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COLLEGE

# Curriculum and Year Level Activities Overview 2025

GLC St John's Newtown Campus  
GLC Armstrong Creek Campus



# Welcome



**Sue Ellis**  
Executive Principal

**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 that 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 engagement 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 for yourself, the environment your child and family could join.

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Executive Principal



# PRIMARY *Learning* APPROACH

## **PRIMARY 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
- Social Studies
- 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. Structured Literacy, Numeracy and Christian Studies support the broader learning for students.
4. Specialist teacher programs are in the areas of Physical Education, German (Armstrong Creek Campus), French (St John's Newtown Campus) 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.

# Years P – 6 for 2025

## PROGRAM

Daily Pastoral Program  
Assembly – weekly  
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  
Tabloid Sports Day AC / Celebration of Movement SJ, Cross Country  
P-2 Choir  
Safety and Wellbeing Programs

### YEAR 2

Year level excursions and incursions  
Swimming lessons (1 week)  
Tabloid Sports Day, Cross Country  
P-2 Choir  
Safety and Wellbeing Programs

### YEAR 1

Year level excursions and incursions  
Swimming lessons (1 week)  
Tabloid Sports Day AC / Celebration of Movement SJ, Cross Country  
P-2 Choir  
Safety and Wellbeing Programs

### YEAR 3

German AC / French SJ immersion  
Strings (violin) program (one semester)  
Cybersafety program  
Year level excursions and incursions  
Swimming lessons (1 week)  
Athletics Day, Cross Country  
Year 3-6 Choir (elective)



**YEAR 4**

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden  
 Cybersafety program  
 Camp experience  
 Year level excursions and incursions  
 Swimming lessons (1 week)  
 Athletics Day, Cross Country  
 Year 3-6 Choir (elective)  
 Relationship & Sexuality Education Program

**YEAR 5**

Cybersafety program  
 Leadership program  
 Buddy program with Prep classes  
 Debating  
 Relationship & Sexuality Education program  
 Camp experience  
 Year level excursions and incursions  
 Lightning Premiership Sports Carnivals  
 Swimming lessons (1 week)  
 Athletics Day, Cross Country  
 Year 3-6 Choir (elective)  
 1:1 Laptop program (from 2026)

**YEAR 6**

Cybersafety program  
 Leadership program  
 Peer mediation program  
 Debating  
 ALWS What's My Business? program  
 and Market Day  
 Relationship and Sexuality Education  
 program  
 1:1 Laptop program  
 Transition to Secondary School program  
 Camp – Canberra (4 nights)  
 Year level excursions and incursions  
 Lightning Premiership Sports Carnivals  
 Athletics Day, Cross Country  
 Year 3-6 Choir (elective)  
 THRIVE Wellbeing Program

# CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA-CURRICULAR *Activities*

Activities are offered on a year by year basis and reflect teacher and student expertise and interest. These listed activities are subject to change.

PRIMARY		
<b>House events</b>	Inter-House Competitions Cross Country	Athletics / Tabloid Sports Debating
<b>Leadership</b>	Year 6 Leadership positions: Peer mediators SRC College Ambassadors Prep/Year 5 buddies	Leadership Conference – Captains Leadership Mentoring – Captains Year 5 Leadership Training Leadership Day - Year 5 and 6
<b>Music</b>	P-2 choir 3-6 choir (elective) Various Bands	Strings Group – selected students Strings program – Year 3 Private music tuition (at cost to families)
<b>Sport</b>	Interschool sport – Year 5 and 6 Summer and Winter Lightning Premierships	Sport incursions – selected year levels Swimming lessons – Year 1 - 5
<b>Awareness events</b>	Harmony Day – cultural immersion ALWS incursions (selected year levels)	Fundraising and awareness days for selected charities Reconciliation Week
<b>Curriculum experiences</b>	Primary School Concert (biennial) Bravehearts Body safety education Relationship and sexuality education Celebration of learning	Cybersafety education AMT's Australian Mathematics Competition – selected students Themed weeks such as: Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week Action and Service related to inquiries
<b>Lunch Clubs</b>	All lunch clubs are held dependent on student/staff interest and availability and may change from term to term: Library Games Drawing Club	Chess Club STEM Club Coding Club Student lead clubs such as: dance club, sport training for House events, inter-house lunch competitions