



***“My school  
is just right”***

**PRIMARY CURRICULUM BROCHURE**  
ST JOHN'S NEWTOWN & ARMSTRONG CREEK CAMPUSES

WISDOM - HONOUR - PURPOSE



GEELONG LUTHERAN  
COLLEGE

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# Welcome Bienvenue Willkommen

**Welcome to Geelong Lutheran College (GLC). This is a very special place where students can flourish, feel valued and know they are loved by God.**

We are proud of our Lutheran traditions, values and approaches to learning to support the whole child. We believe every child who enters our gates, either at St John's Newtown or the Armstrong Creek campus, is a child of God – uniquely made with a future that is bright and purposeful.

We are blessed with outstanding teachers, general staff, facilities and resources which support rich and innovative learning engagements both at school and beyond. We celebrate our diverse community, developing understanding and appreciation of the global context into which our young people will move beyond school.

We welcome you to our campuses to see 'The GLC Difference' for yourself.

**Sue Ellis**  
Executive Principal



## PRIMARY LEARNING APPROACH

### **Primary at GLC, Prep - Year 6**

**Learning environments in the Primary School are nurturing, and supportive of individuals and their developmental needs.**

Our approach is informed and driven by our Christian faith and our candidacy as an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) school. These foundations embrace a transdisciplinary inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning, in the context of a collaborative and relational learning environment. A strong focus on explicit literacy and numeracy teaching plays a key role in our students' growth and development.

Students become internationally-minded citizens as they develop the attributes of the IB Learner Profile and engage in deep learning, focused on issues and concepts of global

significance. We have an emphasis on empathy, action and sustainability. These learning emphases come to life within the formal curriculum, wider school activities and events, as well as in many everyday interactions and informal learning moments.

### **Primary Curriculum Overview**

As a Lutheran College and an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) Candidate School, our curriculum is delivered through:

1. The intentional development of international-mindedness through the modelling, teaching and practicing of our three College values of Wisdom, Honour and Purpose, and the IB Learner Profile attributes of Inquirers, Thinkers, Caring, Knowledgeable, Principled, Open minded, Risk Takers, Communicators, Balanced and Reflective.



2. A program of transdisciplinary inquiry, in which students investigate concepts under the themes of:

- Who we are
- Where we are in place and time
- How we express ourselves
- How the world works
- How we organise ourselves
- Sharing the planet

Transdisciplinary units of inquiry draw on relevant content, understandings and skills from the Australian Curriculum areas of:

- English
- Mathematics
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science
- The Arts
- Technologies (Digital and Design)
- Health and PE
- Christian Studies (Lutheran Education Australia curriculum)

Specialist teachers have valuable input into the learning in these units of inquiry, adding authentic depth to the experiences.

3. Christian Studies, Structured Literacy, and Numeracy support the broader learning for students.

4. Specialist teacher programs are in the areas of Physical Education, French (SJ), German (AC), Music, Visual Arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

5. Social and emotional learning is supported through class and whole school routines, events and activities as well as through structured learning.

To find out more about our Primary Learning approach please scan the QR code to visit our website.

Find out more  
about Primary  
Curriculum



# Years P – 6

## PROGRAM

Daily Pastoral Program  
Assemblies  
Chapel – weekly  
Classroom devotions  
Regular circle time

## TIMETABLE STRUCTURE

6 x 45 minute lessons per day  
25 lessons with classroom teacher/s  
5 lessons with specialists (Art, German AC, French SJ, Music, Physical Education, STEM)

## Year Level Highlights Programs and Activities Specific to Year Levels

### PREP

Buddy program with Year 5 classes  
Transition program from Kindergarten  
100 Days of School celebration  
Year level excursions and incursions  
Sports Events  
Safety and Wellbeing Programs  
Choir (AC)

### YEAR 2

Year level excursions and incursions  
Swimming lessons (1 week)  
Sports Events  
Safety and Wellbeing Programs  
Choir (AC)  
SRC

### YEAR 1

Year level excursions and incursions  
Swimming lessons (1 week)  
Sports Events  
Safety and Wellbeing Programs  
Choir (AC)

### YEAR 3

Strings (violin) program (one semester)  
Cybersafety program  
Year level excursions and incursions  
Swimming lessons (1 week)  
Athletics Day, Cross Country  
Choir (elective)  
Safety and Wellbeing Programs  
Camp experience  
SRC





## YEAR 4

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden  
 Cybersafety program  
 Camp experience  
 Year level excursions and incursions  
 Swimming lessons (1 week)  
 Sports Events  
 Choir (elective)  
 Relationship & Health Education Program  
 SRC

## YEAR 5

Cybersafety program  
 Buddy program with Prep classes  
 Debating  
 Relationship & Health Education program  
 Camp experience  
 Year level excursions and incursions  
 Sports Events  
 Swimming lessons (1 week)  
 Year 3-6 Choir (elective)  
 1:1 Laptop program (from 2026)  
 SRC

## YEAR 6

Cybersafety program  
 Leadership program  
 Peer mediation program  
 Debating  
 ALWS What's My Business? program  
 and Market Day  
 Relationship and Health Education  
 program  
 1:1 Laptop program  
 Transition to Secondary School program  
 Camp experience  
 Year level excursions and incursions  
 Sports Events  
 Year 3-6 Choir (elective)  
 Wellbeing Programs  
 Swimming lessons (1 week) AC only  
 SRC