

Strategic Plan



St Peter's College
ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA





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Pro Deo et Patria

(for God and Country)

St Peter's College is an Anglican School centred upon truth and service.

Foundation

Following the founding of the school in 1847, St Peter's College was incorporated in 1849 with the purpose of teaching the Holy Scriptures and the principles of Christian religion in the context of the Anglican Church.

The Headmaster was charged by the Council of Governors with the responsibility of actioning this mission through the development of a sound and liberal education, ensuring that students from non-Anglican families could also access and take full advantage of the educational program being provided.

School Prayer

Look with favour, we pray thee,

O Father Almighty,

upon this our School and grant that its foundations may ever stand firm in truth and righteousness;

that beauty, order and reverence may be the message of its walls and fields;

and that so long as one stone remains upon another it may stand for all things that are strong and lovely and of good report, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Vision and Values

Vision

Our vision is to be an exceptional community of learning.

Values

Truth

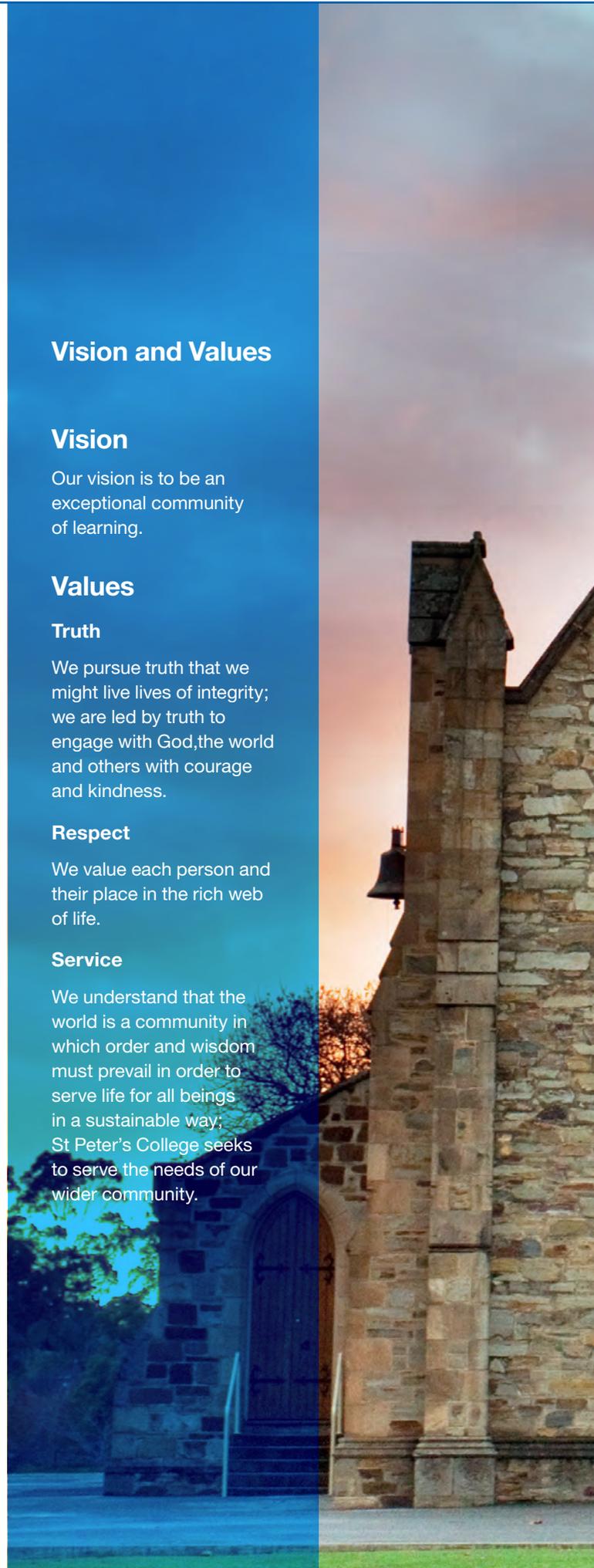
We pursue truth that we might live lives of integrity; we are led by truth to engage with God, the world and others with courage and kindness.

Respect

We value each person and their place in the rich web of life.

Service

We understand that the world is a community in which order and wisdom must prevail in order to serve life for all beings in a sustainable way; St Peter's College seeks to serve the needs of our wider community.





Strategic Pillars

Learning

- Develop research based pedagogy in an academic environment that maintains the highest possible standards and inspires excellence.
- Develop a global mindset.
- Enable students and staff to maximise growth.
- Promote a learning community where students and staff contribute to the learning of their peers.

Student Life and Wellbeing

- Enhance the Outdoor Education program in building resilience and character.
- Refine student co-curricular pathways to foster passion and personal growth.
- Strengthen our Boarding program and build the diversity of our student body.
- Support growth in wellbeing and character through the ongoing development of high quality programs.

Spirituality and Service

- Raise understanding of our Anglican heritage, teach the Christian Faith and commend a life of Christian discipleship while respecting the religious diversity of our community.
- Provide authentic and relational service learning programs that promote personal growth and benefit the wider community.



People

- Grow the professional capability of all staff.
- Foster a whole School culture.
- Celebrate diversity.
- Promote a safe, healthy and supportive School environment.

Partnerships

- Ensure our relationships in the wider community are built on openness, trust and mutual benefit.
- Strengthen relations with our stakeholders.
- Enhance our indigenous and international education programs.
- Foster and grow a culture of giving to support access, diversity and future priorities.

Stewardship

- Maintain the School's Master Plan and Capital Management Plan to ensure the facilities address the future needs of the School community.
- Maximise the efficiency of the School to build financial strength, ensure affordability and deliver the Strategic Plan.
- In light of scientific and social best practice, lead and invest in environmental management.



Philosophy and Aims

We believe that diversity contributes powerfully and directly to the quality of a boy's education. We are committed to being a boys' school that promotes responsible relationships and positive attitudes towards girls and women. We are uncompromising in being a safe and inclusive learning community respectful of diverse backgrounds of race and ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and nationality. In the spirit of the foundation of South Australia, St Peter's College is open to boys of all Christian denominations, from all faiths, and from none. We are enriched and strengthened by this diversity.

Love and kindness, integrity and respect, forgiveness and acceptance, are just some of the Christian qualities which we hope to instil in our students.

As a Christian School and as part of the Anglican Church of Australia, St Peter's College takes seriously its commitment to form young men in the Christian faith. The Christian faith is at the centre of the School's focus on enriching the minds, bodies and spirits of its students. Influencing every part of the life of the School, the Christian faith is actively taught and practised. It is also under the umbrella of Christianity that the School is so concerned about the wellbeing of its students. Forgiveness is at the heart of our concern for student wellbeing; *"forgiveness says that you are given another chance to make a new beginning."* Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In the Act of Incorporation it is also stated that *"prayers shall be said every morning before school work begins..."*

The aims of the School are to:

- Unlock the strengths of each individual.
- Seek the highest possible academic standards.
- Develop a disciplined, well ordered and carefully guided life through which shared community activities foster initiative, independence, humility and integrity.
- Promote the development of judgement, discernment and awareness of heritage.
- Equip young men to take their place in the community of the world.
- Adopt healthy attitudes toward competition and exploration of the physical world.
- Encourage interest and participation in a wide variety of activities and community service beyond the School.





Framework of an Anglican Education

At the foundation of the School it was intended that it adhere to the principles of the “*advancement of Christian Knowledge and useful learning.*” Implicit in this statement by Bishop Augustus Short, enunciated in the Ceremony of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of Old School House (24 May 1849), was the intention that the students of St Peter’s College would be given a sound and liberal education of the highest standard. Education is valued both for its intrinsic value in forming the minds of the students in our care, as well as preparing them for a life of uncompromising commitment to public service. We aspire for every boy to live with meaning and purpose in all corners of the globe. A sound, liberal education is one which values education for its own sake. Students at St Peter’s College are challenged to think and learn in an everchanging world, whilst striving for the highest possible academic standards.

The history of Anglicanism provides a rich source to begin this journey of learning excellence. As Anglicans, the person and work of Jesus is at the heart of everything we do. Everything is shaped in the context of Jesus Christ. As an Anglican School, we recognise the balance that Scripture, tradition and reason brings to every boy’s wellbeing. Believing that God’s presence is experienced within creation and brought to life in the Scriptures, the School invites each boy to become aware of God’s presence in their lives, encourages them to explore their spirituality and think about their faith.

More than anything, students at St Peter’s College are encouraged to think and to be challenged to express what they believe.

This balance of Scripture, tradition and reason allows Anglicans to:

- Be open to new interpretations of Holy Scripture.
- Be open to the insights of science, mathematics, psychology, literature and language, philosophy, the arts and music.
- Appreciate the beauty and wonder of the natural world.
- Participate as members of a local and global community.
- Struggle for justice and to make the world a better place.

An Anglican Education is therefore one which is:

- Christ centred.
- Moral.
- Open and progressive.
- Built upon a foundation of service.

When our students leave St Peter’s College they will inevitably encounter people from all backgrounds, holding a range of religious and other beliefs, often passionately. The Christian, sound and liberal education, shaped by the best traditions of Anglicanism, will hold them in good stead.

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