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Prospectus
Our School

History

Our school is an exciting place and we want to share some of this excitement with you. In the late 1950s many new people, a large number being of Italian background, settled in the suburbs of Maylands and Payneham. The foundation stone for St Joseph’s Payneham was blessed by Bishop Gleeson on 23rd April, 1960. Later that year, the building was completed and opened by His Grace, Archbishop Beovich.

The Parish Priest, Fr James Kelly, recognised the need for a Catholic school in the district now known as Payneham and he had four classrooms built next to the wood and iron chapel (Parish Hall) on Wellington Road (now 78 Portrush Road).

Supporting students and their families is part of our fifty five year history, passed on to us by the Sisters of St. Joseph who established the school in 1962. It began with 42 students and today there over 430 students from Preschool to Year 7.

Sr David was the first principal and Josephite nuns continued to lead the school until the end of 1983. As a parish school, we have much to be thankful for to the Sisters of St Joseph for many years of service. A strong partnership between School and Parish continues today. It is very important to us. Our motto “Love in Everything” permeates our whole school and is part of who we are and what we do.

Values

Inspired by the message and example of Jesus Christ, we encourage and support parents/carers in their responsibility for the faith formation of their children. This faith formation is supported by daily prayer and opportunities to participate in the life, mission, liturgy and celebrations of the broader Catholic community.

Our school is committed to:
- nurturing each child’s growth in faith
- offering outstanding educational experiences founded on Catholic values
- fostering partnership between parents and staff in the education of their children
- creating communities of respect for each other, the wider community and society
- encouraging active engagement in some social justice issues, the service of others and for the promotion of peace.

St Joseph’s Payneham is a part of a long tradition of Catholic Education. We honour parents’ rights to choose the schooling for their children which truly reflects their own values, beliefs and hopes.

Catholic primary schools are direct pathways for families to attend Catholic secondary schools. Choosing a school is one of the biggest decisions that parents make on behalf of their children. All the staff work together to make sure that the needs of every student is catered for via different multi-faceted learning experiences. Our mission is to work in partnership to educate young people for participation in the Church and our changing world.

Faith, Learning, Community,
for today and the future
As a Catholic Primary School, we aspire to a digital, contemporary, reflective and dynamic approach to educating the whole child during the foundational years from the Early Years to Preschool to Year 7.

We aim to foster the development of each child through the enhancement of an inclusive and safe learning environment. We provide interesting indoor and outdoor learning spaces that are responsive to the different motivations, needs and interests of all students and provide opportunities for students to achieve at different levels. Our quality Teaching and Learning Programs are underpinned by:

- Teaching and learning styles that are informed by Christian perspectives, ICT technologies and contemporary methodologies.

- Research based professional learning each year that focuses on strengthening various student achievements and building capacity in staff.

- A school development plan that demonstrates a culture of continuous improvement for Preschool, O.S.H.C. and all aspects of schooling.

- An approach to building student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy through a contemporary curriculum.

St Joseph’s Payneham has a very supportive community of staff, parents, carers, School Board, Parents & Friends Committee as well as parishioners who work together with a particular focus on students; especially through encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

This means that as a Catholic school, we don’t just teach Religious Education, we seek to inspire and educate the whole child and we aim to develop spirit, mind, body and character and also cultivate Gospel values that support lives filled with endeavour, joy and hope for the future.

We focus on each individual child’s ability and offer a wide variety of educational, creative, enrichment, sporting and fun and formative opportunities for all students. All prospective families are warmly invited to visit us and see the fantastic opportunities that are available here at St Joseph’s Payneham we hold our annual Open Day on the last Friday in March or you can attend one of the scheduled School Tours. Check out the school website.
Playgroup (0-5)

Playgroup is open to all families and is associated with Playgroup SA. It has a school coordinator. Use the QR code to check details in the Playgroup brochure.

- Families can bring children up to school age
- Mondays from 9.00am – 10.30am
- Fun activities organised each week
- During school term in the Preschool area
- Parents/Carers stay with the children
- Contact Manuela 8362 2153 for details

Piccolini (3+)

This program for 3 year olds is offered to introduce children to the learning community and to provide opportunities for learning through play and social activities.

- Early Years program for 3-4 year olds
- Fridays from 8.45 am —10.45 am
- Early Childhood Experiences
- Using the school Library & Preschool area
- Snack time with the Preschoolers
- Bookings for each term
- Contact Dora 8362 2153

Pre-Entry (3-4)

This program takes place in November, the term before starting Preschool. It enables children to familiarise themselves with a new environment and make new friends.

- Transition from home to Preschool
- Play based learning experiences
- An Early Years learning experience
- Parent Information Session
- Each child has 3 visits

Preschool (4+)

The Preschool has a single intake each year in accordance with DECD policy. Children who are 4 years of age by 1st May each year, may start Preschool at the beginning of the year.

- Koala Group is Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Kanga Group is Wednesdays & Fridays
- 15 hours access for each child over a fortnightly basis (alternate Mondays)
- Using Early Years Learning Framework
- Reggio Emilia approach
- Belonging, Being, Becoming principles

As we come together, we discuss, we experiment, we solve and we learn. Together we set goals to challenge ourselves and we learn. We show the world, but mostly ourselves how far we have travelled and we learn.
Canteen
A full Summer and Winter Menu is available each week day with an order. Open at recess and lunch time with a variety of different homemade items such as muffins, soup of the day and hot and cold drinks. Special Meal Deal Days arranged each term as well as a sausage sizzle.

Gymnasium & Parish Hall
Used for assemblies, activities, guest speakers, workshops, parent meetings, performance work such as:

- Self Defence classes
- Dance classes
- Sports team practices
- Sports Clinics
- Meetings

Uniform Shop
Uniforms can be ordered during normal shopping hours from Totally School Wear, Modbury North. Some Second Hand uniforms are available from the school on Wednesday afternoons.

Community Volunteers
- Canteen, Library, Preschool
- Working Bees
- Sports Carnivals
- Class excursions
- School Walkathon
- School reps on committees
- After school sports coaching

Music Tuition
Private music tutors are available for individual or group lessons in: Piano, Drums, Voice, Guitar, Violin.
Student can also join the SJP School Band or the School and Festival Choir for performances and Assemblies.

O.S.H.C.
Before and After School Care is available for up to 45 children. A terrific range of activities are arranged weekly together with a healthy snack time at 4pm. Sporting Sports Australia Programs introduces children to a greater range of sports and community clubs.

Before School Care: 7.30 am — 8.30 am
After School Care: 3.00 pm — 6.00pm

Parent Involvement
- School Board
- Parents & Friends
- O.S.H.C. committee
- Canteen committee
- Finance committee
- Parent Education/MITIOG
- Preschool

Specialists
In consultation with parents and the C.E.S.A. Special Education Consultants, the school is able to access a range of specialists to support students and their learning. A counsellor is also available on a fortnightly basis.
The Australian Curriculum was introduced as a nationwide framework that describes the different learning areas for each student and sets out what all young people should be taught and what the different learning outcomes are expected at the end of each year level.

Curriculum Areas for Reception to Year 7
- Religion
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Languages (Italian)
- Health / Physical Education
- The Arts (Music, Drama, Visual Arts)

General Capabilities
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- ICT capability
- Critical & creative thinking
- Personal & social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Intercultural understanding

Cross-Curriculum Priorities
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait histories and cultures
- Asia & Australia’s engagement with Asia
- Sustainability

Extra Curricular
- Children’s University Australia Program
- Winter & Summer Sports teams
- APMO Junior Maths Olympiad
- Choir & Band & Instrumental
- Art & Cartooning Classes
- Dance & Self Defence Classes

Come and see our learning community.
In the Primary Years from Year 3 to Year 5, our students are full of inquiry and questioning while becoming independent learners and developing a deeper understanding of the world. We provide our students with the opportunity to develop lifelong skills such as confidence, commitment, persistence, and team work through:

- Performing Arts
- Integrated curriculum opportunities
- Curriculum Support and Extension
- Winter and Summer team sports

**Sacramental Program**
Our school welcomes all families with a commitment to Christian values education. Through the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation, children continue their faith journey supported by our strong parish-school community partnership.

**Developing Personal Responsibility**
- Behaviour guidance
- “Way to A” strategies

**Creating Learning Opportunities**
- Along the historical ANZAC Trail
- Outdoor sandpits & cubby houses
- Raised garden beds for planting
- Reflective Remembrance Garden
- Learning Support & Extension
- Gifted & Talented Program
- Special Education Support

As school leaders in Year 6 and 7, the beginning of adolescence becomes an important time for growth and personal development. Therefore it is essential that our contemporary and diverse teaching and learning programs reflect the specific needs of our students.

Our Middle School principles and practices for our senior classes are based on:
- Holistic education
- Communication
- Intercultural understanding

Please use your QR code reader on your smartphone, iPad or tablet to access the Middle School brochure.

We have a student centered approach which aims to empower our students to participate actively in the learning process. We provide our students with co-curricular, extension and both indoor and outdoor enrichment activities to promote an all round development.

These activities enable students to participate, represent their school as well as give them the opportunity to broaden and fully complete their primary schooling. They are able to consolidate their learning through Robotics, Interschool Sports Carnivals, Retreats, Festival Choir, Aquatics & Farm stay Camps, Road Crossing Monitors, Sports Team Captains, Student Representative Council Executive and School Leaders Program.

**Middle School Elective Program**
All students have a weekly lesson with a choice of projects in the Elective Program with a presentation at the Middle School Expo in July.

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How do I enrol my child?

- Parents / guardians submit an Enrolment form with an application fee. Separate forms for Preschool and School.

- The school will acknowledge receiving an application form and fee which places you on the waiting list.

- Parents will receive a phone call inviting them to attend a family interview with the Principal the year before their child starts Preschool or Reception. This process also applies to parents / guardians wishing to enrol their child in Years 1 – 7.

- Enrolment interviews take place for both the Preschool and School at the same time and they include a school tour.

- An enrolment acceptance letter together with an Acceptance Contract is sent to parents / guardians. Parents fill in and return the Acceptance Contract to confirm a place for their child together with the Enrolment Deposit. Parents have about one month to accept the offer.

Induction
Children are invited to attend 3 consecutive morning sessions in the Reception class in the term before starting School. There is also a Pre-Entry Program before starting in the Preschool. These transition visits allow the children to become familiar with their new learning environment before their official starting day.

A Parent Information Session and morning tea while the children participate in activities allows families to understand the daily life of the school including details such as uniforms, books, recess and lunch time routines. Parent Handbook provided.

Open Days each year:

- Last Friday in March
- First Wednesday in July
- Dates available from the school website

Principal’s Tours

- Together with the enrolment interview
- As advertised on the school website

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Learning is…

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developmental

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