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COLLEGE

Curriculum and Year Level Activities Overview 2024

GLC St John's Newtown Campus

OUR *Learning* APPROACH

3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

St John's Lutheran Kindergarten offers a Victorian government-approved Kindergarten program with qualified early childhood teachers and educators, who seek to develop each child's full potential in their early years.

Kindergarten offers a play-based program in a fun and welcoming environment. The benefits of early childhood education in the years before school are far-reaching. Kindergarten provides experiences for children to grow and develop their social and emotional skills through learning and interaction with others.

Children from 3-years-old to school age have access to two years of quality, funded kindergarten. Neuroscience shows that early brain development is critical in shaping the learning development, health and well-being of children, and impacts on their future life opportunities.

Our Kindergarten program offers your child an exciting world of adventure, creativity, and learning.

3-Year-old Kindergarten

St John's Lutheran Kindergarten currently offer two options of funded 3-Year-old Kindergarten: 1 full day or 2 full days. Daily sessions are 7.5 hours and two-day positions are quite limited.

4-Year-old Kindergarten

St John's Lutheran Kindergarten currently offers 2 full days (15 hours per week) of funded 4-Year-old Kindergarten for all enrolled children.

In 2024, kindergarten sessions run from 8.15am – 3.45pm. It is expected 2025 sessions will run to a similar timetable.

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Lutheran Kindergarten





PRIMARY PREP - YEAR 6

Learning environments in the Primary School are nurturing and supportive of individuals and their developmental needs and strengths. Our approach is informed and driven by our Christian faith and our candidacy as an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) candidate school. These foundations embrace a transdisciplinary inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning, in the context of a collaborative and relational learning environment. In addition, a strong focus on core literacy and numeracy 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.

Prep

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Year 1 & Year 2

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Year 3 & Year 4

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Year 5 & Year 6

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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 in depth significant 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)
- Languages (French K-6)

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 in the areas of Physical Education, French, Music, Visual Arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).



Years P – 6 for 2024

PASTORAL PROGRAM

25 mins per day

Assembly and Chapel – weekly

Classroom devotions

Regular circle time – including social and emotional learning

TIMETABLE STRUCTURE

6 x 45 minute lessons per day

25 lessons with classroom teacher/s and 5 lessons with specialists

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
Adventure Challenge, Celebration of Movement
P-2 Choir
Safety Program including Responsible Pet Ownership, Bravehearts

YEAR 2

Year level excursions and incursions
Swimming lessons (1 week)
Adventure Challenge, Celebration of Movement
P-2 Choir
Safety Program including Responsible Pet Ownership, Bravehearts

YEAR 1

Year level excursions and incursions
Swimming lessons (1 week)
Adventure Challenge, Celebration of Movement
P-2 Choir
Safety Program including Responsible Pet Ownership, Bravehearts

YEAR 3

Strings (violin) program (one semester)
Cybersafety program
Camp Wilkin, Anglesea (1 night)
Year level excursions and incursions
Swimming lessons (1 week)
Athletics Day, Cross Country
Year 3-6 Choir (elective)



YEAR 4

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Cybersafety program

Urban Melbourne Camp (2 nights)

Year level excursions and incursions

Swimming lessons (1 week)

Athletics Day, Cross Country

Year 3-6 Choir (elective)

YEAR 5

Cybersafety program

Leadership program

Buddy program with Prep classes

Debating

Relationship and Sexuality Education program

Camp – Campaspe Downs, Kyneton (2 nights)

Year level excursions and incursions

Regular Interschool Sports opportunities

Swimming lessons (1 week)

Athletics Day, Cross Country

Year 3-6 Choir (elective)

YEAR 6

Cybersafety program

Leadership program

Peer mediation program

Debating

ALWS What's My Business - 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

Swimming lessons (1 week)

Athletics Day, Cross Country

Year 3-6 Choir (elective)

Regular Interschool Sports opportunities

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		
House events	Inter-House Competitions Cross Country	Athletics Debating
Leadership	Leadership Conference – Captains Leadership mentoring – Captains Peer Mediator Training – Peer Mediators	Year 5 Leadership Training Prep/Year 5 buddies Leadership Day - Year 5 and 6 Year 6 Leadership captaincy roles
Music	3-6 choir Strings Group – selected students	Strings program – Year 3 Private music tuition (at cost to families)
Sport	Interschool sport – Year 5 and 6 Summer and Winter Lightning Premierships	Sport incursions – selected year levels Swimming lessons – Year 1 - 5
Awareness events	Harmony Day – cultural immersion ALWS incursions (selected year levels)	Termly fundraising and awareness days for selected charities
Curriculum experiences	Excursions related to curriculum areas such as heritage sites, landmarks, indigenous education, sustainability, the Arts. Primary School Concert (bi-annual) Whole school Christmas event (bi-annual)	AMT's Australian Mathematics Competition – selected students Bravehearts Themed weeks such as: Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week.
Lunch Clubs	Library open Lawn games Drawing Club Board Games Club	Chess Club STEM Club Coding Club Dance club