St Andrew's School
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Nurturing Greatness

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St Andrew's
School

St Andrew's has been educating South Australia's brightest and bravest minds for over 175 years, forging generations of leaders through its uncompromising pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning.

A truly international, co-educational, independent primary school, St Andrew's School paves the way for children to realise their potential, embrace their unique talents and reach their goals, no matter the path they have chosen.

Principal's Welcome

St Andrew's School exists to empower our students to embrace their individuality and amplify their greatness, for the betterment of our community and the world.

Established in 1850, St Andrew's School is South Australia's finest primary school, consistently ranking as one of the top-performing independent primary schools in the nation – our learning environments, resources and educators set the benchmark for childhood education.

Our Walkerville campus offers an engaging educational environment that is specifically for children in their early years. This focus provides the ideal foundation for our young people to embrace their childhood through learning, playing and creating, and to develop a lifelong love of learning.

While unwavering in our commitment to academic excellence, we also know that when a child's unique perspective and purpose is truly understood and celebrated, they thrive. At St Andrew's School, our students discover who they are, and their individual talents, in order to develop their own definition of success.

That's the St Andrew's difference.

Our world-class inquiry-based curriculum, expansive Specialist Curriculum and Extra Curricular programs allow students to graduate as global citizens with a strong sense of self, a feeling of belonging, and a commitment to service.

Our warm community welcomes families from around the world and our school yard is filled with children speaking diverse languages. It is through this blend of cultures, languages and experiences that our children are able to develop understanding and an awareness of their place in the world.

Courageous, inquisitive, ambitious - these are the characteristics we foster in every St Andrew's School student.

We invite you to join us for a tour and see the difference for yourself.

Luke Ritchie
PRINCIPAL

Location & Facilities

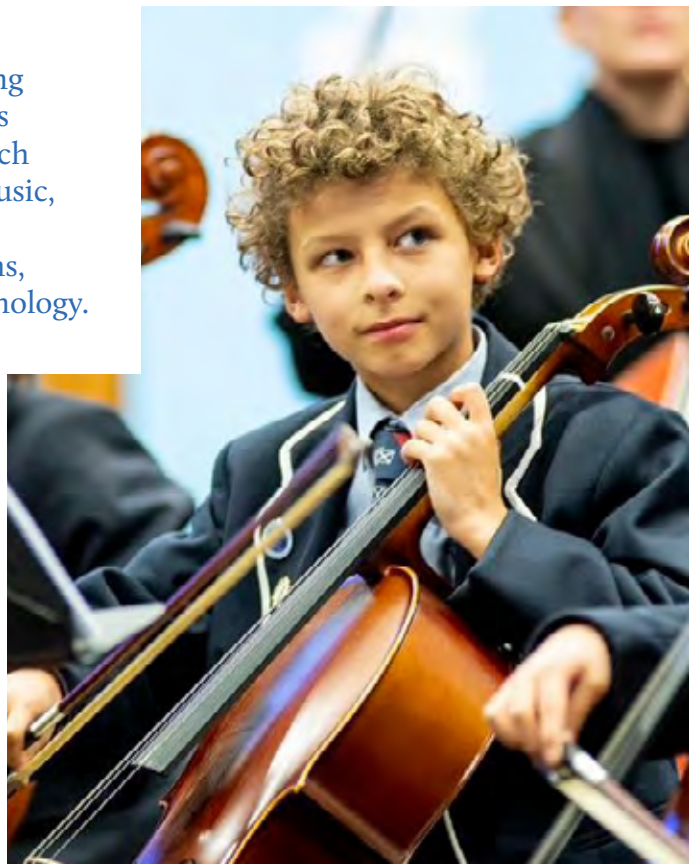
Located in the leafy suburb of Walkerville, a thriving community located five minutes from the city centre, St Andrew's is made up of two campuses, connected by our iconic blue bridge which towers over Smith Street.

Our campuses are a perfect blend of historic buildings, which celebrate our past, and cutting-edge modern buildings, architecturally designed to deliver the perfect environment for our young people to learn, play and create.

The Collaboratory is a purpose-made space that fosters a culture of innovation, entrepreneurship and collaboration through hands-on discovery safely using hand and power tools, 3D printers, drones, robots and a two metre long fish tank for testing boats and submarines.

The Treehouse and Rayner Play Space combine fun and functionality, and establish a dynamic space for creative play, collaboration, appropriate risk-taking, strength building, and relaxation.

Our well-equipped Performing Arts Centre provides students with modern facilities in which to expand their interest in music, including Ensemble Rooms, Instrumental Teaching Rooms, Classrooms, and Music Technology.



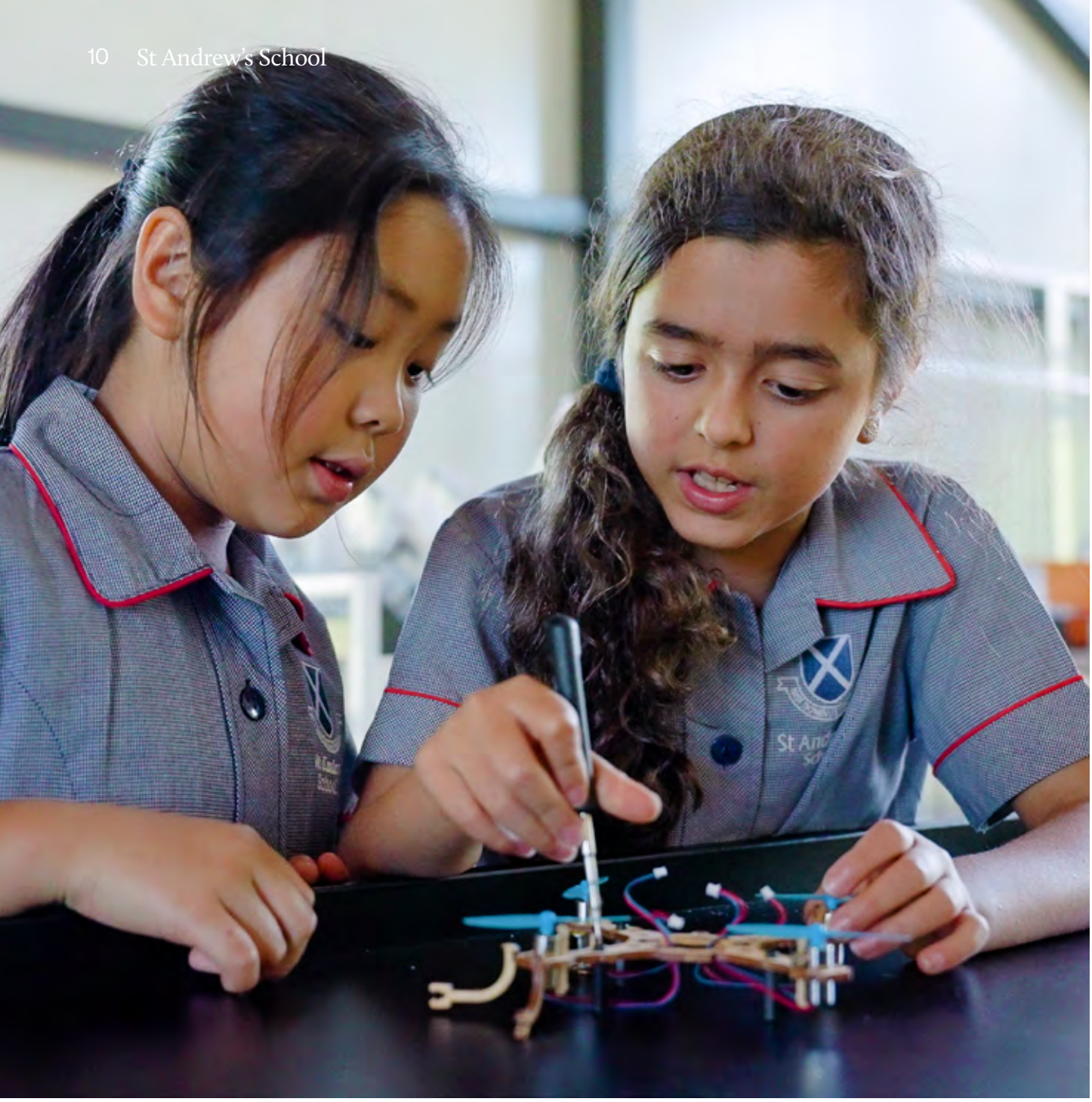
Early Learning Centre

Our Early Learning Centre welcomes children from three years of age into our rich, nurturing, and respectful Reggio-inspired learning environment that embraces our multicultural community.

We believe that learning through play is a fundamental children's right. Each day, our children engage in the many intentional and self-chosen play experiences.

These experiences lead to new opportunities for discovery, developing strong emotional wellbeing, and social relationships as they prepare to transition to the rigours of primary school life.

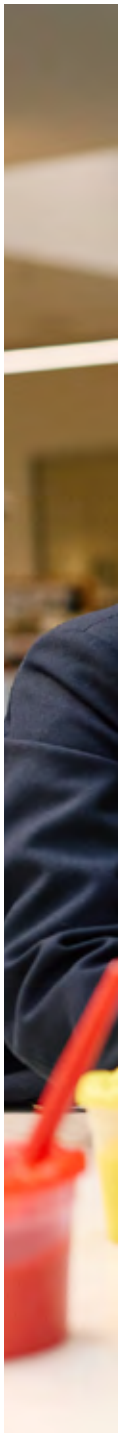
“Underpinning all we do is our image of children being capable, competent, curious, full of wonder with endless potential and possibilities.”



Primary School

As one of the finest primary schools in Australia, we have created a supportive educational environment that is focused specifically on children in their primary years and provides the ideal foundation for learning and self-discovery.

At St Andrew's School, we believe it is important to foster communication and collaboration skills, build intercultural understanding and develop engagement – essential qualities for young people who are confident global citizens.



We develop the leaders of tomorrow who are creative, enterprising and articulate world citizens. Our Year 6 program provides this foundation.

The year-long program encourages our students to use their initiative and take action and includes the ABE Endorsed KidsMBA, leadership development, challenge week and a study tour to Canberra.

The results can be seen every single day with students actively contributing to our School community through the running of events, working alongside community members, and making a difference.

An Individual Approach to Learning

At St Andrew's, our purpose is to identify, nurture, and celebrate the unique talents of each child, shaping them into confident young people who will enter the world with a profound sense of identity and belonging.

In this rapidly changing world, it's never been more important to prepare future generations for the challenges they will face. We believe that instilling a strong sense of self is the foundation every child needs to meet these future demands with fortitude, strength and wisdom.

Each child is different, with their own strengths and interests. At St Andrew's School, we support each student to develop their vision of success and discover their strengths.

International Baccalaureate

Our inquiry-based learning is centred upon the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, ensuring St Andrew's students are exposed to innovative and creative curriculum which empowers them to engage with the world as global citizens.

Through this approach, we focus on the development of the whole child as an inquirer and lifelong learner, both in the classroom and in the wider world.

Students are supported to understand the connections between subjects and the real world, becoming critical, visionary and reflective thinkers within a rigorous, challenging and engaging curriculum.

We encourage our people to be open-minded, knowledgeable, caring, thinkers, risk-takers, communicators, balanced, principled and reflective.

The International Baccalaureate Organisation is continually engaging with and reviewing current educational research, meaning St Andrew's students are exposed to innovative and creative learning developed for the 21st century.

Specialist Curriculum

At St Andrew's School, we offer a wide range of specialist subjects which provide our students with the opportunity to discover who they are through adventure, creativity and play.

Music

We are proud to deliver one of Australia's best primary school Music Programs.

Our dynamic and rewarding Music Program begins with music appreciation in our Early Learning Centre and continues through to Year 6, supporting students to build confidence, appreciation and skill at every stage.

Led by our expert and musically accomplished staff, our students engage in high-quality musical experiences which focus on enjoyment, understanding and excellence.

The Arts

The Arts at St Andrew's encourages our students from Early Learning to Year 6 to expand their imagination, develop critical and creative thinking skills, and express their individuality.

Supported by expert teachers and visiting artists, students are exposed to stimulating visual and performing art experiences that challenge the children's view of themselves and the world around them. This enables students to develop skills and attitudes that can be applied in other lessons and in life beyond the classroom.

Each Year 2 student takes part in the recorder program. For many, this is the beginning of their instrumental music journey.

St Andrew's offers an exceptional string program to all Year 3 students, who can choose from violin, viola, cello or double bass.

Year 4 students choose a woodwind or brass instrument to learn for a term.

Specialist Curriculum

STEM

In this rapidly changing world, it's never been more important to prepare future generations for the challenges they will face.

Through a robust and wide ranging science, technology, engineering and mathematics program, we aim to prepare our St Andrew's School students to embrace curiosity, and use their imagination and critical thinking skills to tackle the jobs of the future and contribute in a technology-focused world.

In our state-of-the-art facilities, we encourage young people to use their developing curiosity, imagination and critical thinking skills in addition to a firm knowledge base.

Languages

We're proudly a truly independent international primary school and we epitomise what it is to be a global community.

All students from Reception to Year 6 study Chinese Mandarin with our specialist Chinese Mandarin teacher. We also celebrate Chinese culture through exploring food, art, history and traditions, and celebrating key dates on the Chinese calendar.

Our language programs encourage our students to develop curiosity, respect and understanding of other cultures – lessons which will guide them as they develop as global citizens and innovative leaders.

Sports

At St Andrew's, all of our students are engaged in a physical education curriculum that is contemporary, relevant, challenging and physically active.

Students participate in weekly PE classes, School sporting events, Outdoor Education, Camps, Study Tours, and experiential learning.

Our specialist facilities, which include our oval, tennis courts and our purpose-built gymnasium, are regularly used by students in class as well by our extensive range of Extra Curricular sports.

Wellbeing, Personalised Education

At St Andrew's, we are committed to supporting the development of happy, resilient, self-aware and self-assured children through a focus on childhood wellbeing and belonging, underpinned by our Christian values.

By providing children with a strong sense of self and encouraging their unique strengths and talents within a supportive school environment, we create a strong foundation for them to build achievement, success and happiness.

Our team of experienced and knowledgeable education staff includes leaders, teachers and learning support assistants who work closely to ensure the ongoing progress of each child.

As a child's first teachers, parents are involved in the process of providing support and are regularly involved in meetings to discuss their child's progress.

Our Wellbeing Centre fosters a genuine sense of wellbeing among our students and provides an environment where they are encouraged to prioritise their emotional and developmental needs.

This nurturing and supportive space offers access to counselling, occupational therapy, speech pathology, and education support services.

Extra Curricular

The Extra Curricular program at St Andrew's is designed to provide breadth, balance and depth of learning experiences beyond the regular curriculum.

Delivered by our exceptional teaching staff, specialist coaches and tutors, these programs encourage students to attempt a range of activities which best suit their needs and interests.

We offer diverse activities, including instrumental music, singing, debating, sport, digital technology, classical dance, art and languages.

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Community

A sense of community pride, spirit and service is central to our School values at St Andrew's.

From morning teas to musicals to cocktail parties and major fundraising campaigns, there are a host of ways to become involved in and contribute to life at St Andrew's School.

The St Andrew's School Parents' Association is an energetic and vital part of our School who forge a strong sense of community and connectedness by organising events and functions for our community to gather together for fun, fellowship and friendship.

For over 100 years the St Andrew's Old Scholars' Association has played an important role in connecting the past, present and future alumni of St Andrew's School.

The St Andrew's School Foundation has raised over $1 million through philanthropic activities which contribute toward significant resources for the benefit of our community, including capital projects, facilities, programs, and scholarships.

Discover the St Andrew's difference

Discover why St Andrew's School is one of the nation's leading co-educational, independent early years and primary schools.

For more information about enrolment or to book a school tour, please contact our Enrolments Office at enrolments@standrews.sa.edu.au or 08 8165 5511.

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