

# 2021 Student Information



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



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## Parent Involvement

Paralowie 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 courses for adults through our Adult Learning Program. Our Community Development Officer supports parent participation across the school.

## Reading Statement

Reading is a priority at Paralowie School. 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 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 with excellent results.

## Learning Support

Paralowie has a wide range of R-12 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.

## 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

All Aboriginal students are eligible to receive academic and wellbeing support (in-class and specialist tutoring) from our Aboriginal Education Team in Tirkanthi (our Aboriginal Education Room).

Year 10-12 Aboriginal students can join SAASTA (SA Aboriginal Sports Training Academy) – a cultural and sports program and receive SACE Credits. We also run Kaurna Language lessons for our Year 4-9 students, and offer Certificate III in Aboriginal Languages.

## 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.

## INFORMATION EVENING OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 17th March 2020

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Parents are invited to contact the school  
for additional information.



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**Paralowie R-12 School is one of the few metropolitan Reception to Year 12 schools in South Australia. 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 School operates as three sub schools: Junior (R-6), Middle (7-9) and Senior (10-12 and Adults). 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 2018 Year 12 students attained an outstanding record of 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, the student diary 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 two subjects in Year 8 and one subject in Year 9.
- Delivering a positive Home Group program with a focus on the school's core values of **Respect, Honesty, Safety and Integrity**, and a Personal Development program that focuses on wellbeing, social skills and Career Education including beginning their Personal learning Plan (PLP).
- Offering a comprehensive curriculum including: Digital Technologies, Languages Education, Visual and Performing Arts, Health and Physical Education, Design and Technology 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 Voice Program.
- Celebrating student achievement at school and community informal and formal events.



**Respect • Honesty • Safety • Integrity**



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 PLP, an integral component of the SACE. Students participate in an extended home group each week.

### **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 and give students nationally recognised qualifications. Students may enrol in regional VET courses as well as VET courses hosted by Paralowie and delivered on site. These include: Community Services, Health Services Assistance and Hospitality (Kitchen Operations focus). Senior School students are supported by a dedicated team of staff, and work in excellent study facilities in our Year 12 Centre.

### **Student Wellbeing**

Paralowie has an extensive Wellbeing Team comprising two Student Counsellors (based in our Wellbeing Hub), Aboriginal Education Workers and a range of specialist staff all of whom support students from Reception to Year 12 with personal issues and career choices.

The Wellbeing Hub provides a welcoming and supportive space that offers a wide range of health and community support services, agencies and alternative programs.