

Prospectus





Mission Statement

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





The mission statement of our school is a clear statement about what we believe is critical to the holistic development of the children in our care.

Together We Grow

Welcome from our Principal

Nhill Lutheran School provides a quality education in a caring Christian environment. Our motto of 'Together We Grow' encompasses our vision for students to grow academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. The motto also implies a healthy partnership between students, families, staff, parish and the community.

Nhill Lutheran School offers a rich learning journey for students from Foundation to Year 6. Our capable and qualified staff deliver learning opportunities for our students that grow their knowledge and understandings, and develop the essential skills needed for future success. As a school of the Lutheran Church, we strive to pastorally care for the wellbeing and development of all students, sharing God's love with all.

Nhill Lutheran School is a well resourced school with plenty of space and great facilities. The grounds are spacious and allow for a variety of play and outdoor learning opportunities, whether that be nature play, building a cubby with branches, playing on the water feature, caring for animals in the mini-farm and more.

I would love to welcome you to our community. If you are interested in visiting the school and seeing for yourself what we have to offer, you may contact the school on 5391 2144 or admin@nls.vic.edu.au.

Mr Damon Prenzler
Principal



We Believe...

We believe in value-based education

Nhill Lutheran School supports your child's developmental educational needs.

Founded in 1977, Nhill Lutheran School is the product of a vision to see quality education within a Christian environment that develops self-discipline and respect for others.

Nhill Lutheran School shares ten core values with all Australian Lutheran schools: love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality, appreciation.

Our weekly Chapels, Christian Studies lessons, class devotions, camps and excursions provide opportunities for students to lead and participate in meaningful worship and develop their Christian character.

We believe in a quality learning environment

We believe that the learning journey of every student can be exciting, challenging and rewarding all at once. Our school provides an environment which is safe and caring, a place where students can feel free to explore their God-given potential. The environment encourages our students to make good choices about their curriculum endeavours and social interactions.

We also provide a place where, when students don't always get it right, they are encouraged to make positive changes. At the heart of every learning journey is the relationship between a teacher and student. This single factor has an incredible impact on the quality of teaching and learning that occurs at our school. Our quality onsite facilities include a Mini-Farm, Multipurpose Room, Library, Science Room, Art Room, Kitchen, Computer Room, multiple ovals, hard courts and playgrounds, and these provide a structure for great teaching and learning to occur.

Early Learning to Year 6

Our School is a safe and stimulating place allowing the building blocks of early learning to be laid. The environment is warm and nurturing, balanced with a structured, enriched and exciting curriculum. We foster our students' development with the utmost of care.

Our Early Learning Program provides a nurturing environment that makes the transition from home to school safe, exciting

and enjoyable, not only for students but also for parents. Our carefully structured curriculum builds a solid foundation that is essential for their learning journey. Nhill Lutheran School offers a weekly playgroup called Get 'Em Going, which caters for pre-school children and provides opportunities in a Perceptual Motor Program, music, art and language. Nhill Lutheran School also provides a Pre-Foundation program for Kindergarten students.

A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a maroon school uniform with a blue shirt underneath, is smiling at the camera. He is holding a yellow toy front loader with black wheels and a black bucket. The background is a sandpit with some wooden structures and other toys visible in the distance.

We believe in lifelong learning



We believe in fostering creativity

We celebrate individuality and creativity, and encourage students to engage in developing their skills and talents. We have purpose built facilities, and specially trained teachers and staff to aid our students learning and developing in a variety of areas.

Students are given the opportunity to develop creative works in Art, Drama and Music. Our annual musical production evenings, choir and weekly Chapels allow students to practise their performance skills, develop stage confidence and discover the joys of being part of a team.

The vast and spacious playground allows for a variety of learning landscapes that foster creativity. Examples include cubby building, access to a mini farm which includes lambs, ducks and rabbits, the chicken coop and a water play area.





We believe in making a difference

At Nhill Lutheran School we know our students are created full of potential, with a destiny and purpose.

We believe that it is our responsibility to provide our students with opportunities which will uncover their passions and abilities to enable them to live generously in their world.

Students are encouraged to be diligent and compassionate, confident and responsible, proactive and thoughtful.

Activities such as Grandparents Day and activities organised by our Student Representative Council, give our students a holistic view of the world they live in – giving them an abundance of opportunities to be positive contributors in the world.

We believe in fostering physical ability

We provide an environment where students can learn necessary skills and develop their sporting potential.

Physical Education is an important part of the curriculum and all students are encouraged to participate. Each year students participate in Inter-House Athletic Carnivals, Swimming Carnivals and Cross-Country Carnivals. In addition, the students also have the option of engaging in various Inter-School competitions.

Nhill Lutheran School provides students with opportunities to participate in social sport during their break times. Sport is an excellent way for students to not only develop physically and maintain a healthy lifestyle, but also learn the values of excellence, perseverance, and goodness, as they compete with each other. Our Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts and large ovals allow us to introduce students to a wide variety of sporting activities.



Teaching and Learning

English

English is an area of study where students learn to expand their knowledge and to use language in appropriate spoken, written and visual forms for different contexts, purposes and audiences. Students learn to become critical and creative users of the English language. Literacy is essential for any individual's active and effective participation in their learning.

Mathematics

Mathematics is the study of number, patterns and algebraic reasoning, measurement, spatial sense, geometric reasoning, and exploring, analysing and modelling data. Students are involved in processes of abstraction, representation and communication that satisfy a need to imagine, understand and qualify experiences.

Health and Physical Education

Health and Physical Education promotes the integration of physical, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. These areas include Health Education, Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Sport Education. Participation in this program encourage students to pursue a healthy and active lifestyle.

Christian Studies

Integral to the mission of Lutheran Schools is the provision of opportunities for students to learn about and develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to grow in appreciation of Christ's message. This occurs through the classroom Christian Studies Program and throughout the explicit life and culture of the school.

Technologies

Technologies involves the creation of products, process and systems to solve problems or meet given needs. Technological learners bring together knowledge, experience, resources, ideas and values to design, make and critique for a variety of purposes.



Science

Science Education involves examining interactions between existing beliefs and knowledge to develop better understanding of our natural and human made world. Students develop skills in investigating, explaining, predicting events and devising solutions.

The Humanities

Humanities enables students to expand their knowledge and understanding of their own and others' societies and local and global communities. Students focus on relationships between people, their society and environment. They develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that lead to active participation in their local community.

The Arts

Studies in The Arts involves students in experiences of creating, presenting and appreciating within each of the major arts forms – dance, drama, music and visual arts. Through active involvement in The Arts, students develop creative and powerful ways of expressing themselves.

Languages – Karen

Studies in Languages allow students to gain knowledge and skills that enable them to communicate and make comparisons across languages and cultures. This gives students the opportunity to understand and demonstrate respect for the values and practices of diverse groups.



Assessment and Reporting

Each child's progress is continually monitored and assessed by the teachers.

To assist in strengthening the partnership between home and school there are a number of strategies used to report student progress.

Parents are informed about their child's progress through formal written reports and regular communication via e-learning tools such as iPads. Parents are also invited to contact the teacher and arrange an interview, at any time, to discuss their child's progress.

Information meetings inform parents of Key Learning Areas, their child's developmental learning and classroom practices and procedures.

Every child is provided with their own iPad to assist with their learning.

Home Learning – The school has a Home Learning Policy that strives to provide a developmental approach to homework that is appropriate to the age and ability of students and is complementary to family life.

We believe in community

We value family and community partnerships, and reach out to students and their families with the love of Christ.

We place a high priority on ensuring that our students are resilient and well-balanced, and through the Pastoral Care program we aim to develop confident learners with a passion for life-long learning, with an acceptance of who they are and where their strengths lie.

Service is a core value that underpins the ethos of the school and students at all year levels are provided with opportunities to use and develop their abilities for personal growth and service to others, and are encouraged to reflect on their own spiritual development. Students are empowered to be caring, resilient individuals who value social justice and who seek to create a better world.

There are numerous local and overseas community service opportunities for our students. The school has a supportive partnership with the Maw Per Koh Orphanage school in Myanmar, and also supports initiatives of Australian Lutheran World Service.

Nhill Lutheran School recognises the mutual benefit that is developed through interaction between the school and the wider community. There are a number of ways relationships are fostered with families, organisations and communities connected with the school.

Volunteers are welcomed into the classrooms and are valued for their contribution. There is a strong sense of community within the school which is greatly aided by the Parents and Friends Association who plan social events, support families, and raise funds for resources.





Enrolments

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 support the aims of the school.



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Foundation enrolment procedure

All parents seeking to enrol their child/children are asked to arrange an interview in order to formally complete the enrolment procedure. Early enrolment assists a smooth transition for your child. It is required that children enrolled in Foundation must be at least five by the 30th April of their Foundation year.

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



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