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PRIMARY SCHOOL
**INFORMATION
BOOKLET**

Prep to Year 6

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Glory to God

Introduction to Primary School

Welcome to the Primary School of St Andrews Christian College. It is our hope that as you read through the information in this booklet you gain insight into our core mission, values and central focus: God at the center of learning.

Our desire is to equip students with an awareness of who they are in God, and the abilities and gifts they have been given. With this as our foundation we create an encouraging and challenging learning program that is aimed at catering for different learning abilities. We endeavour to teach students to grow in their ability to learn from a young age, with a focus on teaching critical thinking skills and the development of positive learning habits. The importance of teaching the students resilience, reasoning and to be reflective is incorporated into our curriculum.

We want to make school fun! We are passionate about creating opportunities for the students that create positive memories for their lifetime. The Primary School actively plan events in and outside of the classroom to enhance the learning journey of our students. We work with the parents to develop their children's gifts and to help them realize their potential with God as their foundation.



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*“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...”*

Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)



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“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.”

Psalm 127:3 (NLT)





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*“Train up a child in the way he should go,
even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6 (NASB)

1.0 *Core Values*

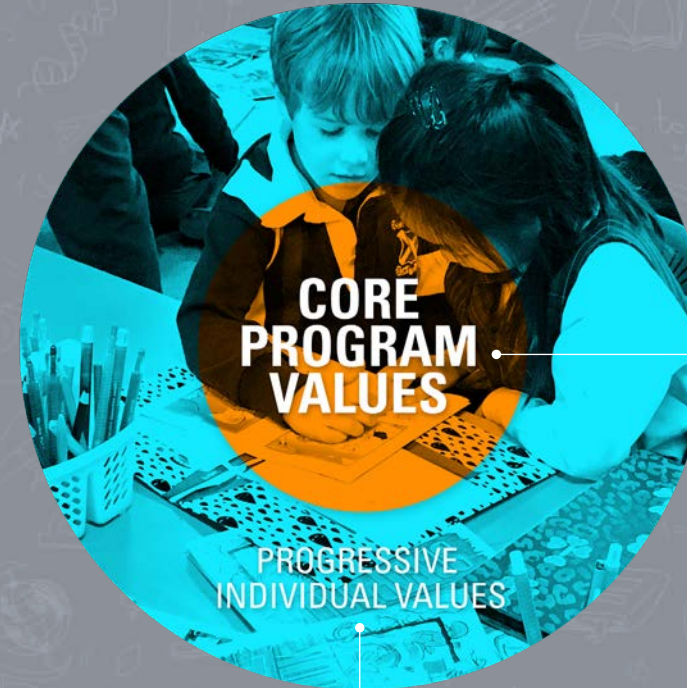
Values are at the heart of everything we do. They impact our relationships, shape our self perception, affect our work ethic and determine our world view. They are the core elements that fuel our motives, our goals and the direction of our life.

At St Andrews Christian College we believe teaching our children core life values are an inseparable and essential element in quality education. Not just any values but biblically based values of Love, Courage, Patience, Compassion, Peace and Service as spoken of and modelled by Jesus Christ.

We believe these values are essential to the healthy development of caring, compassionate and well adjusted children who will ultimately grow into confident adults of faith and character.

At St Andrews we have a proven and effective ‘Core Values’ program that gently and progressively introduces our students to the core concepts and helps our students understand and implement them in everything they do.

In addition our passionate teaching staff observe, role model and reinforce all of our core values throughout the day in classroom work and break time play.



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CORE PROGRAM VALUES

FAITHFULLY ...Honour Commitments

DEVOTED ...to Grow

SERVANT ...Heart

PROGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL VALUES

(Students are progressively introduced and encouraged to adopt key personal values)

Value	Level	Meaning
LOVE	(Overall)	... Love is a starting point
COURAGE	(Prep)	... Keep on trying as you grow
PATIENCE	(Yr 1)	... Accept different and new things
COMPASSION	(Yr 2)	... Care for others
PEACE	(Yr 3-4)	... Be kind to everyone
SERVICE	(Yr 5-6)	... Look out for others



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*“And anyone who welcomes a little child like this
on my behalf is welcoming me.”*

Matthew 18:5 (NLT)

2.0 Curriculum

Values are at the heart of everything we do.

Our curriculum is designed to give the students a thorough foundation for life-long learning. We have a particular focus on providing an in-depth level of Literacy and Numeracy to give our students a basis for branching out into the other learning areas.

Our program provides 2 hours of Literacy and 1 hour of Numeracy every day. We provide specialist teachers to teach key learning areas, so as to deliver a targeted approach to individual learning areas.

Our dedicated teachers are highly trained and consistently refine their skills by attending professional development programs and by undertaking further study.

We provide a learning assistance co-ordinator who is able to assess and provide the necessary help for students' learning needs. Along with a team of EAL and integration aides they provide individual education plans for students in targeted programs and with special needs.

We accelerate our students within and across the year levels, differentiating curriculum and streaming in ability levelled math groups from Year 1.

The foundation of our curriculum is based on a strong biblical focus. In all our programming and teaching we align our curriculum with the Bible. God is the foundation of everything we teach at St Andrews Christian College. We aim to show students a reflection of God's grace and love in every learning area.



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PREP - YEAR 2

Key Learning Areas

We provide learning in these key areas:

- Biblical Studies
- English
(Listen, Think, Respond)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
(History & Geography)
- Art
- Music
- Health
- PE
- Library and Research
- Thinking Skills
- Digital Technology
- STEM
- Chinese

YEAR 2 and YEAR 3

Key Learning Areas

We provide learning in these key areas:

- Biblical Studies
- English
(Listen, Think, Respond)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
(History & Geography)
- Art
- Music
- Health
- PE
- Library and Research
- Thinking Skills
- Digital Technology
- STEM
- Chinese

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6

Key Learning Areas

We provide learning in these key areas:

- Biblical Studies
- English
(Listen, Think, Respond)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
(History, Geography, Civics & Citizenship, Business)
- Art
- Music
- Health
- PE
- Library and Research
- Thinking Skills
- Digital Technology
- STEM
- Chinese



*"...don't look down on any of these little ones.
For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always
in the presence of my heavenly Father."*

Matthew 18:10 (NLT)

2.1 Homework

Homework is a vital adjunct to classroom teaching. The completion of regular homework helps students to achieve better results as they consolidate on the learning that has taken place throughout the week. It is important that the homework program is supported by parents to ensure its effectiveness with each student.

Homework should be:

- 1) Reinforcing what has been learned in class.
- 2) Preparing for what will be learned / discussed in class.
- 3) Research (Assignments).
- 4) Topic revision or test preparation

Parents may assist with homework by:

- Taking an active interest in the homework and ensuring it is completed satisfactorily.
- Assisting with problems without doing the student's homework.
- Monitoring the diary and taking note of potential problem areas.

The Student is required to do homework 4 nights in a week in the Primary School.

Prep students should average:	5 - 10 minutes per night
Year 1 students should average:	15 - 30 minutes per night
Year 2 students should average:	15 - 30 minutes per night
Year 3 students should average:	25 - 40 minutes per night
Year 4 students should average:	25 - 40 minutes per night
Year 5 students should average:	30 - 40 minutes per night
Year 6 students should average:	30 - 40 minutes per night





"I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Mark 10:15 (NLT)

3.0 *Programs & Opportunities*

We provide many opportunities for our students to experience the world around them and create a Godly understanding of service and social responsibility.

Service

We encourage our students to develop a love of service, toward each other, the school and wider community. We provide opportunities for group collaboration and learning with a particular emphasis on serving each other. Each year level provides a service to the school community. These may include planting spring bulbs, maintaining the compost system, planting and caring for the vegetable and herb beds or playground responsibilities.

The students provide a service to the wider community every year. raising money for those in need, writing to our mission focus schools or raising money for our World Vision child, Cambodia and various Mission Trips.

Sport

Our staff and parents run a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) for the Prep and Year 1 students. Our students participate in interschool sports programs and we have a structured annual swimming program from Prep to Year 6. Our specialist PE teachers provide an opportunity for students to participate in a Primary School sports event along with opportunities to engage in school soccer teams, dance and tennis.

Our Primary School students enjoy a wonderful sporting and outdoors education program, with opportunities including swimming, basketball, dancing, tennis, soccer, cricket and gymnastics. The Primary School students have their own tabloid sports day and the Year 3 and 6 students participate in the interschool sports and swimming carnivals. St Andrews has a netball club that provides opportunities for student to be involved in a Saturday netball competition. The club works alongside the Year 2 and 3 students to run a Junior Development Netball Program in preparation for the team's program.

Camps and Excursions

In Year 2 the students begin the outdoor/camp education program with a "stay-late". This event is run after school on a Friday near the end of Term 4 and is a wonderful way for the students to begin to experience the independence that this program develops. The Year 3 and 4 students enjoy some fantastic camp experiences as part of the outdoor education program. This includes horse riding, ropes courses, flying on flying foxes, sliding down giant water slides, shooting arrows, hiking and cooking.

The Year 5 and 6 students further their outdoor educational experiences with canoeing, giant swing and flying fox. Camping also includes team building, games and other learning experiences related to the units they are studying.

Throughout the year there are many excursions and incursion activities.

- Werribee Zoo
- The Aquarium
- IMAX
- The Museum
- Chesterfield Farm
- Healesville Sanctuary
- The Botanical Gardens
- Art Gallery
- the CSIRO
- History Box Performers
- Reptiles Adventures
- Ty Machine Creations
- The State Library
- Kew Traffic School
- Melbourne Zoo
- Science Experiences
- Rickett's Point

Music

The musical talents of the Primary School students are celebrated through various concerts including:

- Junior Orchestra
- Mini Vox (Junior School Choir)
- Concert Band

Our students also have opportunities to be involved in CSEN music events, local festivals and Eisteddfods.

Instrumental Tuition

Individual tuition is available in a variety of instruments. These include:

- Piano
- Guitar
- Saxophone
- Violin
- Voice
- Cello
- Drum Kit
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Trombone
- Trumpet
- Bass Guitar

Extra-Curricular Activities

We provide a range of lunchtime activities that the children can participate in, these include:

- Basketball Club
- Chess Club
- Downball Club
- Drawing Club
- Reading Club
- Garden Club
- IT Club
- Knitting Club
- Lego Club

After School Activities

- Basketball Club
- Soccer Club
- Coding Club
- Chess Club





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*"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf
welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me
welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me."*

Mark 9:37 (NLT)

4.0 *Gifted & Talented*

We celebrate the gifts that God has given all students at St Andrews and it is our desire to cater for these gifts in our programs.

We run various programs to extend our gifted students such as:

- Streamed Maths classes from Year 1
- Grade skip acceleration
- University competitions
- Mastery weeks where students are withdrawn from class for extension
- Classroom differentiation and extension
- Accelerated reading program, available to all students from Year 4

Streamed Maths classes from Yr 1

Students from Year 1 to Year 4 are tested and allocated to the appropriate Maths class level. Some students are extended one or two classes above their Year level to cater for their Maths abilities.

Year Level acceleration

Some students who have been identified as having high IQ are considered for a whole year level acceleration. These students are placed in a cohort that will help continue their academic extension.

University competitions

All our students have the option to participate in academic competitions in subject areas such as: Digital Technology, Science, Maths and English.

Mastery weeks - students are withdrawn from class for extension

Mastery weeks are organised throughout the year for select students who have shown abilities in a broad range of subject areas. The students participate in open-ended lateral thinking activities that help to extend and develop their critical thinking skills.

Classroom differentiation and extension

Every teacher uses differentiation techniques to extend students within the classroom. These extension activities are designed by the teachers to specifically cater for students who have a gifting in a certain area of study.

Accelerated Reading Program

All students from Year 4 participate in the AR (Accelerated Reading Program). This program allows student to extend their reading level as they progress through a series of AR tests which analyse their reading ability and allow the students to challenge themselves to read at a higher level.

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*“Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged;
parents are the pride of their children.”*

Proverbs 17:6 (NLT)

5.0 Daily Program

*Here is an example of a typical daily program in the Primary School.
Lesson details will change depending on the day of the week.*

PREP - YEAR 2

9:00	- Devotions
9:15	- English (Listen, Think, Respond)
	• Grammar
	• Writing
	• Phonics
	• Reading Comprehension
	<i>(10 mins of fitness or fruit snack)</i>
10:05	- Literacy
10:55	- Recess
11:20	- Mathematics
12:05	- Biblical Studies
1:00	- Eat Lunch together as a class
1:10	- Lunch playtime
1:50	- Science of Humanities / Health
2:40	- Specialist Subject
3:30	- Classes dismissed / Home-time

YEAR 3 - 6

9:00	- Devotions
9:15	- English (Listen, Think, Respond)
	• Grammar
	• Writing
	• Spelling
	• Reading Comprehension
10:05	- Literacy
10:55	- Recess
11:20	- Mathematics
12:05	- Biblical Studies
1:00	- Eat Lunch together as a class
1:10	- Lunch playtime
1:50	- Science / Humanities / Health
2:40	- Specialist Subject
3:30	- Classes dismissed / Home-time



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