



# Prospectus

A more personal way of  
learning that values who I AM



St Joseph's Catholic School  
**PAYNEHAM**  
LOVE IN EVERYTHING





**Simon Mechis**  
Principal

Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic School, Payneham. A place to discover a more personal way of learning from Early Learning Years right through to Year 6.

We are proud to offer a professional teaching and learning environment, with dedicated teachers who know when to challenge your child and when to support and encourage them.

At St Joseph's Payneham, we offer a dynamic school environment, small enough to provide the personal attention you want for your child, but big enough to provide the space, facilities and resources they need to learn. Compact

enough for us to know each child personally, but big enough for them to enjoy rich and diverse friendships and a great variety of learning experiences throughout their primary years.

Our school is a safe, supportive place of inclusivity and opportunity for all. We foster strong bonds with our children's families, and you can expect high levels of care, communication and continuity from us.

We care about your child as a whole person and focus on every aspect of their development and wellbeing, ensuring they are happy and settled to fully enjoy their Early Learning and Primary school years.



Located in the Eastern suburbs, St Joseph's Catholic School, Payneham is a parish Primary School and Preschool that appreciates the uniqueness of every child and family. We value your child as an individual; we see their needs, and the needs of your family, and provide for them.

We value curiosity, creativity, community and excellence and provide safe and exciting learning environments and opportunities for children from Early Learning to Year 6. Our school offers your child a well-rounded education that fosters spiritual, intellectual, physical, cultural and social growth.

The school's learning programs are anchored by Christian values, Catholic tradition and high-quality education that creates well-rounded individuals. We welcome your child and your family into our caring and vibrant community.

The sisters of St Joseph established the school in 1962 and we continue to support students and their families building on strong foundations and values such as inclusiveness, respect and self-belief.

Our motto "Love in Everything" permeates the whole school and is part of who we are and what we do. It reminds us of the importance of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in our school history. It is important our students understand the links between our Josephite tradition and school values.

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## Curiosity

Our teachers strive to bring out your child's sense of wonder and curiosity, encouraging them to learn new things and step into the unknown with confidence.



## Creativity

Innovation comes from creativity. We're passionate about allowing children to express their creativity as they learn and grow. There are many creative options through our specialist and after school programs. Personal interests and motivations are taken into account in Inquiry Learning Projects.



## Community

Respectful to ourselves, our peers and our broader local community, we encourage active engagement in social justice issues, service to others and the promotion of peace.



## Excellence

Striving to reach high standards, we challenge, evolve and adapt to reach excellence within our school. Through our teaching and learning programs, our extra-curricular opportunities and indoor and outdoor learning spaces, we aim for continuous improvement from Early Learning through to Year 6.

## A more personal way of learning that values who I AM



**At St Joseph's Payneham I am appreciated and valued as an individual. I am personally supported and challenged to stretch myself and strive for excellence. I am given endless opportunities to explore and discover my passions. I enjoy a more personal way of learning that values who I am.**



## Our faith

Inspired by the message and example of Jesus Christ, we encourage and support parents and carers to develop the faith of their children. We participate in daily prayer and opportunities to celebrate the life, mission, liturgies, masses and celebrations of the broader Catholic community.

## Our commitment

We will do everything we can to ensure your child develops the understandings, skills and perspectives they need to flourish. We are committed to nurturing your child's growth through personalised ways of learning.

Choosing a school is one of the biggest decisions that parents make on behalf of their children. All staff work together to make sure that the needs of every student are catered for through diverse, multi-faceted learning experiences.

## Our mission

Our mission is to create an environment where children can discover a more personal way of learning. To strive and thrive in all they do with a positive outlook.

St Joseph's Payneham has a welcoming, supportive community of School Board, Parents and friends Committee, as well as volunteers and parishioners who work together to enhance your child's learning experience.



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Modern teaching practices combined with the latest digital technology offer collaborative learning opportunities. Reflective and dynamic from the Early Learning right through to Year 6. We aim to foster the development of children in an inclusive and safe environment that's tailored to suit their individual learning needs.

Our Quality Teaching and Learning Programs are underpinned by:

- Child-centred and inquiry-based learning that is based on a positive growth mindset
- Teaching and learning styles that are informed by Christian perspectives.
- Teachers who are continuously developing their teaching methods to improve student achievements.
- Focus on ICT technologies and contemporary methodologies.

- Respect for each child's unique qualities and characteristics to be developed as they grow.
- Experiencing a Catholic Religious Education with prayer and liturgy whilst respecting different religious traditions and journeys.
- A school development plan that demonstrates a culture of continuous improvement for our Preschool, O.S.H.C and all aspects of schooling.
- An approach to building every student's achievement in Literacy and Numeracy through a contemporary curriculum.
- A strong commitment to providing a strong foundation for successful lifelong learning and participation in the community.

We seek to inspire and educate the whole child, developing their spirit, mind, body and character. We focus on each individual child's ability and offer a wide variety of educational, creative, enriching, sporting, as well as fun opportunities for students.

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**Our staff encourages success, promotes a positive growth mindset, supports creativity and develops compassion.**

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**We are committed to delivering a curriculum that is innovative, inclusive and values all educational pathways.**

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With a deep understanding of our students, St Joseph's Payneham has developed a rich and extensive curriculum to accommodate each individual's learning interests and style. Supported by a faculty of highly skilled learning professionals, your child will flourish as they learn a broad range of subjects that will guide them towards their future.

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

The school offers STEM as a specialist subject and the learning environments are intentionally designed in a way that encourages questions and supports independent thinking. Problem-solving is an essential part of growth that we foster in our STEM teaching programs.

## Physical Education

Physical Education is designed to instil confidence in our students' physical capabilities. Our program provides content and instruction designed to develop motor skills, knowledge and positive physical habits. There are also special Sports Clinics throughout the year.

## The Arts

As part of the Arts program, the specialist subjects of Music, Dance and Drama develops far more than just musical skills. Combined with the instrumental program, School Choir, Festival Choir and School Band, there are many creative learning opportunities available throughout the different year levels.

## Language (Italian)

Learning a second language from a young age develops concentration, memory and listening skills. St Joseph's Payneham is proud to offer Italian as a specialised subject. Children can expand their horizons with a skill that they can take abroad. We foster understanding and tolerance of all cultures through different cultural experiences.



- Winter and Summer Sports teams
- Mathematics Olympiad
- Children's University
- Drawing/Cartooning
- School Choir/Band
- ICAS National Competitions
- Early Intervention in Reception and Year 1

- MiniLit, MacqLit (Literacy Intervention)
- Learning Support in class
- Funastics Gross Motor Skills
- Education Support Officers (Preschool – Year 6)
- Giftedness Education
- Multisensory Mathematics



## Playgroup (0-4 years)

Our Playgroup runs in association with SPICE (Supported Playgroups in Catholic Education) and welcomes families with children between the ages of 0 and 4. Playgroup offers weekly sessions in an engaging way for families to participate with their children in learning, socialising and building relationships with other families in the community.

## Piccolini (3-4 years)

A weekly Occasional Care Program that provides a seamless transition to Preschool. This program aims to help children develop social and language skills through creative play, preparing your child for Preschool. Available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

## Preschool (4-5 years)

Preschool is an important part of St Joseph's Payneham and offers children a supportive environment to learn and develop their Literary, Numeracy and social skills. It also allows children to familiarise themselves in a welcoming space and make new friends. Children who turn 4 years of age by 30th April begin in January.

## Mid-year preschool (4-5 years)

This Mid year Preschool Program allows children who are 4 years of age between 1st May and 31st October to learn and develop using the Early Year Learning Framework and the Being, Belonging, Becoming guidelines. This is followed by 18 months in Reception.





### Reception to Year 6 (5-12 years)

With a key focus on self-exploration, Reception to Year 6 is a time for students to explore their individuality. As such, we deliver a stimulating, nurturing environment and challenge all students to attain their highest potential, academically, spiritually, physically, culturally, creatively and socially.

The extensive school curriculum aims to create leadership and social skills which is supported by technology and tools that enhance the learning experience.

We endeavour to provide a balanced, high-quality and personalised curriculum with a strong focus on student wellbeing.



### Enrolment

1. Consider a personal tour when your child is 2-3 years of age. An enrolment calculator for your child is available on the school's website.
2. Obtain an Information Package including an Application for Enrolment.
3. Lodge an application form and return it to school with relevant documents. A non-refundable Application fee is required which places your child on a waiting list.
4. Enrolment will be accepted if the enrolment is in accordance with our Enrolment Policy and available places.
5. A letter of Acceptance and Contract is emailed/posted approximately one year before your child is due to start\*. The Enrolment Deposit of \$50 for Preschool and \$100 for School is deducted from first term fees.

*\*In certain situations, the 'acceptance' time will vary.*

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**At Payneham, we take a personal and progressive approach to your child's learning and wellbeing while planning for future opportunities.**

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### Come and discover the difference

All prospective families are warmly invited to visit us on a personal school tour.

Turn your visit into a discovery. You can see the fantastic variety of learning opportunities available in Early Learning, such as Playgroup, Piccolini, Preschool, and Reception, as well as specialist classes in STEM, Music, Italian and Physical Education.

For a personal school tour of our facilities and latest developments, arrange a time to meet our Principal or Deputy and the student Leaders.

Book a tour via the school website or ring our office on **08 8206 5100**. For more information about our school, students and teachers, visit our website or speak to our Enrolment Officer.





Curiosity | Creativity | Community | Excellence

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