

# DEVELOPING LIFELONG LEARNERS

## St Peter's Primary School Prospectus



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Bentleigh East

Developing Lifelong Learners

# At St. Peter's, we aim to ensure a love of God, love of self and love of learning happens when:

We follow Jesus' teachings, while welcoming all faiths.

Everyone can grow in faith and learn about Catholic traditions.

We care for the environment as part of God's creation.

Our school nurtures confidence, kindness, and life skills.

Learning is exciting, and everyone's achievements are celebrated.

Students are curious, engaged, and apply learning to life.

We encourage resilience, responsibility, and problem-solving.

Every child's talents are valued and nurtured.

We embrace all backgrounds, learning styles, and interests.

Families and students feel safe, supported, and connected.



**Welcome to St Peter's Primary School, Bentleigh East.**

**Steeped in 160 years of rich history we pride ourselves on providing a quality Catholic education that enables all members of the school community to thrive. The first parish school of St Peter's, Bentleigh East, was established in 1865 and was housed in a tiny timber schoolhouse.**

**Today St Peter's provides exceptional contemporary facilities, providing the opportunity for students to engage in a comprehensive curriculum and participate in learning that empowers them to question, critique, take risks and understand our ever changing world.**



## **Our Vision**

**We are a Catholic community where our love of God, self and others is central to our learning.**

# Learning

At St Peter's Primary, we are committed to meeting the diverse learning needs of every student through targeted literacy and numeracy programs, including intervention and extension opportunities.

Our approach is guided by the latest research in the science of learning, with a strong foundation in phonics-based literacy development.

Beyond the core curriculum, students engage in a rich specialist program, including Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Japanese, Physical Education, and Digital Technology, enhancing their learning experience.

Technology supports student learning, with one-to-one Chromebooks for Years 3–6 and shared Chromebooks and iPads for younger students. We are proud to offer an inclusive education that supports and celebrates students with diverse learning needs, ensuring every child is empowered to reach their full potential.



# Community

We value the strong partnerships between our school, families, and the wider community. Our thriving parent network, led by an active Parents and Friends Association, fosters connection through community events and fundraising initiatives.

Families stay engaged with school life through our fortnightly newsletter, keeping everyone informed and involved.

We are passionate about making a difference, with social justice initiatives supporting local, national and international organisations.

Our Intergenerational Program with Warrawee Aged Care Facility builds meaningful connections across generations, while visits to local kindergartens and early learning centres create special moments of storytelling, play, and creativity.

Together, we build a supportive and connected school community where everyone belongs.



# Faith

St Peter's is a vibrant and welcoming Catholic community where faith is at the heart of everything we do. Our students are encouraged to live out the Gospel values daily, with the question "What would Jesus do?" guiding their thoughts, words, and actions.

Values such as kindness, forgiveness, love, respect, dignity and compassion are embedded in our learning. These principles empower our students to make thoughtful choices and leave St Peter's as responsible, caring citizens of the world.

Each day begins with Christian meditation and prayer, offering a moment of stillness and reflection. This practice helps our students center themselves and prepare their minds for the day ahead.

Through the exploration of biblical narratives, participating in liturgies and Masses and preparing for the sacraments, our students deepen their understanding of Jesus and discover how His teachings connect to their lives today.



# Co Curricular

## House Competitions

Annual Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country events promote school spirit and healthy competition.

## Interschool Sports

Year 5 and 6 students represent our school in competitive sports, building teamwork and resilience.

## Year Level Camps

Camps for Years 4, 5, and 6 offer adventure, teambuilding, and memorable experiences.

## Annual Musical Production

Providing the opportunity for students to develop confidence and showcase their talents.

## Swimming and Lifesaving Programs

Water safety programs for Foundation to Year 5, with lifesaving skills for Year 6, to ensure all students are safe and confident in and around water.

## Instrumental/Music Program

Students can receive private tuition in violin, guitar, ukulele, keyboard, flute, singing, percussion and more.

## After school Performing Arts Program

Private tuition is offered in performance, song & dance and production.

# Other Features

## Out of School Hours Care

Before and afterschool care, holiday and school closure days programs.

## Secure and Well Supervised Playground Spaces

A large grassed area with football goals, two basketball/netball courts, running track and two synthetic soccer pitches.

## School Canteen

Two days per week.

## Large Multi Purpose Hall

Used for whole school assemblies, musical and theatrical performances.



Cast Leads from the World Premier of the Drew Lane musical *Imaginarium* 2024

# Wellbeing

We celebrate each child's uniqueness while supporting them in navigating challenges with confidence.

Wellbeing and social-emotional learning are woven into daily life, fostering a positive school environment where students feel valued and supported. Through restorative practices, we nurture strong, respectful relationships that build a sense of belonging.

Our Wellbeing initiatives include:

- Peer Support: Year 5 and 6 leaders mentor younger students, fostering connection and guidance.
- Buddy Program: Older students buddy up with younger students, strengthening relationships across year levels.
- Student Leadership: our SRC empowers students by giving them a voice in the school community.
- Lunchtime Clubs to engage students who don't always enjoy physical activity.
- Story Dogs: therapy dogs to increase reading confidence.

At St Peter's, we believe that when students are confident, resilient and happy, they develop positive habits that prepare them to embrace future challenges.







*"It's a warm and nurturing community. The teachers go above and beyond to help students grow spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially."*

*Choosing St Peter's was one of the best decisions we've made."*

*"St Peter's was the first and only school we needed to tour. The teachers at St Peter's are warm, approachable and have a genuine love of learning."*

*The wider school community is so welcoming and supportive with amazing events and activities."*

*"The teachers deliver the curriculum in a supportive and engaging manner, whilst having the wellbeing of our children as a priority."*

*It has a great sense of community that extends beyond the school hours, which we love to be involved in."*

*"Choosing a school is not just about education; it's about finding a community that nurtures growth, creativity and confidence."*

*We knew this was the perfect school for our children."*

## **Thoughts from our families**

*"From the first touchpoint the care, love and pride in the school and its students was clear."*

*St Peter's raises good human beings. We 100% made the right decision."*

*"Over the last eight years we have fallen in love with the school, the teachers and the families. It is a beautiful nurturing environment for our children. The whole community feels like family, and we couldn't be any happier."*

*"The teachers and staff care about our children, their learning and wellbeing, and the school community cares about each other. We are so proud to be a part of St Peter's."*

*"The welcoming and caring community feel has made our family happy for many years."*

*Each of our three children have had wonderful learning journeys throughout their time at St Peter's."*



**We look forward to welcoming  
you to St Peter's.  
Come and experience our  
friendly and supportive  
community for yourself.**

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