

Nhill Lutheran School

Working together towards
life-long learning in a Christian
environment.



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Our Mission

Nhill Lutheran School provides a quality education in a Christian environment.

Aims Of The School

NHILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL aims to:

- ◆ Support parents in their God-given responsibilities to their children, so that children may know God and His saving love in Jesus Christ, respond in faith and grow in Christian maturity;
- ◆ Provide for an appreciation of, and support for, Christian family life;
- ◆ Provide training in worship and daily devotion;
- ◆ Provide a Christian environment that develops self-discipline and respect for others, and prepares students for responsible living and service in contemporary Australian society;
- ◆ Help children value themselves as unique children of God, and to strive for excellence in all areas of life, by giving them an holistic programme of education, that provides a firm foundation for further learning, and promotes development in all areas: academic, creative, emotional, physical and spiritual;
- ◆ Provide a curriculum that fulfils the requirements of the State and the Church for a balanced education;
- ◆ Promote an appreciation of worthwhile cultural pursuits such as literature, music, art and physical education.



Our Vision

- ◆ Offer quality Primary education which prepares students for full participation in contemporary Australia society
- ◆ Help students understand that education is a life-long process
- ◆ Help children grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
- ◆ Complement Christian instruction in the home
- ◆ Provide a Christ-centred environment



Past and present

Nhill Lutheran School was established in 1977. On Wednesday 2nd February 1977, the school doors opened for the first time and it was blessed with an enrolment of 31 pupils: 10 boys and 21 girls. Later in the year two more pupils enrolled, making a total of 33 students in the first year. In 2015, we have an enrolment of 45 students.

School Council

School Council is responsible for governance of the school, and consists of:

- Members of the Nhill and Woorak Lutheran Church Congregations
- The Pastor of the Nhill and Woorak Churches
- The Parish Chairperson
- The Principal
- The Business Manager

Staff

The present staff includes a Principal and 3 teachers.

Support staff members include a Pastor, a Teacher Aide, a specialist Performing Arts/ Music teacher, a specialist Karen Language teacher and a Secretary. Music teachers visit the school to provide tuition in guitar, bass guitar, piano and keyboard.



Nhill Lutheran School 1977



Pastor Maurie Jordan,
President of the LCA,
officially opens the school in
1977

Recent developments

- ◆ New iPads for each student to use, that will enhance and enrich their learning
- ◆ Touch screen computers in each classroom
- ◆ TV's have been installed in each classroom that can connect to the class laptop or iPads
- ◆ Refurbishment to the front of the school in 2012
- ◆ An update to the School buildings in 2011 that includes:-
 - ◆ a library that is regularly stocked with new books,
 - ◆ a computer room with 23 brand new computers
 - ◆ a multipurpose room with a state-of-the-art Projector for Chapel and special occasions.

Parents as partners

At Nhill Lutheran School we enjoy working as a team.

We strongly believe that community members and parental involvement enrich a child's experience at school and actively encourage participation in a variety of areas including:

- ◆ Classroom assistant
- ◆ Members of our Parent & Friends Association
- ◆ Tutor in Reading, Literacy and Numeracy Programs
- ◆ Special Group activities
- ◆ Catering and Fete Committees
- ◆ Working Bees
- ◆ Camps



Curriculum

Nhill Lutheran School offers a varied program of learning affirming literacy and numeracy development. Staff participate in ongoing professional development in all curriculum areas.

The total curriculum aligns with the requirements of AusVELS and VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards) which cover the key areas of:

- ◆ English
- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Technology (including Information, Communication and Computer Technology)
- ◆ Art, Music, and Drama
- ◆ History and Humanities
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Language Other Than English (Karen)



Additional and integrated learning

Programs include:

- ◆ Christian Studies
 - ◆ Participation in community awareness programs
 - ◆ Cultural performances
 - ◆ Current and ongoing safety awareness initiatives
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- ◆ Visiting speakers
 - ◆ Outdoor education/camps/excursion programs.

Assessment and reporting

Regular monitoring of student work provides the basis of assessment and reporting in line with the AusVELS and VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards) guidelines. In Terms 2 and 4, written reports on students' progress are sent home followed by Digital portfolio conferences.

- ◆ Parents are strongly encouraged to discuss their child's progress with teachers at any time during the year.
- ◆ The school participates annually in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) for all Year 3 and 5 students.
- ◆ All students are involved in school literacy and numeracy assessments which informs teaching and learning.



Enrolment

Enrolment Information

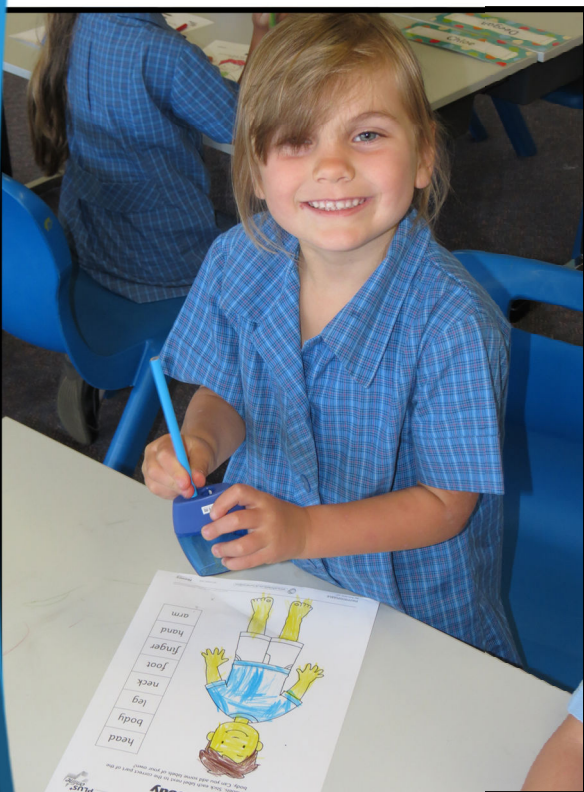
Nhill Lutheran School offers an education program to all. No exceptions are made because of ethnic background, gender, religion or ability provided parents, or guardians, seeking enrolment for their child/children undertake to support willingly and freely the stated aims of the school.



Prep Enrolment Procedure

All parents seeking enrolment for their child/children are asked to arrange an interview in order to formally complete enrolment procedure. Early enrolment assists a smooth transition for your child.

- ◆ It is required that children enrolled in Prep must be at least five by the 30th April of their Prep year.
- ◆ Parents are encouraged to make applications for enrolment of their children as early as possible.
- ◆ Enrolment enquiries are always welcomed.



Immunisation Certificate

Parents enrolling their child/children are required to provide a Health Immunisation Certificate to the school. These are available by the following:

- ◆ phone 1800 653 809 or
- ◆ email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- ◆ www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- ◆ visit your local Medicare Office.

Please visit <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/starting-primary-school.htm> for more information.

School Routine

School operates from 9am to 3:15pm, Monday to Friday. Breaks include 15 minutes for morning recess and 1 hour for lunch. During Term 1 Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays until week 6.

Term Dates for 2015 are as follows:*

Term 1	29 January - 27 March
Term 2	13 April - 19 June
Term 3	13 July - 18 September
Term 4	5 October - 11 December

Term Dates for 2016 are as follows:*

Term 1	28 January - 24 March
Term 2	11 April - 24 June
Term 3	11 July - 16 September
Term 4	3 October - 9 December

* Dates are subject to change

Homework

We recognise that students need time for leisure and participation in home tasks and activities. The aim of homework is to support the student in his/her learning and to give time for practice that consolidates. Emphasis is placed on reading, spelling and mathematics. At various times, other areas of work will also be encouraged through homework. A positive attitude, a daily time schedule and short sessions are encouraged. In general the following homework times per night are suggested:

Prep/Year 1:	10 minutes
Year 2 & 3	15 minutes
Year 4 & 5	20 minutes
Year 6	30 minutes



Fees

School fees for each year are determined by School Council and are outlined prior to the end of the previous school year. There are reductions in fees for families with more than one student enrolled.

Fees are kept to a minimum. To support our provision of quality education, parents/guardians are asked to make the commitment to meet our affordable fees. In cases of genuine need, fee assistance is also available on tuition fees. In such case parents/guardians are requested to raise the issue with the Principal. Such matters are strictly confidential.

What do fees include?

- Tuition
- All stationery—including pencils/pens, paper, art supplies etc.
- Excursions
- Language Programs
- Performances

Camps are subsidised and are offered at a reduced rate.



There are funding options available to families. Please see the Principal for more information as there are conditions to relating to each of the fundings.

Fee Structure

The annual fee structure for 2015 is as follows:

	<u>Child 1</u>	<u>Child 2</u>	<u>Child 3</u>	<u>Child 4</u>
Tuition Fee	\$1038.00	\$839.00	\$839.00	\$839.00
Composite Charge	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<u>Voluntary Donation</u>				
Building Fund	\$100	\$70	\$40	\$ -
Library Fund	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$ -

General Information

LLL School Banking

To encourage good saving habits the school offers LLL School Banking with the Lutheran Laypeople's League. This organization has the added advantage of allowing its funds to be used to provide low interest loans for church and school building programmes. Pass books should be handed in to the Front Office on the designated day of the week (see the newsletter for this). Any parent wishing to open an LLL account may obtain and complete an application form available from the office.



Camps

Our School annually organises camps for the students to attend. Parents may have an opportunity to attend these camps as a Parent Helper.

The Year 1/2 have an excursion and a sleep over at the school. Preps are also included up until a designated time after tea.

Canteen

Students can currently order lunches every day. The order is to be written on an envelope/paper and with correct money placed into the envelope. The Office Secretary orders the Lunch with Olivers Diner. Lunches will be distributed from the staff room at lunch time.

Chapel

Chapel is currently held every Friday morning from 9:00am to 9:30am. Parents are warmly invited and encouraged to attend. Classes will be rostered on for Chapel once a term, with the Pastor leading Chapel on the other occasions.





Cleaning

At the middle and end of each school year, the school is cleaned by school families. The school families are split into two groups, one cleans in the middle of the year and the 2nd group cleans at the end of the year. Families who do their cleaning are not required to pay a cleaning levy of \$100.

Concert

The school concert takes place during the last week in Term 3 each year.

Newsletters

The School newsletter comes out every Thursday and staff and students are welcome to contribute to it. Parents are encouraged to read the newsletter as it is our main form of communication.

Open Day

While we welcome visitors to Nhill Lutheran School at any time, the annual Open Day is an opportunity for our parents, friends and supporters to visit the school during working hours.

TIQBIZ

This is an app that is specifically designed for schools to use to help the communication between parents and the school. Tiqbiz is used to send instant messages, updates on what's happening, eg: if a school camp bus is running late, school notes, newsletters, upcoming events and more. It has a calendar feature that will also send reminders of upcoming events to your device. It also has features on the home screen that allows parents to send absent notes to the office as well as view the lunch order menu and any other items that may put on there. The App is available on all Android, iPhone, iPad, and Windows devices, including PC's and Mac's.



School Uniform

Students are required to wear the school uniform during school days and for special formal occasions outside of normal school time. The uniform is also to be worn on school excursions, unless advised otherwise by school staff.

New and used uniform items are available through the school. Families no longer requiring uniform articles are encouraged to hand them in or sell them through the school.

Please read the following uniform guidelines.



GIRLS

Summer Uniform:

- ◆ Blue Check Dress
- ◆ Blue Check skorts with Short Sleeved Polo Shirt
- ◆ Maroon Windcheater with Monogram
- ◆ Black Shoes and White socks OR Brown Sandals
- ◆ Maroon, White, Blue or Black Hair Ties / scrunchies
- ◆ Maroon slouch hat

Winter Uniform:

- ◆ Navy Check Pinafore OR Skirt
(with white socks OR black tights)
- ◆ Mid-Grey cuffless Trousers
(with grey socks)
- ◆ Light Blue Polo Top with Monogram
(Long or short sleeve)
- ◆ Pale blue Skivvy
- ◆ Maroon Windcheater with Monogram
- ◆ Black Shoes
- ◆ Maroon, White, Blue or Black Hair Ties/scrunchies
- ◆ Maroon slouch hat



School Uniform

BOYS

Summer Uniform:

- ◆ Mid-Grey Shorts
- ◆ Light Blue Polo Top with Monogram
- ◆ Maroon Windcheater with Monogram
- ◆ Black Shoes and White Socks
OR Brown Sandals
- ◆ Maroon slouch hat



Winter Uniform:

- ◆ Mid-Grey cuffless Trousers
[*other mid-grey fabrics accepted*]
- ◆ Light Blue Polo Top with Monogram
(long or short sleeve)
- ◆ Pale Blue Skivvy
- ◆ Maroon Windcheater with Monogram
- ◆ Black Shoes and White Socks
- ◆ Maroon slouch hat

Unisex

Sports Uniform:

- ◆ Black Sports Shorts
- ◆ Maroon Polo Top with Monogram*
- ◆ Black Track Suit Pants
- ◆ Windcheater with Monogram
- ◆ White Socks and Rubber-soled Sports Shoes

