



P R O S P E C T U S

**Pilgrim School**



Aberfoyle Park  
Primary School  
Campus



# WELCOME

Pilgrim is a small, Christian school catering for Reception to Year 7 students, with a staff committed to excellence and bringing out the best in each child.

As part of the Aberfoyle Park Primary School Campus, we have access to the extensive Campus resources and facilities, while maintaining our friendly school feel and caring community atmosphere.

Pilgrim has a great deal to offer families:

We seek to provide a rich and broad curriculum, encouraging children to reach their full potential in a caring and positive environment.

Our active, enthusiastic parents are passionate and supportive in all areas of school life.

Pilgrim staff are dedicated to the ongoing improvement of their own skills, as well as developing and nurturing each child.

As we begin this journey, my hope is for Pilgrim to become more than 'just a school' for your family. We want you to share in our dynamic community as we celebrate your child's unique gifts and abilities.

Please contact the school on 8270 3033 if you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit.

## Our Vision

To challenge and inspire children  
in a Christ centred community

## Our Mission

We passionately present a  
Christ centred curriculum

We thrive in a strong  
partnership with families

We create enthusiastic  
learners

We commit to valuing  
each individual

We aim that our graduates will be:

Growing  
in their  
Christian  
faith Leaders and  
contributors  
Aware of their  
strengths

# Resilient



High achievers  
Confident as individuals  
and as team members



Creative and  
imaginative  
thinkers Excited by  
learning



Strong in  
character

# Successful

Humble, Self motivated  
respectful and self  
disciplined  
Caring and  
and able to  
compassionate serve others

# Responsible



## Christian Faith

Pilgrim School seeks to develop each child's understanding of themselves and how much they are valued and loved by God.

Our school desires to foster the God-given potential of every child. It is our aim that children will graduate from Pilgrim as young men and women, capable of making decisions that reflect a Biblical foundation and a deep trust in God, in all areas of life, vocation and relationship,

While many of Pilgrim School's programs support this aim (regular worship, Christian Education lessons and class devotions), it is the example and lives of the staff that most significantly express God's love. The role-modelling, pastoral care and mentoring by staff is of paramount importance in the development of children.

## The Pilgrim School Community

Pilgrim has a strong community spirit. Students, parents and staff work together in partnership in many aspects of school life.

Pilgrim provides a supportive and caring environment for learning. We believe children learn best when they are happy and feel safe.

An active and supportive School Board governs Pilgrim School, leading the vision and direction of the school. The positive community feel of Pilgrim is enhanced by a friendly welcome and genuine care coordinated by our Parents and Friends Association.

# Curriculum

Pilgrim School focuses on the needs, development and well-being of each child. A wide range of learning opportunities are woven throughout the robust curriculum. The curriculum is based on the Australian Curriculum and incorporates an inquiry approach which is concept driven and values based.

The iUnits encourage children to explore areas of interest with teachers guiding their learning. The inquiry cycle allows students to research, discover and reflect upon big ideas. Through this process, students develop an understanding of essential knowledge, concepts, skills, and attitudes which prepare them for a rapidly changing world.

## Different Learning Styles

Pilgrim School acknowledges children have a range of individual learning styles and levels of achievement. Children with special needs are provided with specific needs-based programs, and are supported by the classroom teacher and qualified staff offering one-to-one or group-assisted learning. Opportunities for children with special abilities include extension tasks in the classroom and involvement in specific activities such as 'Tournament of Minds'.







## Campus

Pilgrim School is part of the vibrant and unique Aberfoyle Park Primary School Campus accommodating three primary schools. This provides Pilgrim School with access to a number of shared resources, facilities, staff and opportunities that a school of our size would generally be unable to offer.

The three schools on campus are:

- Pilgrim School (Uniting Church)
- Nativity School (Catholic Education Office)
- Thiele School (Education Department)

The Aberfoyle Park Campus Preschool and an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program are also located on campus, catering for families of all three schools.



## Resources

Pilgrim School's newly developed facilities provide dedicated areas for art, science and cooking lessons. Teachers use a range of technologies to enrich the learning experiences of students. Computer use is widely integrated across the school's curriculum, with computers available in classrooms, as well as a dedicated computer suite.

Students access a broad range of facilities on campus, including:

- Library
- Performing Arts Centre
- A large multi-purpose hall
- Canteen (with healthy eating policy)
- Three ovals
- Full-size gymnasium
- Instrumental music rooms
- Covered, outdoor court
- Age-specific playgrounds

## Extra-curricular

Pilgrim students are encouraged to participate in the extensive extra-curricular activities offered at a Campus level. These include a wide range of sporting teams, instrumental music, chess, band, choir, Pedal Prix and SAPSASA opportunities.

# Enrolment

Pilgrim School is a 'low fee paying' Uniting Church school. Fees are set at a reasonable level enabling all families to consider a Christian-based education for their children. If finances are a prohibitive factor for you choosing Pilgrim School, please come and talk with our Principal or Bursar.

Once an enrolment form has been lodged (at no cost), prospective parents are invited to an interview where the school's vision and purpose are explained. An offer of placement is made as soon as possible following a successful interview.

Pilgrim School has an 'open door' policy and welcomes you to view the school in action, and to experience the Pilgrim community for yourself.



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