



Our Lady Queen of Peace

PROSPECTUS

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6





Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace School, a Catholic R-6 co-educational primary school located in Albert Park.

Our school celebrates childhood, learning, faith and community and our Catholic traditions are expressed through our school motto – To Love and Serve in Peace.

Our Lady Queen of Peace School offers the latest in teaching and learning, technology, extra-curricular activity, and the benefits of being a high quality inclusive Catholic school.

Our Lady Queen of Peace School prides itself on the spirit that can be found in our students, teachers, sporting teams, achievements, friendships and approach to learning.

We offer our students a holistic education that encourages personal growth based on Christian values. We encourage students to develop knowledge of other cultures, languages, environmental and social issues.

Our students thrive in a positive school culture that ensures every student is supported, nurtured and valued as an individual.

Lee Abela





How Our Lady Queen of Peace Inspires Learning at Our School

At Our Lady Queen of Peace, learning is inextricably linked with living life to the full. Learning is personal, relational and communal. Learning is visible, active and interactive to create knowledge and meaning.

Image of the Child

The foundations of confidence, kindness and a love of learning are developed at our school as we seek to develop inquisitive, confident, creative and loving children. We believe each child is a constructor of their learning, seeking to make meaning of their world.

The Learning Environment

Our Lady Queen of Peace offers inspiring and interactive learning environments, as collaborative and highly experienced teams of educators build upon the foundations of learning to promote success for each child. Our children explore their creativity, discover new ideas and build upon positive friendships. Our learning environments foster a sense of belonging and are enhanced to foster curiosity, wonder and a love of learning. Our aim is to provide rich and engaging learning spaces, enriched with real worlds tasks with the potential to inspire the minds of our children.



Learners and the Curriculum

At Our Lady Queen of Peace School, we educate our learners explicitly within a Catholic view of the Living Learning Leading Framework, which captures the essence of what we do in Catholic Education – who we are, what we value and how we partner with our families to ensure our students thrive.

At the heart of our framework is our commitment to our students and our understanding of all people – we see them as ‘thriving people, capable learners, and leaders for the world God desires.’ We nurture and shape our students for their future.

We educate our learners to be:

- ♦ literate, numerate and effective communicators
- ♦ spiritually aware and inspired by faith
- ♦ self-aware, collaborative and socially adept
- ♦ intercultural and globally minded
- ♦ knowledgeable, inquisitive, and innovative
- ♦ confident and careful creators and users of Information and Communication Technologies
- ♦ moral, compassionate and ecologically aware.

These are the key capabilities that we focus on to enhance our learners to be confident and comfortable in who they are and work towards being successful in a rapidly changing world.

The nature of learners and the curriculum is described in each learning area and subject to the Australian Curriculum where learning is co-constructed collaboration between each child and teacher.



OLQP School as a Faith Community

At Our Lady Queen of Peace School, learning occurs within a richly lived Catholic ethos and a Religious Education curriculum reflecting the faith, history, and interests of our culturally diverse community. We respect and value the role of families as integral members of our school community and as partners in the holistic education of their children.

We encourage and facilitate opportunities for the whole family to celebrate the life, mission, and liturgy of the congregate within which we work, its connection to the local Church and the broader Catholic community.

Our school motto: To love and serve in peace, is animated through active engagement in Outreach projects which focus the children's attention to local social justice issues. We witness to faith when we model Christian virtues with all members of the broader society. Therefore, Outreach enables our school community to collaborate for the service of others and for the promotion of peace.

"Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of Love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others"

The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis

As a Faith community, Our Lady Queen of Peace School has a strong focus on nurturing all its members. As such, the wellbeing of all is a vital aspect of our school's living Catholic Identity. We strive to create a welcoming environment where families come together: being inclusive of all so that the one who is least likely to join feels welcome.

Curriculum

In partnership with parents and through its curriculum, Our Lady Queen of Peace School endeavours to educate young people in all dimensions of life by:

- ♦ developing the whole person
- ♦ encouraging a lifelong search for truth
- ♦ inviting them to grow in responsibility and freedom
- ♦ encouraging the pursuit of excellence
- ♦ developing an open and critical attitude to the world today
- ♦ promoting mutual relationships and partnerships.

Key Learning

Religious Education

English

Mathematics

Science

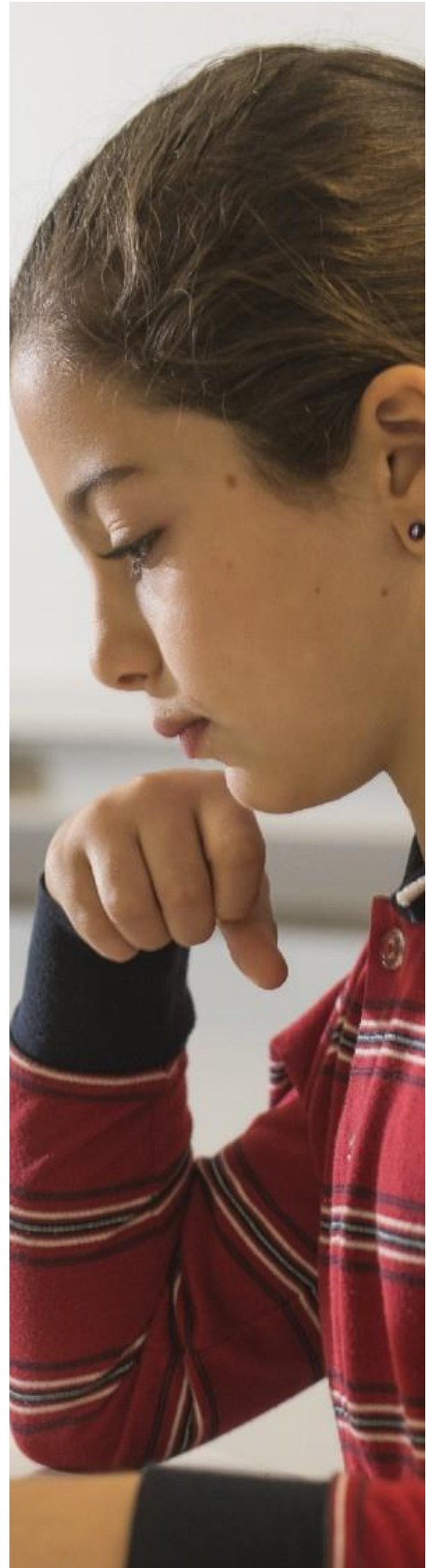
History

Geography

Design and Technology

The Arts – Visual Arts, Music, Media

Languages: Spanish



Extra Curricular

Choir - Year 5 & 6 in Term 1 – 3, Year 4 & 5 in Term 4

Private Music Lessons: eg piano, guitar, drums and vocals

Competitive Sport – out of school hours – netball, soccer, basketball for Our Lady Queen of Peace students

Coaching Clinics

Sporting Carnivals: swimming, athletics, touch football, netball and European handball.

School Facilities

Three Building Programs have been completed in the past 9 years. 4 new Learning Areas and 3 refurbished Learning Areas were opened in 2005. Following this, Stage 2 was completed in August 2006. This included refurbishment of 4 Learning Areas, new girls' and boys' toilets, extension and upgrade of our Resource Centre and a new Administration block. Each of our Learning Areas is connected with a glass sliding door, which provides opportunities for team teaching to occur and student interaction with other peers of a similar age. In 2010, our BER Project Hall, accommodating our OSHC room, girls and boys toilets, a small kitchen and our large hall called Bilyonendi (a Kaurna word meaning in a peaceful place) was opened. It is a well-used space for Assemblies, games, OSHC activities, community functions and our school musical showcase evening.

Our Canteen serves hot and cold healthy food two days a week.

The School Master Plan 2018 – 2020 included updating the facilities of our Resource Centre which will be completed in 2021.



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

We have a before school service 7- 8:30am as well as an afternoon service 3:05-6:00pm during school term times.

A Vacation Care program is also available to families during school holidays.

Parental Involvement

There are many ways that parents can be involved in the life of our school.

Parental involvement is valued and encouraged as it has positive benefits for children's social and academic development. It also helps build a strong and supportive community spirit.

Examples of how this can occur include:

- School Board membership
- Parents & Friends Organising Group
- Helping with excursions, sporting events, reading, cooking and other various classroom activities.
- Coaching sporting teams
- Canteen assistance
- Supporting fundraising activities
- Parent class representatives



Parents & Friends Charter

- ♦ To build community.
- ♦ To further the Christian development of the school.
- ♦ To advance the interests of parents.
- ♦ To assist the Principal in the organisation of the school.
- ♦ To inform the school and parish community of what is going on.
- ♦ To enhance the relationship and communication between parents and teachers.
- ♦ To assist in maintenance and improvements.
- ♦ To co-ordinate fundraising.
- ♦ To have fun together as families.

Parent Engagement - general information

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Tuition Fees

These are to provide funds to meet the school's day to day operating costs including loan repayments, electricity, rates, security, administration expenses, ESO salaries, etc. Excluded are teacher salaries, which are funded by Commonwealth Government Grants.

School Card

Students who qualify for support under the SA Government School Card Scheme are not required to pay full fees. They will receive an automatic (% TBA) discount against Tuition fees. All other fees must be paid.

Fee Remission

Families who do not qualify for school card but are in genuine financial difficulty may apply for a reduction in School Fees. Please contact the Bursar to make an interview appointment.

Payment of Fees

Families are encouraged to make regular payments through agreed payment arrangements, eg Direct Debits to assist them in meeting their commitments.

Fees may be paid either: Weekly over 40 school weeks; Fortnightly over 40 school weeks; Monthly over 10 months from February to November; Up-front in February for the full year or in 4 instalments due on February 24, April 28, June 30 and September 1.



School Card Scheme

The School Card Scheme, administered by the South Australian Education Department, is a means tested scheme to provide assistance for low-income families towards the cost of school books and other school charges.

According to the SA Catholic School Guidelines, students who qualify for support under the SA Government School Card Scheme are not required to pay full fees. Therefore, they will receive an automatic discount against Tuition fees. All other fees must be paid. If the payment of fees causes hardship at any time, please make an appointment to discuss your situation with the Principal or Finance Officer.

2023 Annual School Fees

Our commitment to school families is to offer a high-quality Catholic education that is accessible and affordable.

School Fees 2023

Full Fee	\$2,200
Lower Income Fee	\$1,200

What is included:

The school fees cover all tuition fees, levies, excursions, and charges for each child's education.

Extracurricular activities, camps and uniforms are excluded and will be charged separately.



2023 Annual School Fees

Lower Income Fee:

To be eligible for the lower income fee, you need to qualify as a low-income family. This is determined by your family's gross income and is a \$ value set by the State Government.

Please make a time to meet with either our Principal or Finance Manager if you would like more information regarding your family's eligibility for the lower income fee.

Our Principal and Finance Manager are only too happy to answer any questions you may have regarding school fees.

Discounts

Families will be able to have a 5% discount to full tuition fees if paid by the end of March 2023.

Sibling discounts are available for families with more than one child attending our school.

Full Fee 2023

No. of children	Fee	Total
1 st Child	\$2,200	\$2,200
2 nd Child	\$1,800	\$4,000
3 rd Child	\$1,430	\$5,430
4 th Child	\$0	\$5,430

Lower Income Fee 2023

No. of children	Fee	Total
1 st Child	\$1,200	\$1,200
2 nd Child	\$900	\$2,100
3 rd Child	\$780	\$2,880
4 th Child	\$0	\$2,880

Payment Options

Payments can be made in full or by an approved payment plan.

Payment methods:

- Direct Debit, BPAY, Credit Card, Centrepay, Cash, Cheque, or QKR!.
- Families may choose to make payments weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or termly, completing payment by the end of Term 3.

Enrolment Procedure

- ♦ After initial inquiry about the school, this folder is sent home. Return the enrolment form and application fee to the school.
- ♦ A receipt and letter will be sent in reply, acknowledging lodgment of forms.
- ♦ In the time prior to a child's official starting time, parents/caregivers will be invited to come in for an interview, usually 12 months ahead of the applicants commencing.
- ♦ After the interview, if your child is accepted, you will receive an 'Offer of Acceptance' confirming a placement.
- ♦ You will then receive more detailed information on the school, including induction days, parent meetings and uniforms.
- ♦ Your child's schooling days begin.

New Reception Enrolment Information

Families are advised that there are two entry points for Reception - Term 1 and Term 3. Children beginning in Term 1 will have four terms of Reception. Children who start in Term 3 will have six terms in Reception.



Playgroup

Our Lady Queen of Peace School offers a wonderful Playgroup opportunity for young children to learn and develop valuable life skills through play. It is also a great way for parents to connect and make friends with other families living in the local area.

- Children learn about the world through stories and play (nature play, imaginative play, water play)
- Families have opportunities to make and create, using many different materials and mediums.
- Children participate in a range of movement activities incorporating outdoor play, music and dance that supports sensory development in the early years.
- Sessions are affiliated with the Australian Curriculum and the National Early Years learning Framework.

Occasional Care

At Our Lady Queen of Peace Occasional Care Service, children are encouraged to learn at their own pace through opportunities to create, explore, experiment and be active. All children are encouraged to interact with others, supported through collaborative play and learning experiences. We aim to build a secure, trusting, caring and fun environment for children and families, where all are valued and treated with care and respect.



Kindergarten Admission

The start date will be the first day of Term One.

If your child turns four before 1 May, they will start preschool on the first day of Term One in that year.

If your child turns four on or after 1 May, they will start preschool on the first day of Term One the following year.

The minimum age for starting preschool will be three years and eight months.

There are a number of local kindergartens that students may enrol in the local area. Please contact the school office if you require contact numbers and addresses.

Uniform

All students are expected to wear the school uniform. Information on uniform requirements and uniform suppliers is enclosed.

As we are a Sun Smart school; children must wear a school hat at recess and lunch times and all other outside activities during the months of September through to the end of April.



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