



# Our Lady Queen of Peace School PROSPECTUS

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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.

We pride ourselves 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 Mercy 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**  
Principal





# How Our Lady Queen of Peace inspires learning at our school

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At Our Lady Queen of Peace School, 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

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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

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Our Lady Queen of Peace School offers inspiring and interactive learning environments, as collaborative and highly experienced educators build upon the foundations of learning to promote success for each child. Our students 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 students.



## Learners and the curriculum

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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

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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 congregation 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 students' 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

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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

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Religious Education

English

Mathematics

History

Geography

Design and Technology

Specialist teaching areas:

- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- STEM
- Visual Art



# Extra curricular

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- School Choir, School Band, Ukelele Club
- Private music lessons (including piano, guitar, trumpet, drums, vocals).
- Competitive sport – out of school hours – including netball, soccer, basketball.
- Sporting carnival, including swimming, athletics, cross country.
- Art Club, Environmental Club
- Children’s University program

# School facilities

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Each 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.

Two Nature Play areas provide creative spaces for students across all year levels, with large, raised garden beds for students to grow food. An updated dedicated specialist Music suite includes individual instrumental booths. Our Food Technology area accesses two commercial ovens to support our “garden to plate” learning, and educational cooking experiences.

Our specialist STEM and Visual Art classes are held in dedicated teaching spaces, though as part of our current Master Plan, will be part of a new two storey building, with purpose built specialist and general learning areas.

Bilyonendi (a Kaurna word meaning “in a peaceful place”) is a large, multipurpose hall used for gatherings, liturgies, assemblies, PE lessons, lunch time sport, special events (such as Music Performance Night, Carols Night). Bilyonendi also accommodates our OSHC facility.

The canteen serves affordable, inclusive hot and cold food each Friday.



# Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

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

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

## Mid year Reception admission

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Children who turn five years of age on or before 30 April, are eligible to commence Reception in Term 1 of that year and will complete four terms of Reception.

If your child turns five years of age before 31 October, they are eligible to commence Reception in Term 3 of that year, as part of our mid year Reception enrolment. These students will complete six terms of Reception.

All Reception students, regardless of whether they start in Term 1 or 3, participate in our transition program, *Little Peacemakers*, which supports children to ease into school life.

The Little Peacemakers program offers a number of weekly transition sessions designed to enable children to become familiar with school routines, engage with children in the same class, and for the teacher to get to know them. Children participating in this transition program will receive a Little Peacemakers top to wear to the sessions.





# Parents & Friends Committee Charter

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- To build community.
- To further the Christian development of the school.
- To advance the interests of parents.
- To enhance the relationship and communication between parents and teachers.
- To contribute to student centred improvements.
- To coordinate fundraising.
- To have fun together as families.

## Parent engagement

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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 students' 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 Committee
- Helping with excursions, sporting events, reading, cooking and other classroom activities
- Coaching sporting teams
- Canteen and library assistance
- Supporting fundraising activities



# Tuition fees

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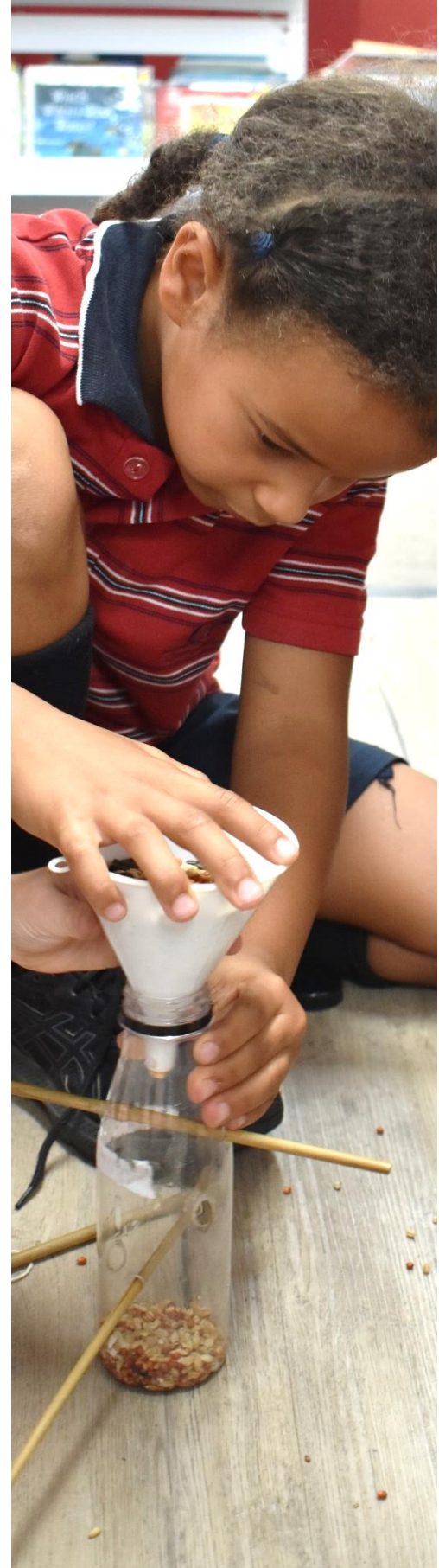
These are to provide funds to meet the school's day to day operating costs including loan repayments, electricity, rates, security, administration expenses, ESO salaries, etc. Excluded are teacher salaries, which are funded by Commonwealth Government Grants.

# School Card Scheme

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The School Card Scheme, administered by the South Australian Department for Education, 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.



# Fee remission

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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 Finance Officer to make an interview appointment.

# 2025 annual school fees

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

## **What is included:**

The school fees cover tuition fees and most excursions.

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



# 2025 annual school fees

## “Early Bird” and other discounts

Families can access a 5% “Early Bird” discount to full fee paying tuition fees if paid by the end of Term 1.

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

### Full Fee 2025

No. of children	Fee	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$2,200	\$2,200
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$1,650	\$3,850
3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	\$1,430	\$5,280
4 <sup>th</sup> Child	\$0	\$5,280

### Lower Income Fee 2025

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

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- When making inquiries regarding enrolment, families are invited to a personal tour and interview with our Principal, Lee Abela. Time is dedicated to a discussion on how our school community can best support the needs of your child.
- An information folder is provided, which also includes an enrolment form. Return the completed enrolment form, any required documentation, and application fee to the school.
- After the lodgement of your child's enrolment application, and if your child is accepted as an enrolment, you will receive an "Offer of Acceptance" confirming a placement. We aim to distribute an "Offer of Acceptance" within 2-3 weeks of the application lodgement.
- You will then receive more detailed information on the school, including any transition days, parent meetings and uniforms.
- Your child's schooling days begin – how very exciting!



# Playgroup

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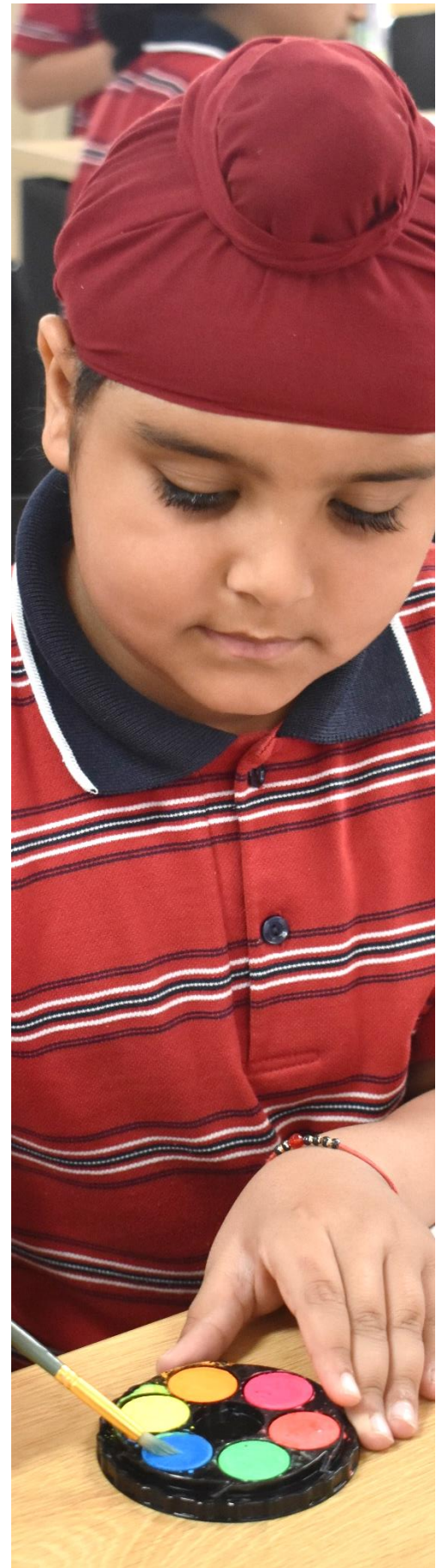
Our Lady Queen of Peace School offers a wonderful Playgroup opportunity for young children to learn and develop valuable life skills through play. It is also a great way for parents to connect and make friends with other families living in the local area.

- 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 support sensory development in the early years.
- Sessions are affiliated with the Australian Curriculum and the National Early Years learning Framework.

# Occasional care

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At Our Lady Queen of Peace School 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.



# Uniform

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All students are expected to wear correct school uniform. Information regarding uniform requirements and uniform suppliers can be found in our information pack.

Our Parents and Friends Committee also facilitate a second hand uniform shop, located on our school site. This shop, run by volunteers, is open before and after school one day a week, currently on a Friday.

As we are a Sun Smart school; student 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, though they are encouraged to wear a hat at other times, especially during high glare and high UV conditions.



# School details

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