We are **one**. We are **Pedare**.



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An R-12 Anglican and Uniting Church School



Pedare is a community that promotes togetherness, because when **we stand as one,** we can achieve anything. At Pedare Christian College, we pride ourselves on offering a diverse coeducational community that embraces the modern technologies of today. Our aim is to inspire each and every student to become independent learners who have a genuine passion for contributing to local and global communities.

Our diverse curriculum—accompanied by state-of-the-art facilities—goes beyond traditional subject lines and offers students every opportunity to unlock their full potential. We combine an innovative learning approach with a values-rich pastoral care program that caters to each individual's social and emotional needs, helping students grow not only their minds, but also their hearts.

Pedare is a progressive school that places importance on modern world developments, while still remaining true to our core Anglican and Uniting Church values of acceptance and compassion. We are an inclusive school that is open to all young people irrespective of faith and background.

Together as One College, on One Campus, we aim to foster inquisitive and creative minds, while focusing just as much attention on establishing a strong sense of community in which our young leaders of tomorrow can develop and thrive.

Mike Millard | Principal

## **Welcome to Pedare**



Junior School Reception to Year 5 (Elserity)

# The Junior School at Pedare offers an engaging, dynamic and student-centred curriculum for children from Reception to Year 5.

It is our goal to spark a sense of curiosity within each student, which they can use to explore new possibilities and shine a light outward into the world for others to see. Our school motto, 'Let Your Light Shine,' acts as a foundation for how we educate our students, and is taken from the Sermon on the Mount – 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.' *Matthew 5:16 NIV.* 

Our teachers are blessed to guide, observe and grow our next generation of leaders who will use their lights to change the world for the better.

## **Personalised Learning**

The Junior School is a place of warmth, focus, stimulation and achievement with three main priorities: education, values and safety.

As a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, our philosophy and approach is based upon teaching and learning principles of guided inquiry. This enables our students to integrate information across traditional subject areas and apply the accumulation of their knowledge in a cohesive and effective way.

In the Junior Primary (R, 1 & 2), a solid foundation is laid with skills and proficiency in literacy and numeracy as a significant focus.

While in the Middle Primary Years (3, 4 & 5), our program further builds upon this foundation with the aim of growing students' capacity for independent learning.

At Pedare, we provide engaging extension and learning support programs, which ensure all students can achieve their full potential.

Extra-curricular opportunities are an important and exciting part of learning at Pedare. We offer a range of activities aimed at developing the mind, body and heart of students.







## Wellbeing

Supported by staff, students engage in cultural, intellectual, sports and music activities together. These activities build partnerships, understanding and respect for each other's personal qualities beyond a classroom environment. It also provides a chance for students to develop teamwork and leadership skills.

**Junior School** 



# In the Middle School, we offer a supportive, creative and challenging environment for our students to learn and grow as individuals.

Our dedicated Middle School staff focus on inspiring a love of learning where students develop skills to be internationally minded, technologically adept and ready to become future leaders within their local and global community. We provide a safe, stimulating and flexible learning environment, utilising the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) to guide the delivery of the curriculum for all learners.

The new Middle School Centre for Learning is specifically designed to promote positive engagement for students to build their capabilities and thrive as learners. With innovative and flexible learning spaces, students will be able to work collaboratively and develop a sense of teamwork, while preparing for life in the Senior School and beyond.

#### **An International Education**

Pedare education emphasises the IB learner profile, focusing on the development of the inner person. We actively cultivate attributes such as courage and open mindedness to help students become exemplary global citizens with an awareness of others.

Teaching and learning in the IB MYP is underpinned by the following concepts:

Teaching and learning in context

Students learn best when their learning experiences have context and are connected to their lives and their experience of the world.

Using global contexts, IB MYP students develop an understanding of their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet through developmentally appropriate explorations of cultural identity, globalisation, sustainability, and more.

Service as action, through community service

Action and service have always been shared values of the IB community. In Year 9, students create a Community Project based on addressing a need within a local or global community. This long-term project allows students to reflect on their learning and the outcomes of their work – key skills that prepare them for success in future study, as well as life in the workplace and greater community.

#### **Conceptual understanding**

Concepts are big ideas that have relevance within specific disciplines and across subject areas. IB MYP students use concepts as a vehicle to inquire into issues and ideas of personal, local and global significance. The IB MYP prescribes sixteen key interdisciplinary concepts, with related concepts for each discipline.







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#### **Collaboration and Online Learning**

At Pedare Christian College, we acknowledge we are living in fast-changing times where new challenges require innovative thinking.

The 21st century demands a generation of technologically capable young people with a wide variety of skills and abilities. We are committed to developing every student's ability to solve problems in a creative and collaborative manner, while also promoting critical reflection on learning and an understanding of the responsible and ethical use of technology.

In an increasingly online world, Pedare ensures students can work in a collaborative online environment away from the classroom, while still receiving all the benefits of feedback from teachers.

Senior School Years 10 to 12 NOVE AND

In the Senior School, our aim is to develop independent students who are responsible and accountable for their own behaviour and learning.

Our teachers are dedicated to providing our students with not just academic skills, but also life skills that will stay with them long after they have left school.

We strive to provide a safe, friendly and positive atmosphere that encourages and supports our students, whilst also recognising their developmental needs as they approach young adulthood.

Senior School students are encouraged to develop their self-awareness as well as positive relationships with others, while undertaking a diverse curriculum full of exciting opportunities.

We believe that graduates of Pedare will be well-prepared and willing to make a difference in the wider community.

#### **Personalised Learning**

In Year 10, we provide a pre-SACE curriculum introducing the requirements of the SACE, particularly the compulsory Personal Learning Plan, as well as those of the Australian Curriculum.

In addition to completing the requirements of the Australian Curriculum and the SACE, Senior School students can opt to undertake Vocational and Educational Training (VET) courses both within and outside the College, as well as participate in Cross-Campus Study for subjects not offered at Pedare. Short courses such as First Aid and Barista training are also offered to enhance students' employability in part-time work.

### Pastoral Care

In the Senior School, we aim to offer our students opportunities and challenges to help achieve success in their final years of school, and prepare them for the world beyond. Our focus is very much on our students becoming independent learners who take ownership and responsibility for their learning and the goals they hope to achieve.

Senior School students have access to many valuable programs and activities to assist them in making informed choices about their future pathways, as well as developing essential life skills across Years 10 to 12.

Some programs include:

- Career seminars
- Community service activities
- Life skill lessons including safe partying, cyber safety, and employability skills
- Health and wellbeing education.

Senior school students have the opportunity to study subjects tailored to their individual learning needs and future pathways, offering a flexible learning experience.





### **The Wattle Centre**

The Wattle Centre offers senior students a unique opportunity to work and socialise in a welcoming environment.

At the heart of the Senior School precinct is a comfortable and modern building in which students can work as independent learners or together in small groups during study lessons. It is a hub for social activity where students in Years 10 to 12 can relax before or after school, and at break times. Adding to the relaxing atmosphere, students can also enjoy wholesome food served at the Wattle Café and hot beverages made by our student baristas.

The Wattle Centre replicates similar facilities to those found in many tertiary institutions, and recognises students are in the process of transitioning from secondary school.

#### Pedare and ONE+

Under the guidance of the Coordinator of Senior Studies and Pathways, students at Pedare are able to study a tailored and flexible curriculum to help them identify their core strengths and develop their future goals. To match constantly evolving requirements of modern education, Pedare has invested in and offers access to leading facilities to help each student realise their potential.

Pedare SACE Stage 1 and Stage 2 students may apply to study any one subject not offered by Pedare at one of the other schools on campus. ONE+ offers students the unique opportunity to unlock more areas of interest and better tailor their individual learning for their desired future pathways.

Facilities available to Pedare students through ONE+ include specialist science laboratories, a design and technology centre equipped with CAD rooms and automotive, electronics, wood, metal and plastics studios, a 320-seat fully-equipped performing arts theatre, food and hospitality training kitchens, music suites, multimedia studies and many more.



## Pedare aims to offer the best environs and facilities to foster each student's individual strengths.

Our Beyond the Classroom program is designed to challenge students in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities that supplement their classroom learning. Many students develop lifelong passions for their chosen activities and seek to continue them in their adult years.

The program is a vital part of the holistic education offered at Pedare Christian College and offers a chance for students to learn new skills and interact with peers across different year levels who have common interests. The College offers a wide range of activities, all of which teach students about commitment and discipline while cultivating leadership skills, comradery, and a sense of school spirit.



### One School, many voices

There are many year-round music opportunities for students to participate in across all year levels, including the Luminaire Vocal Group, Stage Band, String Ensemble, Senior Concert Band and more.

Students also have unique opportunities to participate in many well-known competitions and events including Generations in Jazz and the Balaklava Eisteddfod.

#### **Compete and thrive**

Participating in sport is a perfect way for students to keep fit in a competitive environment, whilst doing something they love. Sports available at Pedare include athletics, basketball, cricket, swimming, tennis, volleyball, netball and soccer.

Students may also compete in state wide SAPSASA competitions and apply for selection in SASSSA state teams in a range of sports. In addition to this, the Senior School competes in an annual carnival between Pulteney Grammar School, St John's Grammar and Woodcroft College in a range of sports.

## **Explore opportunities**

Students may also join a variety of groups participating in activities such as chess, debating and robotics. Also on offer, are different groups dedicated to environmental issues, problem solving, and faith.





#### Learning through adventure

Outdoor education at Pedare gives students the opportunity to go beyond the four walls of the classroom and venture out of their comfort zones, while making memories that will last a lifetime.

With a focus on individual development and life-long skill learning, Pedare's outdoor education program runs for Years 4 to 11.

Each year, students will face new challenges of varying difficulty, while still catering for individual student needs.

Students will be able to test themselves in activities such as camping, bushwalking, mountain biking, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing and surfing, just to name a few.

All elements of the program link in with the curriculum of each year level and are vital to building relationships, leadership and resilience.

**Beyond the Classroom** 





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