

Nurturing, engaging & transforming lives



A photograph of the Good News Lutheran School building at dusk. The building is a two-story structure with a prominent sign on the upper level that reads "Good News Lutheran School" in illuminated green letters. To the left of the text is a logo featuring a stylized figure on a bicycle. The building's facade is lit from within, and the sky is a mix of blue and orange. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and a red bench.

# Good News Lutheran School

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!

Nurture  
Engage  
Transform

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 learning programs, 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*





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

## Meeting your child's needs

Your child is important to us. That's why our staff are passionate about what they do and how they meet the individual needs of students through consistent, contemporary teaching and learning that supports innovation, collaboration and creativity.

Every child's potential is maximised through small group delivery of English and Maths, as well as opportunities for more focused learning in their areas of need and interest.

## 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills

Because we understand the many benefits of deep and rigorous learning experiences, we incorporate thinking skills philosophies and approaches into our curriculum. Students apply their critical reasoning abilities, creativity and imagination through purposeful, real world and life-like projects. These challenges demand collaboration and mental flexibility, helping to prepare children for the lifestyles and jobs of tomorrow.

## Agile environments

In order to meet the learning needs of today's students, curriculum delivery must be flexible and occur within spaces that adjust to academic, physical, social and emotional requirements. Across Prep to Year 6, our students enjoy learning environments that respond to their individuality and engage them beyond the 'traditional classroom'.

Our Resource Centre is a central hub of the school and is used by staff, students and parents for research, project development, collaboration, reflection and enjoyment within its various activity zones.



# Specialised programs

## Extension opportunities

Our school offers a range of extension activities for various students, beginning in Year 1. They have opportunities to undertake work that is above that of their peer level and enjoy the greater challenges on offer.

## Learning enrichment & special needs

Good News has a strong reputation for supporting students with learning differences and special needs. Our staff build each child's self-esteem while providing appropriate assistance through individualised or small group support.

## 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.

## 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.





*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 engaging and exciting. The students here 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 our 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 values program has been developed on three essential pillars of Identity, Compassion and Respect. We encourage students to apply these values as they interact with others.

Social skills programs encourage positive relationships, supportive cross-year level friendships, social confidence and resilience.

## 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.*

## **Extra-curricular activities**

Student interests and abilities are enriched through opportunities such as choirs, bands, ensembles, private and small group instrumental tuition, tennis, debating, speech and drama, chess, art, thinking skills tournaments, academic challenges and sporting workshops and competitions.

## **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.

## **Secondary school opportunities**

Good News students have guaranteed enrolment into Year 7 at St Peters Lutheran College, as well as scholarship opportunities. They are also warmly welcomed at many other high schools because of their achievements and strong character.





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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