



**Paralowie R-12 School**  
ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL



## INFORMATION EVENING OPEN NIGHT

Monday 21st March 2022  
5:30 - 8:00 pm

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### Special Interest Sports – Volleyball Academy

Students with athletic potential are identified and given access to high-level coaching, quality facilities and equipment, through our Special Interest Sports Program – Volleyball Academy.

### Aboriginal Programs

At Paralowie R-12 we have a supportive team who work with our Aboriginal students to improve learning outcomes and connection to culture. Our Aboriginal Education Centre is called 'Tirkanthi' – a Kurna word for 'learning', and we also have a Primary room called 'Turlatina' – a Kurna word for 'calm/peaceful'. Our SAASTA (South Australian Secondary Training Academy) program supports students in Years 9-12, and the Clontarf program supports male students in Years 4-12. We partner with the GO Foundation to offer scholarships to students and the Workabout Centre to provide short courses and training opportunities.

### Public Transport

The school is situated on bus routes that run along Waterloo Corner Road and Halba Crescent, servicing an area that includes Salisbury, Burton, Parafield Gardens, Settlers Farm and Paralowie.



Parents are invited to contact the school for additional information.



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### Parent Involvement

Paralowie R-12 encourages parent involvement at various levels, including representation on School Governing Council, Parents and Friends, Curriculum and Sports Committees. Our Community Centre is a hub for parents, and we offer a range of programs to meet the needs of our community. Our Community Development Officer supports parent participation across the school.

### Reading Statement

Reading is a priority at Paralowie R-12. We have extensive resources and programs used daily to monitor, support and extend student reading across the school. Students in Year 7 to 9 are engaged in guided reading lessons. Each student is assessed to identify their reading ability so that appropriately leveled texts can be selected for guided reading lessons. Students' progress is tracked using their reading data which highlights specific teaching points.

### Student Behaviour

Paralowie R-12 supports positive behaviour for life-long learning. We have clearly stated rules and responsibilities for students that model and reflect our core values of **Respect, Honesty, Safety and Integrity**. These include our school policies on school uniform, attendance, computer and internet access, mobile and electronic devices, assessment deadlines and behaviour including anti-bullying and cyber-bullying. Our school follows Positive Education principles and the Berry Street Education Model with excellent results.

### Learning Support

Paralowie R-12 has a wide range of programs providing support for students with diverse learning needs. We provide extensive programs to support students with English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD). Skilled staff provide individual and small group support for students with special learning needs.

**Paralowie R-12 School is a Reception to Year 12 school. At Paralowie we focus on the whole child. We understand that student wellbeing and a positive school experience are the foundations on which we build sound learning.**

We work in partnership with the community to provide a progressive teaching and learning environment. This ensures that students acquire the values, 21st Century skills, knowledge and understanding to actively participate in, and contribute to, a productive and rewarding life in today's fast-paced and ever-changing multicultural society.



We aim for Achievement for All, and strive to facilitate this through

- quality teaching and learning environment that supports students to do their best
- encouraging high expectations of student achievement and participation
- building student resilience and fostering positive choices in learning and life
- a focus on literacy, numeracy and digital technologies
- clear and consistent student behaviour processes
- school-parent partnership and support
- celebrating cultural diversity

Paralowie R-12 operates as three sub schools: Junior (R-6), Middle (7-9) and Senior (10-12). We believe this structure caters effectively to the educational needs of our students.

Successful completion of the Australian Curriculum and SACE is integral to our work from Years 7 to 12. Our 2021 Year 12 students attained an outstanding record of 100% SACE completion that has set them on the path for future success.

### **Middle School (Years 7-9)**

Staff get to know students in small groups and provide a safe and caring learning environment through:

- Encouraging ongoing parent-teacher communication through telephone, email, Daymap Connect (parent portal) or face to face discussions including parent-teacher interviews, information evenings and formal ceremonies, and appointments with relevant staff members.
- Students having their Home Group teacher for multiple subjects in Years 7, 8 and 9.
- Delivering a Personal Development Program with a focus on the school's core values of Respect, Honesty, Safety and Integrity. Our Extended Home Group lessons focus on wellbeing, social skills, Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) and Career Education.
- Offering a comprehensive curriculum including: Digital Technologies, Languages Education, Visual and Performing Arts, Health and Physical Education, Design and Technologies and Home Economics.
- Providing each student with a laptop for the duration of his/her schooling.
- Fostering student participation and leadership skills in the school's decision making process through an active Student Leadership Program.
- Celebrating student achievement at school and community informal and formal events.



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The seamless transition through Middle School into Senior School is facilitated by the continuation of a Personal Development Program which focuses on maintaining an oversight of each child's achievement, studies, wellbeing and future aspirations for the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) an integral component of the SACE.

### **Senior School (Years 10-12)**

All students have the opportunity to pursue a range of pathways including entry to universities and TAFE.

In Years 11 and 12, all students have the opportunity to undertake Vocational Education Training (VET) courses which count towards SACE completion, give students nationally recognised qualifications and are linked to a future pathway. Students may enrol in regional VET courses as well as VET courses hosted by Paralowie R-12 and delivered on site. These include: Health Services Assistance, Hospitality (Kitchen Operations focus) and General Construction (Plumbing). Senior School students are supported by a dedicated team of staff, and work in excellent study facilities in our Senior School space.

### **Student Wellbeing**

The Wellbeing Hub provides a supportive environment that promotes wellbeing and health to our students and their families. Paralowie R-12 School has a dedicated Reception to Year 6 Wellbeing Leader and two Year 7 - 12 Wellbeing Leaders. Wellbeing Leaders work with other leaders, teachers and families to refer students to a range of external and specialist health services.