



A place to grow



PROSPECTUS

Starting school is an **exciting new chapter** in a child's life, and the life of the whole family.

Whether children are starting in Kindergarten or moving into a new school to complete their primary education, they meet new friends, face new challenges, and encounter a whole range of new opportunities to learn and grow.

At Lutheran School Wagga Wagga, you can be sure they're in safe hands and well supported to face what lies ahead – not just in their new school but in life beyond.

We provide a place where children can explore their interests, learn about the world around them and discover more about themselves and their capabilities. By fostering a respectful, inclusive and caring school environment, our students are assured a safe, friendly and calm place to play, extend their skills, build friendships and take charge of their learning while supported by our highly trained and engaging teachers.

For us it's not just about being the best, it's about being YOUR best. We encourage every student to aim high according to their own learning and developmental needs and our staff foster in students a sense of agency in their school experience. Our innovative approach to learning, both inside and outside the classroom, sees LSWW students blossom and places them ahead of the curve.

In fact, for 40 years, our school has nurtured insightful learners, resourceful problem solvers, adept creators, responsive communicators, resilient leaders and collaborators, and caring supporters who go on to fulfilling work and family lives. And we are equally proud of our great track record for quality student outcomes as we are for building a beautifully warm and supportive community for our families.

We know your child will find a place they need to grow here at Lutheran School Wagga Wagga.







I am delighted to introduce you to Lutheran School Wagga Wagga, a school that deserves your consideration when choosing the **best environment** for your child.

LSWW is Wagga Wagga's longest-established independent primary school. For more than 40 years, LSWW has provided an outstanding education for students from all backgrounds and walks of life. Our graduates, with their love of learning, solid values and top academic results, have a world of possibilities available to them as they enter their high school years.

The community at Lutheran School is built on a culture of relationships, which we believe is an important part of the educational experience. Our school attracts families seeking a high-quality education that focuses on the whole child – not just the intellectual and physical, but the social, emotional and spiritual as well. They want a school whose teachers care for their children, support their academic pursuits and encourage them to grow in all areas of their lives. Our approach is rooted in biblical principles espoused by the Lutheran Church of Australia.

Our teachers are experts in the development of children from ages 5 to 13. They understand how children learn and are passionate about partnering with you in the holistic growth of your child. Our school is a rich and diverse learning community, encompassing far more than just classroom curriculum. Music, art, service learning, drama, camps and sport are a regular part of our students' journeys. In addition, many choose to participate in clubs such as Chess, Paint Box, Muddy Club, Glee Club, Robotics and more. It is through these enriching experiences where informal learning takes place and students develop


invaluable life skills such as resilience, adaptability and self-confidence. Through extension programs such as Tournament of Minds, mathematics competitions, ICAS and leadership opportunities, our students also develop the necessary skills increasingly valued in our 21st Century world.

It is not only your child who will actively engage in our community. Our parent community and alumni are an important part of school life and attend many events during the year. There are many opportunities to connect with others and provide support to students.

Finding the right school is one of the most important decisions you can make. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our remarkable school. You will be joining a very special community of purposeful, energetic and enthusiastic families whose children are well-equipped to face the challenges of contemporary life with resilience, grace and optimism.

Janet Moeller
Principal



A young girl with dark hair, wearing a dark blue school jacket with a green lining and a circular logo on the left chest that reads "LUTHERAN SCHOOL WAGGA WAGGA". She is sitting at a green desk with her hands clasped over an open book. The book has a blue cover and the text "How to use this book" is visible on the right page. She is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. In the background, there are shelves with various items, including a container of colorful pens and pencils.

“The staff at LSWW genuinely want to see the kids achieve both academically and in their own personal development, which is what we also want as parents.”

At LSWW, we strive to capture and enhance each child's natural curiosity and intrinsic **love of learning**.

Everything we do – from the range of technologies we use, the agile learning spaces we've developed, the pedagogical philosophies we promote and the way we incorporate our school values – invites a lifelong love of learning and dedication to growing in mind and spirit.

We believe that every student is a unique individual with their own special gifts, strengths and needs. We acknowledge and nurture our students and develop their skills so they can better understand and contribute to our ever-changing world. While we can't predict the future, we believe that our teaching model and the problem-based learning we offer will help your child become confident, collaborative, ethical and emotionally resilient.

We encourage students to be risk takers in their learning while in a safe and supportive environment.

We challenge them to become inquirers and investigators who are filled with curiosity so they can seek to identify and solve problems in creative ways. We foster strong collaboration and communication. Through authentic and purposeful learning experiences, we respond

to the needs of diverse learners while encouraging them to value their global community. We want children to understand their responsibility as caretakers of our planet and to respond to the needs of others with competence and compassion.

Our curriculum offers students the opportunity to develop a broad worldview, which includes physical education, music, creative arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We know that these activities enable students to develop various abilities, such as teamwork, improved memory and cognition, and improved feelings of wellbeing.

Our dedicated and experienced classroom teachers, specialist teachers and support teachers work together to provide rich, engaging and authentic learning experiences. Every teacher and learning assistant provides exemplary pastoral care and models the values of our school in their teaching. Staff are actively involved in up-to-date professional development and liaise closely with other Lutheran Schools across Australia to offer contemporary learning opportunities for all our students.

FOR THE LOVE OF LEARNING

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RESEARCH-BASED APPROACH

Our school implements the NSW curriculum in innovative ways that complement your child's learning journey.

We are advocates of systematically collecting and using data to identify the individual needs of students. We use data to drive our learning and teaching programs and provide responsive, research-based intervention programs sourced from Australia's top universities. In fact, research-based initiatives can be found in every classroom. For example, the 'Science of Reading' is integral in our English programs in the lower primary and is instrumental in building the foundations for our great readers.

STUDENT VOICE

We invite students to have a voice and sense of agency in their own learning through ongoing reflective practices. Teachers create conditions that allow students to authentically have a voice in areas of school culture and community building. Students develop and ask questions that begin to drive the direction of learning within the parameters of the New South Wales curriculum. Agency enables students to step up their civic engagement, realising that they can make a difference in their lives and the lives of others.

LSWW EXTRAS



Digital devices available to all students with one-to-one devices provided for all Years 3-6 students



Specialist teachers Music, Physical Education, Creative Arts and STEM



Private music lessons



Private speech and drama lessons



Reading intervention programs overseen by dedicated Learning Enhancement Coordinator



Access to in-school and external enrichment programs



Ongoing conversations with parents regarding student progress





As educators our goal is to nurture the **whole child**. While we wish to provide an environment for academic excellence, we don't only look through an academic lens but also focus on social and emotional wellbeing inside and outside the classroom.

At LSWW, our students are surrounded with opportunities to explore their interests. We believe in a holistic approach to learning and encourage our students to try new things. From Robotics Club to Running Club, Paint Box (art club) to Drumming, our students can stimulate their senses and collaborate with likeminded students.

Along with the before school and lunchtime clubs, we offer a range of inter-school sporting events, year level camps and a vibrant music education and performance program involving choir, percussion and recorder groups for students to enjoy.

STUDENT WELLBEING

We seek to ensure each child's personal growth leads to qualities that will enable them to succeed, thrive and contribute positively throughout their life.

To do that, we work together to create a safe, respectful and supportive environment for our students. Our Deputy Principal, Learning Enrichment Coordinator, Stage Coordinators and our School Chaplain oversee individual and collective wellbeing through:

- A climate of Christian care
- Individual and small group coaching to build and maintain healthy relationships
- Experiences that develop self-regulation, social competence and resilience.

PASTORAL CARE

LSWW is committed to the spiritual wellbeing of our entire school community and we take our approach to pastoral care seriously. Each teacher places great importance in knowing and understanding each child in his or her care. Frequent conversations with parents allow us to partner with families to support child wellbeing.

Our School Chaplain caters for the pastoral care needs of all families and is available by appointment if you ever need to talk and can provide resources curated by our school to help you in your parenting journey. Our Chaplain also coordinates our 'Care Giving' program which sees parents from various year levels coming on board as Care Coordinators. These Care Coordinators help support families in times of need and organise regular social activities for parents within a year level.

“My children love being able to participate in the activities that the school engages in and it’s a pleasure to watch them represent the school so proudly.”



LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

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A **wide range** of extra-curricular clubs, activities and events

A **vibrant music education** and performance program involving choir, percussion groups and recorder groups



Team sports

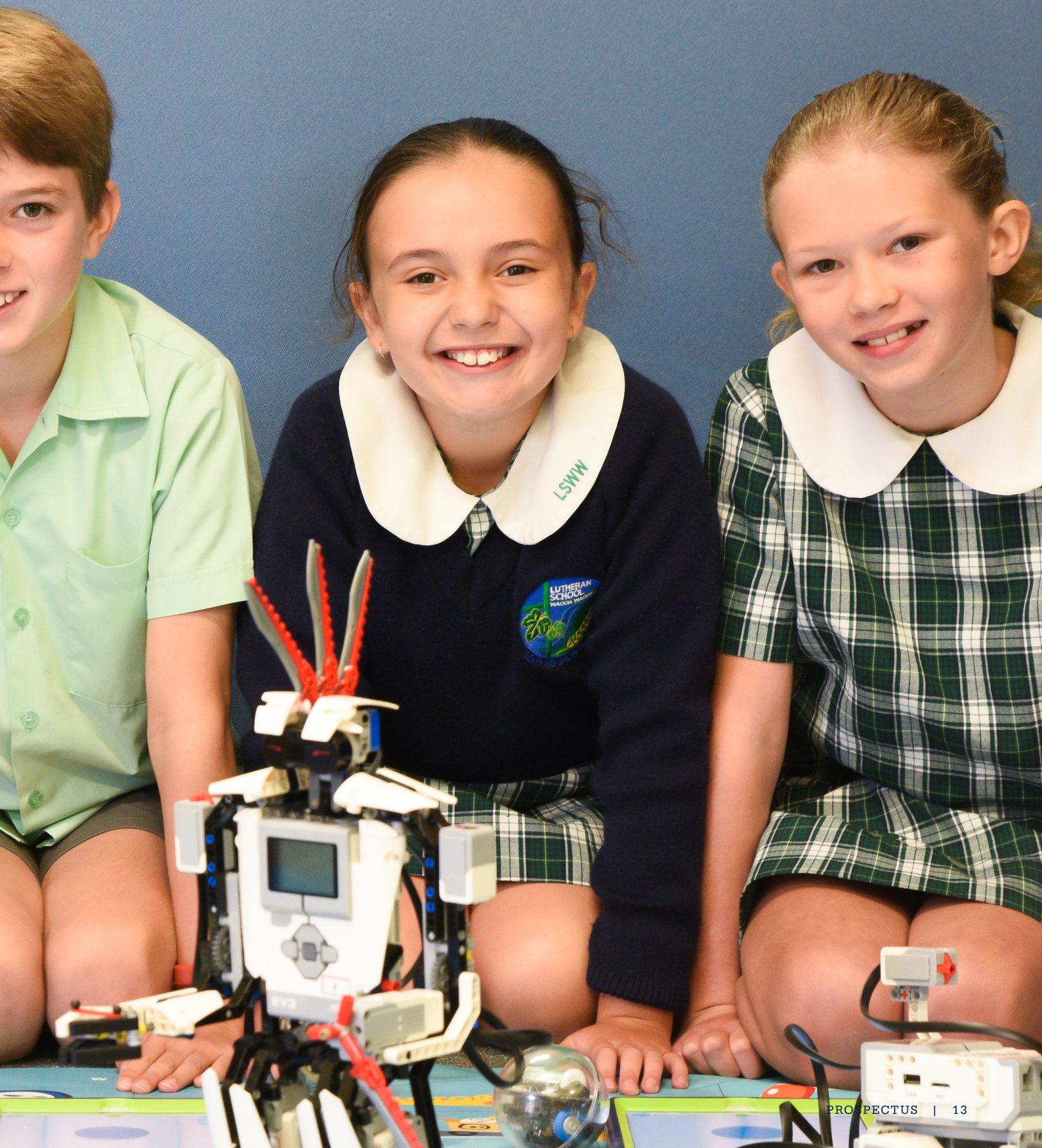
involving Years 3-6 that compete against other local and regional independent schools


Year level camps

for Years 3-6, ranging from 1-3 nights

Pastoral Care


Program, taking care of the needs of students and their families



A young boy with dark hair is running across a grassy field, smiling broadly. He is wearing a dark blue V-neck sweater over a light blue collared shirt, grey trousers, and dark sneakers. On his head, he wears a dark blue cowboy hat with a green band. A circular school logo is visible on the left chest of his sweater. The background is a blurred green field with some trees and a fence in the distance. A large green semi-circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

“What I like most about Lutheran School is the **sense of community and the belonging** that my children feel coming here. The children are really well supported in the learning journey. We chose Lutheran School because of the opportunities that were available for the children, the support the children were offered and the communication that the school has with parents. We’re really kept up to date with what’s going on in the school and we feel very involved in our children’s education.”

TARA FREEBURN

A young girl with long dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a light blue shirt and a green and black checkered dress, is running across a grassy field. She is looking back over her shoulder with a joyful expression. To her left, the arm and hand of another person are visible, reaching out. The background is a blurred green field with some trees and a large log. A dark blue semi-circular graphic element is positioned at the bottom, containing text.

"I love the extra-curricular activities that challenge me, for example, Tournament of the Minds which is great and allows me to compete with other schools in Wagga Wagga. I also love the school community, as in the teachers and my classmates, because ever since I came to Lutheran, they have been very welcoming and they've helped me fit in. The **memories that I have made with my teachers and friends** make me the most happy because my teachers are hilarious and helpful, and my friends are funny and goofy. I would recommend Lutheran School because it has everything you need, including great teachers, learning spaces and equipment. The teachers always try to make tasks fun and engaging, and students have many opportunities to explore clubs like Running Club, Paint Box, Muddy Club and many more."

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Situated in leafy surrounds, the Lutheran School Wagga Wagga is one of our city's **best kept secrets**.

Tucked into its suburban location about 9 kilometres from the CBD, many Wagga residents have no idea how large or lovely our campus is because our 6-acre site is barely visible from the frontage.

One of the first thing you'll notice when entering our school is its calm and friendly atmosphere. We know this because it's what we hear time and again from visitors to our school. That positive feeling does not happen by chance. We believe children do best when they feel safe and secure, which is why we consciously focus on student safety and wellbeing. We also know that the physical environment affects wellbeing. We make the most of our room to move, designing classroom spaces around the need for quiet areas and the need for intentional, collaborative interaction.

Many visitors to our campus remark on our native plantings, lush green lawns, the free-flowing and student-centred spaces and our expansive, modern facilities, which include:

- A large, modern Learning Resource Centre which is currently being developed into a leading-edge Innovation Station
- Contemporary multipurpose space used for school performances, assemblies, whole school events and Chapel
- Specialist rooms and breakout spaces designed to support a variety of enrichment activities
- Purpose built K-2 and 3-6 age-appropriate playgrounds
- A full-sized, multipurpose court and half court, with climbing wall
- An exceptionally well-maintained large oval with soccer and AFL goals and a cricket pitch
- Inviting undercover and indoor spaces to conduct PE in inclement weather

EXTENDED HOURS SUPPORT - OSHC AT LSWW

We have an outstanding Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program that is well loved by LSWW families and is also the preferred choice of parents from other schools in the local area.

OSHC at LSWW aims to support our families through the provision of a variety of supervised play and recreational activities designed to assist the social, emotional, creative and physical development of primary school aged children. Children help choose their activities, including painting, building and imaginative play. Parents and carers who are working, studying, training or pursuing other activities can do so in the knowledge that their children are not only well cared for in a safe, nurturing and happy environment but also growing from the experience.

OSHC is available on a casual or regular basis and includes Before School Care from 6:45am (includes breakfast), After School Care through to 6:00pm (includes afternoon tea), and student free days. Vacation care operates during all holiday periods (except two weeks over Christmas/New Year) from 6:45am to 6:00pm and includes afternoon tea plus any excursions.

For more information about OSHC, including fees and how to book, visit lpsww.nsw.edu.au/nurture/out-of-school-hours-care.

"We chose Lutheran School over other options because our oldest daughter was in another local school and wasn't doing well. We specifically chose Lutheran school because we had come to have a look around and we really enjoyed the feel of the school. The students were kind to each other and to the staff member that we were walking with. We chose it for the community and family feel of the school."

While there is a major focus on teaching and learning, our school strives to offer **far more than that.**

When your family joins LSWW, you become part of a community which strives to offer warm, caring relationships and a safe environment.

At LSWW, we partner with families to provide the best possible learning experience for each student. We believe that building a strong sense of community makes our school a place of belonging for all, and we encourage dialogue and a shared responsibility in the education of our students.

From messages in our school app to weekly school newsletters, social media updates, personal updates, the school calendar and parent teacher meetings, we place a strong focus on communication so you'll know what's going on with your child and in the school more broadly.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Lutheran School Wagga Wagga is fortunate to have a wonderful network of parent and community supporters throughout the school. We encourage all parents to get involved in the school community and have developed a few ways to facilitate your involvement:

- **Become a Class Care Coordinator:**
Each class has parent representatives. The Class Care Coordinator's role is to facilitate social activities among parents, provide a welcome to new parents and act as a vital communication link between the parents in that year level.
- **Join the Parents and Friends Committee:**
Fostering close relationships between school and homes, the Parents and Friends Committee provides a voice for parents, along with opportunities for fellowship and supporting the school through fundraising activities. The Parents and Friends Committee meets twice each term.
- **Volunteer at the canteen:**
Volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated. Our Canteen Manager would love to hear from you. Reach out if you can help between 10am and 2pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



"I first stepped into Lutheran School in 1989 as a Year 3 student. From that day forward the staff, parents and students have been nothing but welcoming, nurturing and supportive. Some 30 years later I couldn't wait for my eldest daughter to start in such a warm and friendly environment. The Kindergarten experience has been such a fun and exciting time for our family. She cannot wait to go back each day for new adventures and experiences. A big thank you to all the past and present staff for making what could be a very stressful time anything but!"



STRONG TRADITIONS; EXCITING PLANS

LSWW is supported by the Lutheran Church of Australia and its traditions, but you don't need to be a Lutheran to send your children here. We welcome students from **all faiths and all walks of life.**

There are more than 85 Lutheran schools across Australia. Lutherans have operated schools and early childhood services since 1839 and today there are Lutheran schools in every state and territory except the ACT. These schools are an arm of the Lutheran Church of Australia. Lutheran Education Australia and the regional hubs provide special training for Lutheran teachers to promote a distinctive ethos in its schools permeated by the core values of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality and appreciation.

In Lutheran schools, each student is seen as a unique person created by God. Our schools take a student-focused and holistic approach to learning. We pursue academic excellence through rigorous programs and aim to develop curious, creative thinkers who are engaged in learning and express their passions, talents and expertise in ways that benefit and contribute to the community. To us, it's important to develop a spirit of service in our students so that their lives, studies, relationships, ambitions, values and attitudes reflect a commitment to living useful lives for the good of others.

With 70 million members, the Lutheran Church is the largest Protestant denomination in the world and has supported the provision of Christian education since its very beginnings during the Reformation in the sixteenth century.

LOOKING FORWARD

Supported by this rich Lutheran heritage, LSWW has provided outstanding experiences for students to learn and grow for the past 40 years, and we plan to continue this strong tradition well into the future.

Our Strategic Plan 2021-2024 has been developed to help us reach our goals to grow together as a community of learners; nurture an environment focused on the wellbeing of students, staff and families; engage with global and local communities; establish a Master Facilities Plan; and grow together as a community where the gospel of Jesus Christ informs all learning and teaching, all human relationships and all activities in the school.

Our roadmap for the future, the strategic plan includes:

- Developing a building and refurbishment plan and enhancing the feeling of community by developing contemporary learning spaces that are based on sound research in education and wellbeing
- Developing and implementing a comprehensive plan for technology to ensure that the school is equipped to support student learning exploring new technologies
- Creating teacher learning groups to build teacher capacity and to further increase student outcomes in literacy, numeracy and other curricular areas
- Giving students voice and ownership in the planning and promotion of school events and initiatives
- Create a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) that honours the Wiradjuri Nation and complements the RAP of the Lutheran Church of Australia
- Refining our Learning Support Framework to ensure all student learning is appropriately supported.

We're excited about what's to come and look forward to sharing new developments with our school community.



“What I like about Lutheran School is their ethos to Learn and Grow in Christ. That’s definitely the thing that stands out as well as the strong parent community.”





“The thing that has surprised me about Lutheran School is the expansiveness of the discussions around different forms of culture, religion and the experience associated with service in all its many different forms. It was something I wasn’t expecting when coming to the school and it’s been incredibly valuable for my children.”

At LSWW, our dedication to instilling the **spirit of life-long learning**, fostering a growth mindset and encouraging risk-taking and agency in their learning, ensures our students go on to achieve personal and professional success.

Thanks to their unique learning experiences, our graduating students report being ahead of the curve academically when they start high school and the advantages continue to benefit them well beyond their schooling.

Our Alumni have gone on to live wonderfully fulfilling lives and enjoy stellar careers in areas such as business, education, law, communications and medicine and we love nothing more than staying in touch with them long after graduation.

NEXT STEPS

We know that choosing a school is one of the most important decisions you'll make for your child's development.

We believe that every child deserves space where they can learn and grow, space where they can be themselves, space where they can explore their interests and discover not only where they want to go in life, but who they want to be.

We believe that LSWW is a wonderful place for your child to flourish and understand that you'll have questions.

If you want to know more about our approach, we encourage you to get in touch. We can organise an opportunity for you to tour our campus and meet with some of our incredible school community including educators, staff, and parents. You might also be able to see our students in action.

**Enrolment details
available here:**

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