



WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF *College*



Thank you for considering Geelong Lutheran College for your child.

Our vision is to be a leading, innovative, Christ-centred learning community that inspires students to be caring, confident and creative citizens.

As of 2019, we enjoy a shared identity of the two Lutheran schools in the Geelong area:

- Geelong Lutheran College – St John's Newtown: 3K – Year 6, established in 1962
- Geelong Lutheran College – Armstrong Creek: P – Year 12, established in 2009

Both campuses offer a welcoming, lively and nurturing Christian environment with a focus on providing a quality, Christian education for children in the Greater Geelong region.

Our special focus is on the individual child with an emphasis on the social/emotional, academic, physical and spiritual dimensions. We have a diverse student cohort and encourage student enrolment applications from a wide range of backgrounds.

Our outstanding staff are very committed to supporting our students and their ongoing development. Essential to our College is our relationship with God, in the context of the Gospel, where each student is valued and accepted as a child of God. Relationships are a very important part of our Geelong Lutheran College culture, and we use the Restorative Practice model in the support of our students' behaviour.

Both campuses are committed to our students' social and emotional wellbeing through the provision of highly qualified and experienced counsellors.

We offer a range of activities: co-curricular including sport and music and extra-curricular including service learning, robotics, Duke of Edinburgh program and debating.

For a taste of Geelong Lutheran College, register for our next Open Day. I strongly recommend you visit us, to see the College campuses in action, to meet members of our caring and dynamic schools and experience for yourself these unique environments.

Jill Lange-Mohr
Head of College





The history of Lutheran Education in Geelong dates back to 1854 when the Lutheran Church established a school at Grovedale.

In 1962, St John's Parish opened St John's Lutheran School and Kindergarten on the corner of Pakington and Aberdeen Streets, Newtown. St John's has built an excellent reputation within the Geelong community over many years, delivering a vibrant and dynamic education to students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Geelong Lutheran College was founded at Armstrong Creek to meet the growing demands from the community for Lutheran Secondary education in Greater Geelong. Established in a growth corridor between Greater Geelong and Torquay, the vision became a reality in 2009.

One of the most distinguishing elements of a Lutheran school is our belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ. It goes beyond our major focus on teaching and learning in that we are a community which offers a caring and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.





STRATEGIC *Vision*

OUR STRATEGIC *Priorities*

2019 - 2023



1. Mission and Ministry
2. Academic Excellence
3. Organisational Sustainability
4. Holistic Education
5. Community Engagement

Our Strategic Vision is available on the website.

OUR *Vision*

To be a leading, innovative, Christ-centred learning community that inspires students to be caring, confident and creative citizens.



OUR *Mission*

Geelong Lutheran College shares the mission of all Lutheran schools and aims to encourage and support students, informed and sustained by the word of God, to develop their God-given talents so that they may shape and enrich their world.





Wisdom is more than knowing. It is the basis for making good decisions and giving a sense of direction. Wisdom has a scriptural basis. It is developed through knowledge and learning grounded in the Christian faith.

Honour is respect for self, one another and the community in which we live. It incorporates aspects of love, service, courage and humility.

Purpose is living with intention. It embraces our unique talents and abilities and gives us assurance, hope, mindfulness and direction as we go about our daily lives.

COLLEGE *Crest*



The College Crest is based on Luther's rose. There is a black cross in the naturally red heart; for from the heart we must believe in Jesus, who was crucified for our salvation. The painful reality of the cross should promote a living faith within the heart. The heart stands in a white rose to show a faith that is giving joy, comfort and peace. The rose is white, the colour of purity to show that our joy does not come from the darkness of the world. The rose is placed in a sky blue field for our joy in Jesus is already a beginning of heavenly things, as we understand our salvation. All this is encircled by a golden ring, for our heavenly salvation lasts forever and is more precious than anything else.

COLLEGE *Motto*

The College Motto *Christ is All* is taken from Colossians 3:11. The theme is central to life itself. For, to the believer, life is a living, intimate, everlasting relationship with God Himself. Christ is the only way to that life in which the believer is committed to follow the way of Christ's love in all aspects of living both on earth and in heaven.





A PLACE WHERE EVERY CHILD *Belongs*

Pastoral Care is one of our focuses at Geelong Lutheran College, integrating personal and social wellbeing, resilience and support for a wide range of student needs.

We know that student wellbeing is directly linked to the positive relationships and connectedness to school. We strive to foster an environment where our students are cared for and learn to care for others. It is a place where they have a sense of purpose and meaning and where all students feel included and connected to their peers, teachers and the wider community.

A COMMUNITY *Approach*



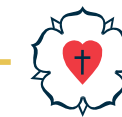
We have a very unique sense of community at Geelong Lutheran College.

We place great importance on forming positive and nurturing relationships between teachers, children, parents and staff. This emphasis is vital to our inclusive College culture.

Our campus communities are places where we know each other, where families are welcomed and encouraged to regularly come together at assemblies, chapel services and special events.

The College works in partnerships with our families to support each child's learning journey. Both campuses provide Out of School Hours Care.





A CHRISTIAN *Education*

Christian education is woven into every aspect of life at the College and we are proud of our distinctly Lutheran identity. This identity is reflected in our teaching, worship and character.

Geelong Lutheran College embraces every member of the community regardless of their culture or background. It is expected that all students are respectful of the College's ethos and that they participate in Christian Studies lessons and devotional activities.

Although the Christian faith is neither presumed nor demanded, we expect behaviour from our students that is in line with our Christian values. Geelong Lutheran College operates in accordance with the teachings of the Lutheran Church of Australia.









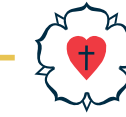
ST JOHN'S NEWTOWN 3K – 6

St John's Newtown offers a nurturing and holistic approach to education for young learners, from three year old Kindergarten to Year 6. Set within the urban precinct of Newtown in Geelong, it has a well established reputation within the local community since it opened in 1962. St John's is a community with outstanding staff whose strong commitment to education ensures that each child strives to reach their potential as young, valued, world citizens.

St John's endeavours to create a community of safe, secure and happy children who love learning and are well prepared for the next steps of their educational journey.

The opportunity of a seamless pathway from Kindergarten through to Year 12 is assured for all Geelong Lutheran College students, with guaranteed entry into Year 7 at our Armstrong Creek Campus for students graduating from St John's.





ARMSTRONG CREEK P – 12

The Armstrong Creek campus is set within a growing semi-rural, coastal community catering to the developing needs of students from Prep through to Year 12. Offering a range of engaging, hands-on and inquiry directed learning opportunities, students explore their place in the world and their responsibilities in it.

We have developed separate Primary, Middle and Senior sub-schools to ensure each child's learning is met through personalised learning opportunities.



KINDERGARTEN

(3 AND 4 YEAR OLD)

St John's Lutheran Kindergarten, Newtown, is a place where children love learning. Our educators provide a nurturing and holistic approach to education where children are inspired to explore, question and challenge the world around them. We treasure the unique nature of each child and strive to foster a child-centered education, providing a personalised approach with a sense of community that resonates throughout our Kindergarten and College.

St John's Kindergarten offers a three and four year old Kindergarten program with extended hours care. St John's Kindergarten students have priority entry into Prep.

St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten, Grovedale, enjoys a close working relationship with our Geelong Lutheran College Armstrong Creek Campus and have priority entry into Prep.





PRIMARY SCHOOL

(PREP – YEAR 6)

The Primary classroom is recognised as a nurturing and supportive learning environment which lays an excellent educational foundation. A strong focus on literacy and numeracy plays a key role in students' growth and development.

There is a focus on the environment, sustainable practices and a 'paddock to plate' approach through the Kitchen Garden Program. This allows students to work in, cook and eat from the garden, promoting lessons on healthy eating and food preparation.

Across the two campuses, the Primary years allow for a diverse range of subjects with specialist teachers including Languages, Performing and Visual Arts, Technologies and Food Technology.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

(YEAR 7 – 9)

Middle School students develop their ability to be analytical and critical thinkers, applying abstract thought, skills and knowledge to the world in which they live.

Middle Schooling promotes connectedness between and across year levels through focus activities including Australian Lutheran World Service Week, City Cite program in Melbourne and the Peer Support program. Students are encouraged to work collaboratively with their peers, increasing their capacity for interpersonal development in the areas of empathy and compassion. In Year 9, students participate in the Rite Journey program, which helps facilitate their transition to young adulthood.

Curriculum in the Middle Years is authentic and interesting, designed to engage active learning. We encourage challenging and relevant education, knowing that learning happens when students experience both success and failure.

In facilitating their transition to senior schooling, Year 9 students choose from a wide variety of elective subjects including German, Arts, Technologies, Health, Sciences and Commerce.





SENIOR SCHOOL (YEAR 10 – 12)

EMPOWERING LIFE-LONG LEARNING

In the Senior School years, students grow in independence. In Year 10, they have the opportunity to explore a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject. An Applied Learning Program is another option at this year level.

A strong focus on Pastoral Care and close working relationships between students and teachers is highly valued at the College.

In Year 11 and 12, we offer both VCE and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) pathways with a range of subjects across faculty areas. Engaging in the career development process is an integral part of the Senior School program. Students explore pathway options related to their areas of interest so that they can make informed decisions about their future and understand the steps required to achieve their goals.

A range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities are offered beyond the classroom, focused on character development and encouraging students to be thoughtful, productive and engaged members of their community.



We believe in the benefits of opening young minds to the study of languages from the early years. This enhances a student's awareness of other cultures. It broadens their perspective and encourages them to embrace and appreciate the richness and diversity in the world. Both campuses enjoy international sister school relationships.

FRENCH

St John's integrates a French Immersion Program from Kindergarten into their formal learning programs and through planned activities, to ensure that the use of the French language is woven into the students' day.

GERMAN

The Armstrong Creek campus students study German from Year 1 to Year 8 as a core subject, as an elective in Year 9 and 10, and can be chosen as a VCE subject in Years 11 and 12.





Geelong Lutheran College is committed to the importance of physical activity, and its contribution to health and overall wellbeing. In addition to an extensive classroom Physical Education program, students learn to play a wide variety of competitive and non-competitive sports focussing on skill development and teamwork.

Primary students at Geelong Lutheran College are involved in a timetabled Sports Program and participate in College sporting events and competitions including cross-country, athletics, tabloid sports, swimming lessons and swimming sports.

Sport facilities at Geelong Lutheran College include a fully equipped gymnasium (Armstrong Creek), sports fields and tennis courts.



The Creative Arts are highly valued at Geelong Lutheran College. We offer a range of opportunities for students to showcase their artistic talents.

Both campuses provide a vibrant Visual Arts program that allows our students to extend themselves.

Students participate in a range of musical experiences, including the highly regarded St John's Choir. The Choir is renowned for professional performances around the Geelong region. A bi-annual College musical at Armstrong Creek provides opportunities for students to express their creative and artistic talents.

St John's yearly concert showcases a mix of dance and drama. Armstrong Creek Primary School students also have the opportunity to participate in yearly dance and drama performances.

The annual Armstrong Creek Arts Soiree showcases students' work in Visual and Performing Arts, alongside the digital offerings inspired through participation in the College's media department.

Private music tuition is available.



