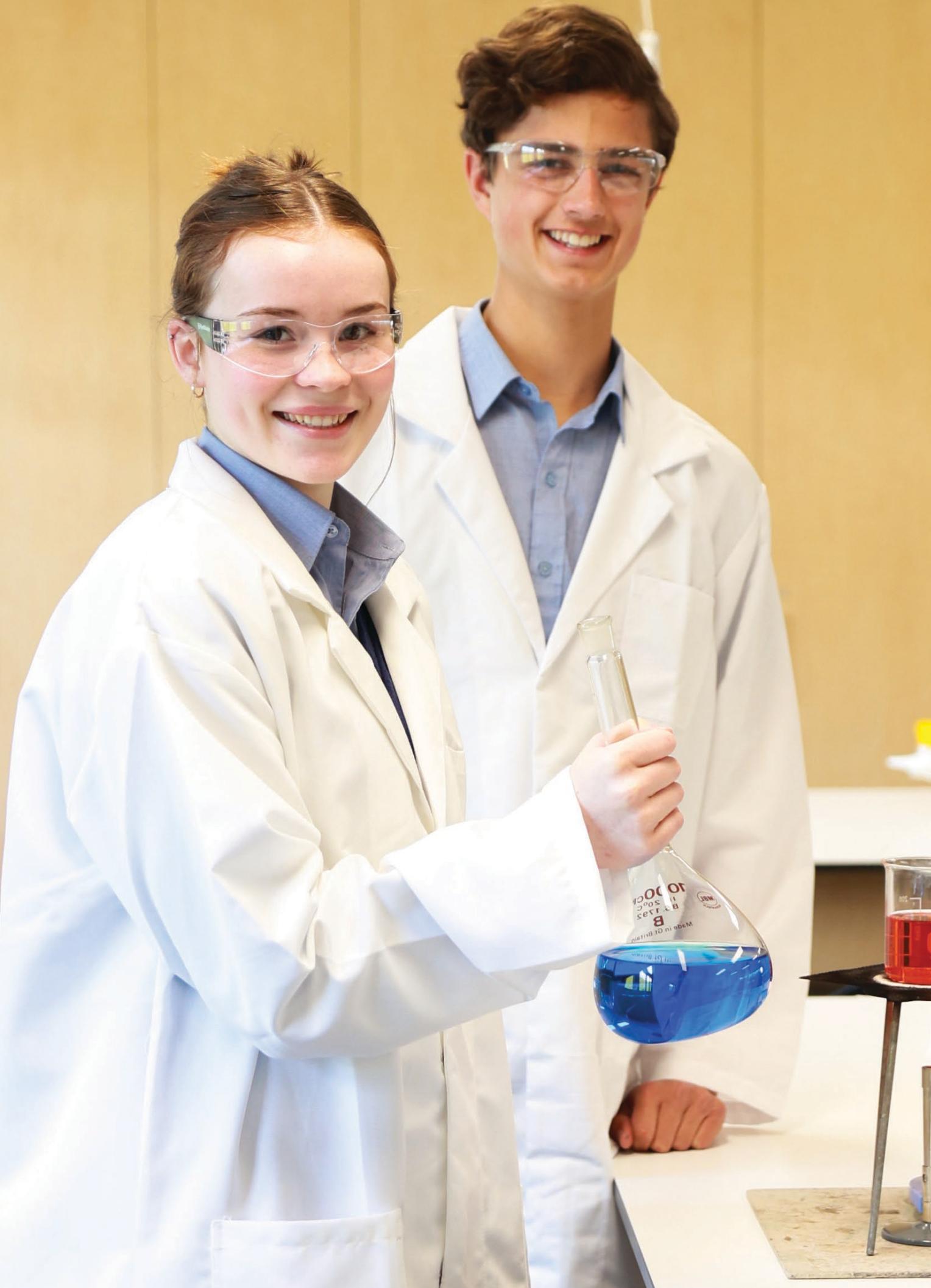


Damian Bradley

Meet the Head of Middle School

Starting his teaching career at St Martins Lutheran College in 1998, Damian is a pillar of the College community both in the classroom and as the Head of Middle School. He emphasises the importance of knowing each student by name and creating a friendly, welcoming community within the Middle School.





Senior School

Pathways

Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are provided with a wide variety of subject choices within the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), as well as Vocational Education and Training (VET) opportunities.

The academic program is tailored to meet the individual needs, abilities and goals of Senior School 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, where students are able to access the College's Trade Training Centre and the Food and Hospitality Centre, as well as facilities at other educational providers. 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 senior schooling.



Kathy Oliphant

Meet the Head of Senior School

Kathy joined St Martins Lutheran College as the Head of Senior School in 2021. Kathy came to the College with many years of experience in Secondary teaching and leadership, where she managed Maths and Science faculties as well as year level leadership roles. Kathy strives to ensure every student is heard and feels welcome within the Senior School.

Wellbeing and Pastoral Care

Wellbeing

At St Martins Lutheran College, we understand that students who have positive wellbeing are more likely to have better mental health as well as improved social, emotional and academic outcomes. As a Lutheran school, our students learn that God's love for them is unconditional and freely given, and they are also encouraged to identify and utilise their God given gifts and abilities.

Our commitment to wellbeing at St Martins is to provide a school environment where students are supported to have a sense of belonging and connection, where we partner with families and the wider community and where students develop positive and supportive relationships. We strive to ensure that our students build skills and strategies to manage difficult times, have opportunities to be successful and ultimately find purpose, joy and gratitude in their lives.



Pastoral Care

At St Martins Lutheran College, caring for the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of our students is a key consideration. It informs our teaching practice and our approach to educating the whole child, not just from an academic perspective, but also in supporting the development of important social and emotional skills.

Pastoral care is the responsibility of every staff member at St Martins, and our Lutheran faith provides the foundation for all that we do. Our school values, encapsulated by the St Martins Spirit, provide a framework and guide our interactions with and between all members of our school community. At St Martins we aim to provide a welcoming and caring community for students and their families, and to provide an environment where students feel valued and belong.

Our class and home group teachers take primary responsibility for the pastoral care and well-being of our students. They develop positive relationships with students, and provide consistent and reliable support to students and their families. Heads of School provide support and direction to teachers and implement activities and curriculum that address the social and emotional needs of our student body. In the Junior School, social and emotional learning takes place throughout the school day and is woven into the way our staff teach, support and guide our students. Pastoral Care lessons each week in the Middle and Senior School provide the space for targeted social and emotional learning to occur, and for connection to be made between staff and students.

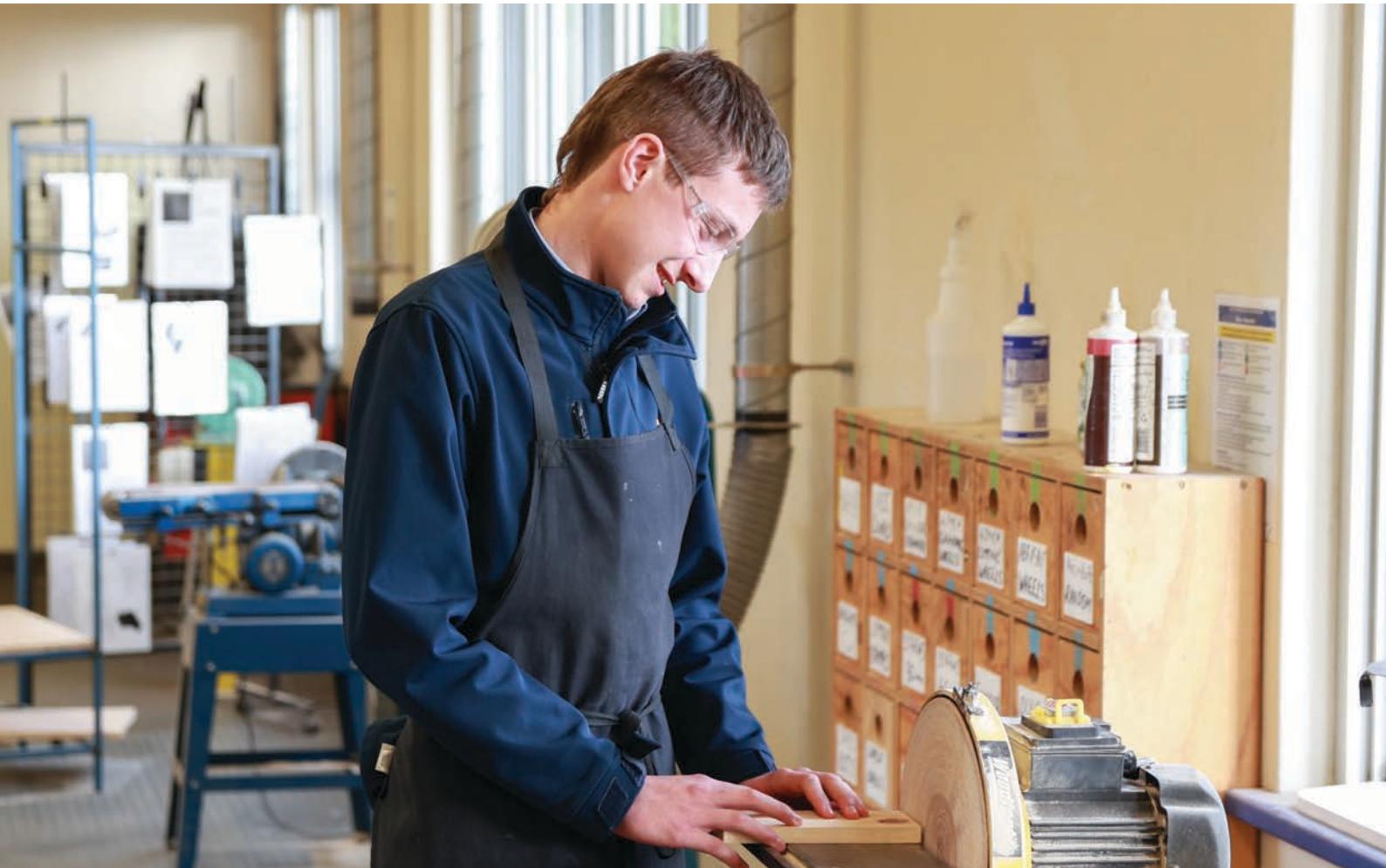


Pathways Trade Training Centre

Developing essential skills for the future

"Design thinking" is central to our work in our Trade Training Centre where students are required to think outside the box, using problem solving and higher order thinking skills to solve and design solutions. As a part of this process students access Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) for design and use a variety of prototyping tools including laser cutters, before working on their final products in our well-equipped Trade Training Centre.

Specialist subjects exist for Robotics and Electronics using Arduino to support our strong Technology offerings, as well as extra curricular opportunities in STEM and robotics.



Food and Hospitality Centre

State of the art facilities provide vocational training opportunities

St Martins Lutheran College engages with industry leaders to provide vocational offerings in the Food and Hospitality area. Well respected local providers offer nationally accredited certificates in hospitality equipping students with the skills and knowledge for the hospitality industry.

Students begin in a well-equipped Middle School kitchen learning about healthy eating, safety and a variety of cuisines influenced by our multi-cultural country. Then in the senior years students access our state-of-the-art commercial kitchen to refine their skills.



Music and the Arts

Band Program

Students from Year 4 - Year 6 have the opportunity to play a variety of instruments through the Beginner Band program. The College provides an instrument and small group instrumental lessons for this first year of Band. After their Beginner Band year, students may choose to continue in the Band Program progressing through Junior Band, Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble.

Choir Program

St Martins' Choir Program includes opportunities for all students to sing in a choir from Year 3. Choirs include Junior Choir (Years 3 & 4), Festival Choir (Years 5 & 6), Senior Choir (Years 7 - 12) and Jazz Choir (by audition).

Instrumental Music

All College music programs are complimented by access to visiting specialist instrumental teachers offering tuition in a variety of instruments including piano, guitar, drums, woodwind, voice, strings and brass, in weekly individual lessons.



Creative Arts

Students start exploring the arts as soon as they start school in Reception. Beginning with music, their journey to Year 12 gives them the opportunity to experience other subjects such as Drama, Visual Arts, Photography and Film/Media Studies.



Performing Arts

Opportunities for the stage include the annual Year 6 Musical and the biennial Middle/Senior School Musical at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, giving students an opportunity to work in a large professional theatre. The Middle and Senior School also run a House Performing Arts competition, where all students participate in fun and exciting performances. Drama classes combine each year to stage their productions to a live audience at the Wehl Street Theatre.



Visual Arts

The St Martins Lutheran College Art Show is an annual event held to showcase Art at the College from Reception to SACE Stage 2, with students from all year levels encouraged to submit work. Work is judged by a local artist and a range of awards and prizes are presented to recognise student achievement. Digital artworks are also shown internally at the annual Digital Arts Showcase.



College Programs

SMLCGolf

The St Martins Specialist Golf Program (SMLCGOLF), provides training and skill development of the highest quality. The program currently caters for Year 6 to Year 12 students capable of self-discipline and respect for self, others and the environment.

Based at the picturesque Mount Gambier Golf Club (Attamurra), the program is dedicated to providing tuition and opportunities for promising/beginner golfers while complementing their overall academic education. There are opportunities within the program for students to participate in a number of school based primary and secondary statewide competitions.

SMLCGOLF students receive full Junior Membership at the Mount Gambier Golf Club while they are in the program, which includes full use of the Club's excellent playing and practice facilities. As well as having one of the state's finest 18 hole championship courses, the Club has a practice fairway, short iron approach, chipping and practice putting green. There is no cost to enter the program.



HPV (Human Powered Vehicles)

The St Martins Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) program provides students in Year 5 to Year 12 with the opportunity to participate in the ever-growing Australian Human Powered Vehicle Super Series (AHPVSS). While this program is about pedal power and competing, it brings so much more to the team of students, staff and parents involved. The program promotes a team approach to preparation and competing, with a great opportunity for mechanical and engineering minds to work together to build and maintain the carts. The team of students commit to training and performing at their best in competitions.

Parental involvement is a big component of this program. There are many roles within the team that require assistance, including cart maintenance, fundraising, catering, transport and marshalling.

The St Martins HPV team participate in the UniSA Australian HPV Super Series. The team travel to the South Australian races where they compete against schools and community groups from around the country.



Learning Enrichment

St Martins provides an inclusive mainstream learning environment for students from Reception through to Year 12. In consultation with relevant teachers, school leaders and College counsellors the Learning Enrichment Coordinators analyse, plan and support teachers to develop suitable programs for students who may be experiencing barriers to their learning or who may need to extend their skills, knowledge or understanding.

The majority of support is given within the classroom with trained learning enrichment staff working under the direction of the teacher. Research based intervention programs are generally delivered in small groups out of the classroom to maximise the benefit for the individual child. Other one-on-one or small group programs are customised to the students' particular needs or desired outcome and happen in consultation with families and teachers.

Learning Enrichment Coordinators and teachers value a strong and open partnership with families in striving to meet the needs of the child. In addition, the College values the input of allied health professionals such as occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists and external counsellors to inform and guide families and teachers in developing quality programs, support and future directions.



Worship and Devotional Life

As a Lutheran School, St Martins sees the revelation of God in Scripture to be the starting point of education. Therefore, whilst opening enrolment to students of all faiths and backgrounds, an understanding and respect of the Christian faith is central to our community. As part of this, daily devotions emphasise the gospel message of God's love for all people as well as how Christian beliefs and values can be lived out in our lives. Devotions are age appropriate and may involve reading or viewing a Bible story or verses, singing and praying.

Weekly Worship services are also integral to College life and involve our whole community coming together to hear God's Word, sing and pray. We encourage student participation in these times, whilst also recognising that students are at different points on their faith journey.

Alongside the worship and devotional life of the College is Christian Studies as a subject which student study each week as part of the curriculum. Christian Studies is studied for one to two lessons per week at each year level across the College. Staff use an inquiry approach to teaching and learning, giving students the opportunity to ponder the big questions of life, meaning and purpose in a supportive environment.



College Services Bus Services

St Martins Lutheran College offers seven regional bus services, providing transport to students from Naracoorte, Penola, Millicent, Glencoe, Port MacDonnell, Kongorong, Mil Lel and surrounding areas.

Families can utilise this service for one-way or return trips on school days.

For more information on the College bus routes please contact the College Front Office on (08) 8725 1430 or at office@stmartins.sa.edu.au

In addition to the College bus service, the City of Mount Gambier operates two buses throughout Mount Gambier's inner suburbs that stop at the College mornings and afternoons.



SMOSHC

(St Martins Out of School Hours Care)

St Martins Out of School Hours Care (SMOSHC) is an inclusive, on-site service that provides after school and vacation care to the students and families of St Martins, in a happy, safe and caring Christian environment.

SMOSHC strives to provide a fun, child-centred program for students from Reception to Year 7.

SMOSHC is located in the College House which can be found near the Staff carpark. The House is a vibrant space for students to participate in programmed activities, enjoy free time and complete homework. The House is fully equipped with a playroom, kitchen for food preparation and a generous backyard for outdoor play.

SMOSHC embraces the values of the College and the St Martins 'Spirit' of Respect, Compassion, Growth, Faith, Encouragement and Hope.



ENROLLING

ADMISSION

St Martins considers all applicants regardless of ethnic origin, gender, religion, ability or disability provided that; parents or carers seeking enrolment for their child/ren undertake to support, willingly and freely, the stated purposes of St Martins Lutheran College; and adequate space and resources are available.

To apply for admission to St Martins, families are asked to complete the enrolment application, which is available from the College or can be found on the website. Families who wish to know more about the College are warmly invited to contact the Enrolment Registrar at enrolments@stmartins.sa.edu.au to arrange a personal tour.

ENROLMENT INTAKES

Reception

St Martins Lutheran College offers two Reception intakes.

Students commencing in Reception or starting school for the first time must;

- turn five years of age on or before 30 April of that year to start at the beginning of Term 1.
- turn five years of age between 1 May and 31 October to start in Term 3 of that year, or Term 1 of the following year.

Year 7

Middle School intake is offered for students starting in Year 7 to cater for students moving from a Junior School in to Middle schooling.

All Other Year Levels

Enrolment at other times may be negotiated with the College and relevant agencies. Enrolments in all year levels may be accepted throughout the year, providing a class placement and adequate resources are available.





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