



GEELONG
LUTHERAN
COLLEGE



WISDOM HONOUR PURPOSE

A woman with short white hair, wearing glasses, a light green blazer, and a vibrant pink and floral patterned scarf, is smiling warmly. She is looking towards a young man in profile, who is wearing a blue graduation gown and glasses. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green trees and a building with orange and blue panels.

WELCOME
FROM THE HEAD OF

College



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Thank you for considering Geelong Lutheran College for your child.

Our two Lutheran schools in Geelong enjoy a shared identity:

- Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown: 3K – Year 6, established in 1962
- Geelong Lutheran College Armstrong Creek: P – Year 12, established in 2009

Both of our campuses offer a welcoming, lively and nurturing Christian environment with a focus on providing a quality, Christian education for children in the Greater Geelong region.

We focus on the whole child, with an emphasis on the social/emotional, academic, physical and spiritual dimensions. With a diverse student cohort, we encourage enrolment applications from a wide range of backgrounds.

Geelong Lutheran College staff members are very committed to supporting our students and their ongoing development. Essential to our College is our relationship with God, in the context of the Gospel, where each student is valued and accepted as a child of God. Relationships are a vital part of our culture, and we use a Restorative Practice model in the support of our students' behaviour and developing positive and respectful relationships.

We offer a range of activities: co-curricular with sport and music and extra-curricular including service learning, robotics, debating and a wide range of lunchtime clubs.

For a taste of Geelong Lutheran College, register for our next Open Day or College Tour. I strongly recommend you visit us to see the College campuses in action, to meet members of our caring and dynamic schools and experience for yourself these unique environments.

Jill Lange-Mohr OAM
Head of College

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The history of Lutheran Education in Geelong dates back to 1854 when the Lutheran Church established a school at Grovedale.

In 1962, St John's Lutheran Parish opened St John's Lutheran School and then St John's Lutheran Kindergarten in 1963 on the corner of Pakington and Aberdeen Streets, Newtown. St John's has built an excellent reputation within the Geelong community over many years, delivering a vibrant and dynamic education to students in Kinder to Year 6.

In 2009, Geelong Lutheran College was founded at Armstrong Creek to meet the growing demands from the community for Lutheran Secondary education. Set on 11 hectares, our Prep – Year 12 campus is a thriving and dynamic school.

As a systemic school system, Lutheran schools educate over 40,000 students across Australia each year. Geelong Lutheran College is part of the LEVNT District which boasts 20 schools.

Lutherans were the first Protestants and we trace our origins back to Martin Luther's Reformation of western Christendom in the sixteenth century. With some seventy million members, the Lutheran church is still the largest Protestant denomination in the world. As a church with an emphasis on biblical literacy and Christian education it has supported the provision of Christian education from its beginnings. Our belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ goes beyond our major focus on teaching and learning in that we are a community which offers a caring and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.



OUR *Story*



STRATEGIC

Vision



OUR STRATEGIC *Priorities*

2019 - 2023

1. Mission and Ministry
2. Academic Excellence
3. Organisational Sustainability
4. Holistic Education
5. Community Engagement

Our Strategic Vision eBooklet is available on the website.

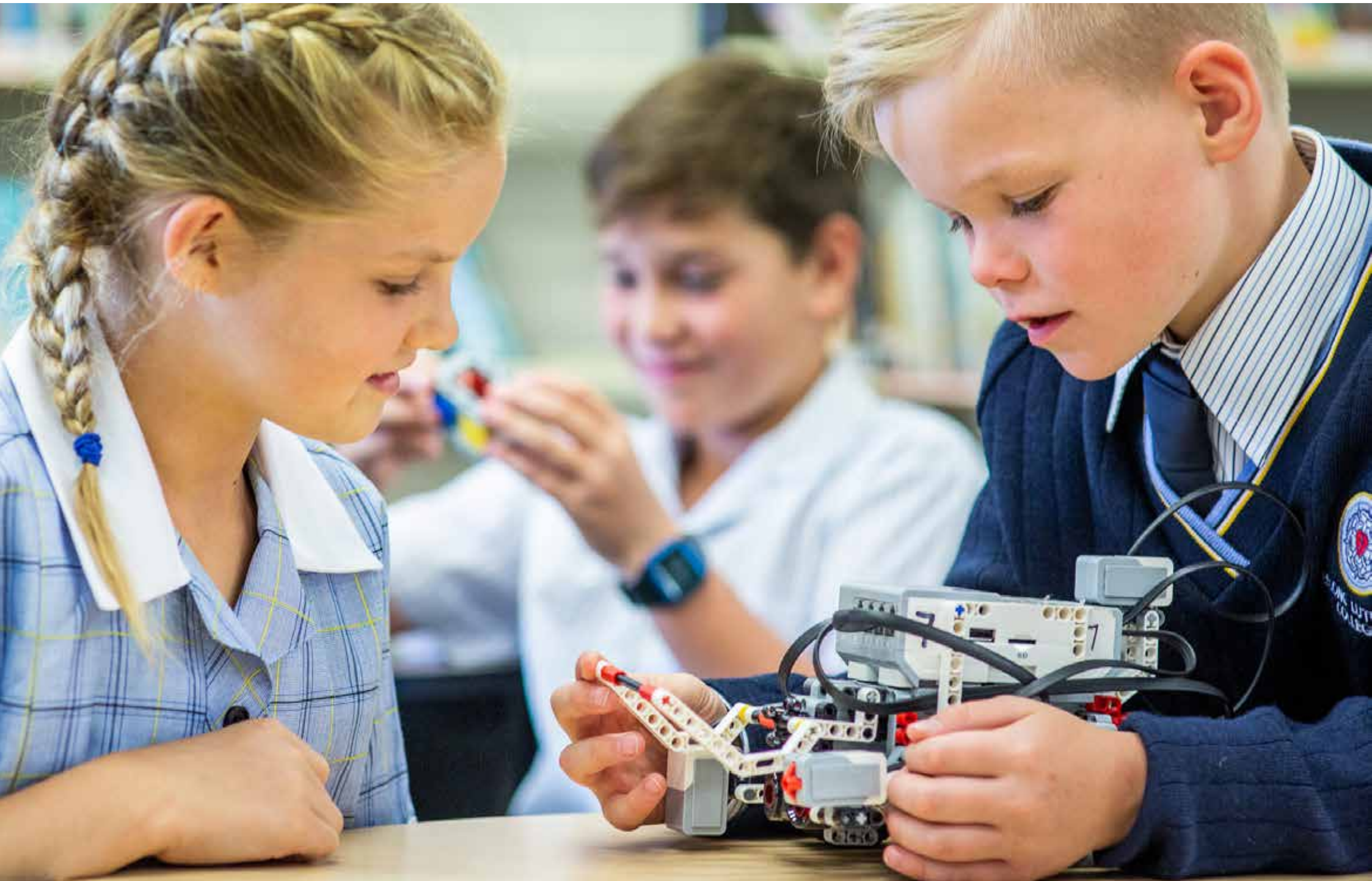
OUR *Vision*

To be a leading, innovative, Christ-centred learning community that inspires students to be caring, confident and creative citizens.



OUR *Mission*

Geelong Lutheran College shares the mission of all Lutheran schools and aims to encourage and support students, informed and sustained by the word of God, to develop their God-given talents so that they may shape and enrich their world.



OUR *Values*





Wisdom

is the basis for making good decisions and giving a sense of direction. Wisdom has a scriptural basis. It is developed through knowledge and learning grounded in the Christian faith.

Honour

is respect for self, one another and the community in which we live. It incorporates aspects of love, service, courage and humility.

Purpose

is living with intention. It embraces our unique talents and abilities and it gives us assurance, hope, mindfulness and direction as we go about our daily lives.

COLLEGE *Crest*



The College Crest is based on **Luther's rose**. There is a **black cross** in the **red heart**; for from the heart we must believe in Jesus, who was crucified for our salvation. The heart stands in a **white rose** to show a faith that is giving joy, comfort and peace. The rose is white, the colour of purity, to show that our joy does not come from the darkness of the world. The rose is placed in a **sky blue** field; for our joy in Jesus is already a beginning of heavenly things, as we understand our salvation. All this is encircled by a **golden ring**; for our heavenly salvation lasts forever and is more precious than anything else.

COLLEGE *Motto*

Christ is All

The College Motto **Christ is All** is taken from Colossians 3:11. The theme is central to life itself. For to the believer, life is a living, intimate, everlasting relationship with God Himself. Christ is the only way to that life in which the believer is committed to follow the way of Christ's love in all aspects of living both on earth and in heaven.



Wellbeing





A PLACE WHERE EVERY CHILD

Belongs

Pastoral care is a key focus at Geelong Lutheran College, integrating personal and social wellbeing, resilience and support for a wide spectrum of student needs.

Each student has a well-being Mentor who ensures that they are supported through our pastoral care program.

Wellbeing is directly linked to the positive relationships and connectedness to school for students. We strive to foster an environment where students are cared for and learn to care for others. It is a place where they have a sense of purpose and meaning and feel included and connected to their peers, teachers and the wider community.



COMMUNITY *Engagement*

We have a very unique sense of community at Geelong Lutheran College.

We place great importance in forming positive and nurturing relationships between teachers, children, parents and staff. This emphasis is vital to our College culture, which is supported by our active Parents & Friends Committees, volunteers and visiting community members.

Our schools are places where families and communities are welcomed into the classroom and encouraged to regularly come together at assemblies, chapel services and special events.

The College works in partnership with our families to support each child's learning journey. Both campuses provide Out of School Hours Care and Vacation Care through Camp Australia.







A CHRISTIAN *Education*

Christian education is woven into every aspect of life at the College and we are proud of our distinctly Lutheran identity, which is reflected in our teaching, worship, and character.

Geelong Lutheran College embraces every member of the community regardless of their culture or background. It is expected that all students are respectful of the College's ethos and that they participate in Christian Studies lessons and devotional activities.

While Christian faith is neither presumed nor demanded, we expect behaviour from our students that is in line with our Christian values.

The teachings of the Lutheran Church of Australia and Geelong Lutheran College is that God's word, as revealed in the Bible, is the authority for living and learning in each Lutheran school. Its central message is that of the gospel, the good news that our acceptance by God does not depend on our own worth or achievements but on his unconditional commitment to us as evidenced in the life and death of Jesus. We believe that through the process of Christian education, God's Spirit is active in the lives of the community leading children and families to know and trust God.













BEYOND THE

Classroom



GLC ST JOHN'S NEWTOWN

Kindergarten – Year 6

GLC St John's Newtown offers a holistic and nurturing approach to education for young learners, from Kindergarten to Year 6. Set within the urban community of Newtown in Geelong, St John's has developed a well established reputation within the local community since it opened in 1962. It is a community with nurturing and professional staff whose strong commitment to education ensures that each child strives to reach their potential as young, valued, world citizens.

St John's endeavours to create a community of safe, secure and happy children who love learning and are well prepared for the next steps of their educational journey.

The opportunity of a seamless pathway from Kindergarten through to Year 12 is assured for all Geelong Lutheran College students, with guaranteed entry into Year 7 at GLC Armstrong Creek for students graduating from GLC St John's Newtown.



OUR *Campuses*





GLC ARMSTRONG CREEK

Prep – Year 12

The GLC Armstrong Creek campus is set on 11 hectares within the growing, coastal community south of Geelong catering to the developing needs of students from Prep through to Year 12. Offering a range of engaging, hands-on and inquiry directed learning opportunities, students explore their place in the world and their responsibilities in it.

The sub schools of Primary, Middle and Senior ensures that the learning pedagogies and experiences reflect the uniqueness of the developmental stages of our students. Dedicated teachers and Learning Coaches provide rich, rigorous and engaging learning opportunities.



KINDERGARTEN 3 and 4 Year Old

St John's Lutheran Kindergarten, Newtown, is a place where children love learning. Our educators provide a nurturing and holistic approach to education where children are inspired to explore, question and challenge the world around them. We treasure the unique nature of each child and strive to foster a child-centered education, providing a personalised approach with a sense of community that resonates throughout our Kindergarten and College.

St John's Kindergarten offers a three and four year old Kindergarten program with extended hours care. St John's Kindergarten students have priority entry in Prep at GLC St John's Newtown.

St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten at Grovedale, enjoys a close working relationship with our Geelong Lutheran College Armstrong Creek campus and have priority entry into Prep.





THE EARLY *years*





PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prep – Year 6

The Primary classroom is recognised as a nurturing and supportive learning environment which lays an excellent education foundation. A strong focus on literacy and numeracy plays a key role in student's growth and development. This is complemented by a rich inquiry approach to learning in Christian Studies and other curriculum areas.

There is a focus on the environment, sustainability practices and 'paddock to plate' concepts through the Kitchen Garden Program.

This allows students to work in, cook and eat from the garden, promoting healthy eating and food preparation.

Across our two campuses, the Primary years allow for a diverse range of subjects with specialist teachers including Languages, Performing and Visual Arts, Technologies, Robotics, Physical Education, a Year 3 Strings Program and Food Technology.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 7 – Year 9

Middle School students develop their ability to be analytical and critical thinkers, applying abstract thought, skills and knowledge to the world in which they live.

Middle Schooling promotes connectedness between and across year levels through focus activities including Australian Lutheran World Service Week, City Cite program in Melbourne and the Peer Support program. Students are encouraged to work collaboratively with their peers, increasing their capacity for interpersonal development in the areas of empathy and compassion. In Year 7, students are assisted with the transition process by participating in the Seven4U program, while in Year 9 students

participate in the Rite Journey program, which helps in the movement to young adulthood. An appreciation of the environment is encouraged through the Coastal Guardians program in Year 9.

Curriculum in the Middle Years is authentic, interesting and relevant, designed to engage active learning. We encourage challenging and relevant education, knowing that learning happens when children experience both success and failure.

In facilitating their transition to senior schooling, Year 9 students choose from a wide variety of elective subjects including German, French, Arts, Technologies, Health, Sciences and Commerce.









SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 10 – Year 12

Empowering life-long learning

In the Senior School years, students grow in independence. In Year 10, they have the opportunity to explore a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject. A Themed Learning Program is another option at this year level. Our Year 10 Work Experience Program is popular with the students giving them a taste of a future pathway.

In Year 11 and 12, we offer both VCE and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) pathways with a range of subjects across faculty areas. Engaging in the career development process is an integral part of the Senior School program. Students explore pathway options related to their areas of interest so that they can make informed decisions about their future and understand the steps required to achieve their goals.

Co-curricular and extracurricular activities are offered beyond the classroom, focused on character development and encouraging students to be thoughtful, productive and engaged members of their community.



LANGUAGES

We believe in the benefits of opening young minds to the study of languages from the early years. The study of languages enhances a child's awareness of other cultures, broadens their perspective and encourages students to embrace and appreciate the richness and diversity in the world.

French

St John's integrates a French Immersion Program into all formal learning programs and through planned activities to ensure that the use of French language is woven into the students' day.

German and French

The Armstrong Creek campus students study German from Year 1 to Year 8 as a core subject, as an elective in Year 9 and 10, and can be chosen as a VCE subject in Year 11 and 12. French was introduced as a second language option from Year 7 in 2021.





Languages



Sport



SPORT

Geelong Lutheran College is committed to the importance of physical activity, and its contribution to health and overall wellbeing. In addition to an extensive classroom Physical Education program, students learn to play a wide variety of competitive and non-competitive sports focussing on skill development and teamwork.

Primary students at Geelong Lutheran College participate in timetabled PE lessons and take part in College sporting events and competitions including cross-country, athletics, tabloid sports, swimming lessons and swimming sports.

Sport facilities at Geelong Lutheran College include a fully equipped gymnasium (Armstrong Creek), sports fields, basketball and netball court/s and tennis courts.



THE ARTS

The Creative Arts are highly valued at Geelong Lutheran College. We offer a range of opportunities for students to showcase their artistic talents.

Both campuses provide a vibrant Visual Arts and Music program that allows our students to explore their creativity.

Students participate in a range of musical experiences, among those, is a chance to participate in the choir. A biennial College musical at Armstrong Creek provides wonderful opportunities for students to express their creative and artistic talents.

St John's yearly concert showcases a mix of dance and drama. Armstrong Creek Primary School students also have the opportunity to participate in yearly dance and drama performances. The Year 3 Strings program provides an experience for students to play an instrument they may not have had the chance to encounter.

The biennial Armstrong Creek Arts Soiree showcases students' work in Visual and Performing Arts, alongside the digital offerings inspired through participation in the College's media department.

Private music tuition is offered at both campuses.





THE *Arts*



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