

St Peter's College Early Years and Junior Years programs



St Peter's College
ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

The St Peter's College learning journey commences with our Early Years Program. From here, you can choose a pathway to Reception in the Junior Years that best suits the needs and development of your son. To assist in determining the pathway most appropriate for your child, please review the chart below and table over page outlining the key differences between the programs.



Choosing a pathway to Reception at St Peter's College

Any external preschool child care, kindergarten or other

Early Years Program:
3 and 4 year olds

Prep: Boys must turn 5 between 1 May and 31 October

Reception





	Early Years	Prep	Reception
Age	3 - 5-year-olds	4 - 5-year-olds Boys must turn 5 between 1 May and 31 October	4 - 6-year-olds
Hours	8.00am – 6.00pm with flexible start and end times	8.35am – 3.00pm set hours After school care available 3.00pm – 6.00pm	8.35am – 3.00pm set hours After school care available 3.00pm – 6.00pm
Days	3, 4 or 5 days a week	5 days a week	5 days a week
Weeks	38 weeks of the year Holiday care available 8.00am – 6.00pm	38 weeks of the year Holiday care available 8.00am – 6.00pm	38 weeks of the year Holiday care available 8.00am – 6.00pm
Curriculum	Early Years Learning framework: Belonging, Being, Becoming	Blend of Australian Curriculum and Early Years Learning framework: Belonging, Being, Becoming	Australian Curriculum
Literacy	Strong focus on oral language and phonological awareness Use of Heggerty Program Literacy indicators	Focus on oral language and phonological awareness Use of Heggerty Program Introduction to THRASS and phonics	Oral language and phonological awareness Use of Heggerty Program Increased focus on THRASS and phonemic and graphemic awareness
Specialist Lessons	Gross Motor, Music, French/Chinese, Library	Gross Motor, PE, Music, French/Chinese, Visual Art, Chapel, Library	Gross Motor, PE, Music, French/Chinese, Visual Art, Chapel, Library
Environment	Nature pedagogy and the use of the outdoor multi-sensory environments	Increased time spent in classroom-based learning	Increased time spent in classroom-based learning
Timetable	Designed around the rhythms and routines of our day	Structured around a seven-lesson timetable	Structured around a seven-lesson timetable
Technology	Collaborative learning with a range of devices (digital cameras, iPads, early coding)	Collaborative learning with a range of devices (digital cameras, iPads, early coding)	1:1 iPads
Meals	Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea catered by Chartwells	Packed lunch box or lunch order	Packed lunch box or lunch order
Ratio	1:10	1:20	1:20
Uniform	ELC uniform	Junior School uniform	Junior School uniform
Location	Old Palm House	New Palm House	New Palm House
Fees (2023)	\$100 a day	\$16,000 per annum	\$16,490 per annum

Common across all programs

School values of truth, respect and service

Playful learning

Relationships and building connection to the St Peter's College Community

Social and emotional development