



Faith Lutheran College, Redlands

Faith in Christ ... prepared for life.

MISSION STATEMENT

Faith Lutheran College is committed to providing quality learning opportunities while nurturing the development of all students in a Christ-centred community.

To support this Mission the School aims –

1. to provide for each child instruction in God's Word and its place in our lives;
2. to provide a setting where children can respond to God's Word through worship and the development of Christian values, attitudes and relationships;
3. to provide for each child a wide range of experiences and activities which will stimulate interest in, and desire for learning;
4. to provide an atmosphere where each child is encouraged to recognise and develop their individual God-given talents as fully as possible;
5. to give each child quality instruction in subject areas across the curriculum as a foundation for future learning;
6. to stimulate interest in, and to provide opportunities for, growth in creative and cultural pursuits;
7. to provide opportunity for the total mental, physical, emotional, social and spiritual growth of each child in a single setting;
8. to command an atmosphere in which learning is valued, excellence is encouraged and honest effort is recognised and praised regardless of academic capabilities;
9. to provide each child with an integrated vision and understanding of the whole of creation and all of life under the Lordship of Christ.

PHILOSOPHY

As a Lutheran school our approach to education reflects the teachings of the Lutheran Church, which are based on the Bible.

Our teaching and practices aim to recognise the Lordship of Christ. Those in our school are encouraged to view the whole of life as a response to Him.

The Holy Spirit not only creates faith in the believer but also generates the response, which culminates in a life of service.

EDUCATION

Within the context of the aims of the College, the educational philosophy revolves around the belief that every child has the right to reach his or her optimum levels of functioning and performance in terms of the intellectual, physical, social, emotional and spiritual dimensions of life and, that these attainments, skills and attitudes be used in developing and strengthening positive relationships with others in society.

Children are regarded as unique individuals who have specific needs. The College therefore aims to cater for the needs of children along the entire spectrum of learning ability.



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COLLEGE STRUCTURE

Faith Lutheran College is structured with the aim of providing a curricular and co-curricular program that caters for each phase of development in the students. To cater for the age appropriate needs of students the basic structure of the College is:

- Junior School (Prep Year to Year 6)
- Middle School (Year 7 - 9) and
- Senior School (Year 10 – 12).

Within each school the program is further refined to cater for differences in students needs at the various levels of development.

A comprehensive Support Learning Program is provided for students with special learning needs.

As well as the formal learning program, the age appropriate nature of the College will be seen in terms of the physical environment, co-curricular opportunities, student leadership opportunities, staffing, worship, school culture and rituals, and rites of passage through the College.

LIFE-LONG QUALITIES

Lutheran Education Australia has developed these qualities to describe the characteristics that schools, through their curriculum, aim to nurture within each student. Such qualities will well serve the student as he/she moves from the College either into another educational institution or into the wider community. They are qualities which will serve the person long after the detail of what was learnt has vanished or been superseded by newer understandings. These qualities are seen as essential characteristics for effective, positive life performances.

Lifelong Qualities

As central to their mission and ministry, Lutheran Schools and Colleges seek to nurture integrated individuals, aware of their humanity and open to the influence of the Holy Spirit, who are growing in and living according to a cohesive worldview

While

Living in community, guided by core values and reflecting the characteristics of God especially love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, patience and service

And

Serving their communities by being:

- Self-directed, insightful investigators and learners
- Discerning, resourceful problem solvers and implementers
- Adept, creative producers and contributors
- Open, responsive communicators and facilitators
- Principled, resilient leaders and collaborators
- Caring, steadfast supporters and advocates

Within the context of the Mission Statement, Faith Lutheran College, Redlands aims to develop these qualities in all students.