



Dale Christian School

Prospectus 2020



Developing each child's spiritual and intellectual gifts



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

It is our pleasure and privilege to welcome you to Dale Christian School. The very existence of this unique school is testimony to the commitment that concerned Church members, Christian parents and students from surrounding communities have toward quality Christian education.

The Church, the Board, the Administration team and Staff desire that each student will grow into their destiny in Christ. We thank God that our students and families are an integral part of Dale Christian School! This book of guidelines provides information about life at Dale Christian School. DCS is not just a school with a set of policies. It is a spirit and a people. However, policies and regulations are necessary in order to maintain the spirit and order we desire.

Realising you may not agree with every policy, we expect that you will respect and respond properly to the authority of DCS. We trust that these guidelines will help maintain a positive and God-honouring environment for you and your child.

Our prayer for our students and families is that you come to know what it means to love and live for Jesus Christ. We at DCS want to help our students succeed. Our desire is for our students and families to experience joy and satisfaction from achieving excellency at school and in all facets of life. We believe God is honoured by our diligent efforts. We are committed to working with our students and families to see that God is honoured in their lives and in our school.

Welcome to the family at Dale Christian School. May your days at DCS be a treasure chest filled with happy memories, warm friendships, plenty of excitement, and above all, a deeper and more sincere relationship with Jesus Christ.

Kind regards,

Principals



Mr Fourie Jordaan Primary School

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Mrs Karin Cowie Secondary School



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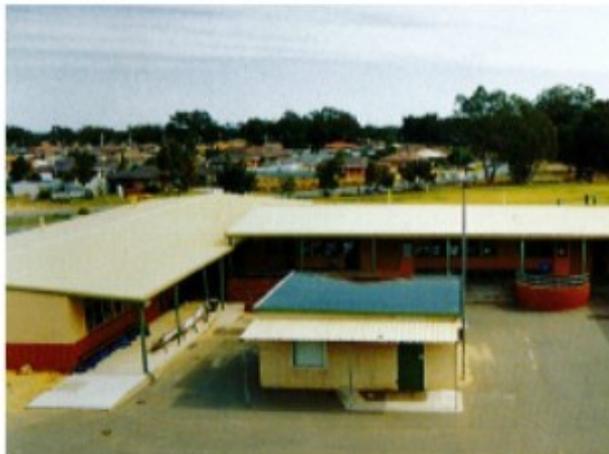
HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

In 2013 Dale celebrated 30 years of providing Christian Education. Dale Christian School opened in July 1983, utilising the hall and Manse of the old Armadale Congregational Church with two classes totalling 21 students.

The school rapidly outgrew the original site and in late 1985 the Church purchased the former Dale Drive-In located on Forrest Road. In 2002 we saw the commencement of Dale's Middle School with 38 students in Year 7 & 8. In the beginning of 2015 we

moved into the new secondary school, where we are today.

The Dale Christian School Board believe that God's grace and love has built the school to all that it is today and look forward to what God has planned for it in the future.





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OUR VALUES

Purpose Statement:

A Christian community school, inspiring learning that transforms and empowers lives.

School Motto: Love, Faith, Hope

LEARNING

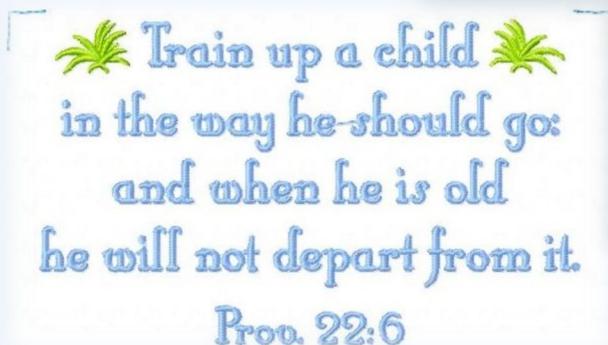
As a Christian community we value and respect the importance and place of learning in growing people – intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. At Dale Christian School we hope to nurture students to be informed and empowered. You can therefore expect your child to enjoy learning experiences from Kindergarten right through to Year 12 that are:

- Christ-centred
- Dynamic
- Challenging
- Diverse.

Our curriculum is broad, yet balanced and is designed to:

- Develop the academic, artistic, musical and sporting intelligence of our students
- Enhance social and personal skills
- Cultivate sound values and attitudes
- Encourage technological competence and confidence

Our School recognises the differing needs and aspirations of students and we strive to provide for them appropriately.



The Secondary education program caters for University bound students and has a history of good graduation results whilst offering a wide range of ATAR courses.

The Secondary program also caters for students who are TAFE bound with a wide variety of courses.

- Vocational Education and Training is available for students directly pursuing a vocational training pathway either on-site or off-site (part-time).
- The Gifted and Talented extension programs, learning support and special needs courses also cater for the diverse learning needs of our students
- Year 7 is the main intake year for the Secondary School

We celebrate diversity, creativity and health and seek to facilitate learning in a wide variety of contexts, including:

- Primary and Secondary year group camps and excursions
- Sporting and Music
- Annual tour of Sydney and Canberra
- Academic competitions
- Art exhibitions
- Music and Drama performances
- Mission Trips

Within the Dale Christian School community, there is a strong culture of Art, Music and Sport where students are provided with numerous opportunities to participate in community exhibitions, competitions, and festivals.

The Dale Christian School's culture is widely supported by technology. We believe that by providing the latest technology requirements for students, we enable interactive and experience-rich learning, which enforces that we are meeting the needs of our 21st century learners.



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VISION

The vision of Dale Christian School is to offer affordable, quality, Christ-centred education in an endeavour to equip our students with skills and strong values that encourage them to pursue excellence in all areas.

At the heart of Dale Christian School is our Christian distinctive that ensures that we know and celebrate each and every child. To enhance this vision, the School has introduced a K to 12 Christian Living program that actively encourages students to engage with the original text of the Bible rather than a particular theology or tradition.

In keeping with the School's emphasis on improving teaching and learning, we have embarked on a drive to empower and enable our students to become responsible for their own learning. We have initiated programs, plans and the assistance of outside organisations to train staff and students to work towards improving literacy and numeracy.

We are keen to pursue the holistic development of all our students to assist them to live life with purpose and a destiny in Christ.

FAITH

The Christian faith lies at the very heart of our understanding of what it is to be human as well as our understanding of education. Dale Christian School is fully integrated into the teachings of the Bible and although it is not necessary to be a member of a church to attend the School, all students and parents must be willing to support our Christian culture.

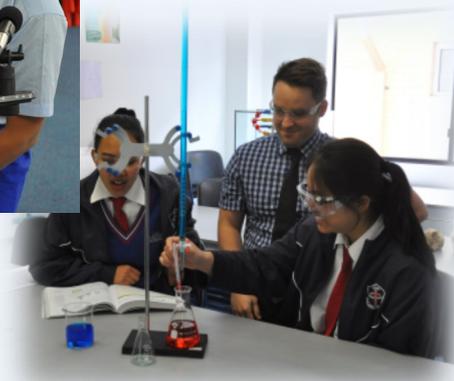
We aim to provide a spiritual environment in which:

- Christian faith may be unconditionally demonstrated
- Families from different religious, ethnic and social backgrounds, including those with no church affiliation are welcomed.

The Christian emphasis of Dale Christian School is reflected in a variety of ways including:

- Regular worship of God
- A curriculum with a Christian perspective
- All students' participation in Christian Living classes, which are interactive, stimulating and help to foster spiritual awareness and development.

At Dale Christian School we believe it is important that students know what they believe and why they believe it, whether or not they choose to be Christian. That is why we seek to develop and encourage critical thinking in all areas of teaching and learning.





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SERVICE

Dale Christian School provides an environment in which students, staff and the wider school community understand service as being characterised by unselfish, altruistic acts which benefit others in our School and in local and global communities. Our goal is for our students to become people who integrate service into their personal and professional lives, and who do not necessarily expect recognition or reward in return.

This vision is reflected in:

- * Myanmar Service Trip
- * The collection of gifts and raising of funds for operation Christmas Child, which involves sending a message of hope to children in desperate situations in the form of Christian literature and a gift-filled shoe box at Christmas time.
- * Annual support of national campaigns such as Jewels Future, Jeans for Genes, CanTeen and Operation Christmas Child.

All staff members aim to model servant-hood through their:

- * Active support of, and participation in, integral programs such as mission trips.
- * Commitment to excursions and camps.
- * Considerate interaction with each other and the student community.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him and he
will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

CARE

Care is what characterises our community – we care for our students, we care for our staff and we care for our families.

At Dale Christian School, every student is valued and supported so that they feel a sense of belonging within the School community. The School provides a safe environment in which caring relationships can be modelled and encouraged. We strive to ensure that our students feel happy, safe and cared for, empowering them to be their personal best.

Dale Christian School is committed to providing significant care to each student in social, educational and personal matters. Moreover, all staff and students are encouraged to care for one another through their daily conduct and interaction.

Also central to the successful care of our students is our leadership structure. One of our specialised programs that cultivate caring relationships between younger and older students, is the support and mentoring of lower school students by selected senior students. These programs also develop leadership skills in older students whilst fostering confidence and resilience.





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COMMUNITY

There is a strong sense of connectedness and community between Dale Christian School and the wider community. This is facilitated through:

- Active relationships
- Commitment
- Engagement with parents and the wider community

Our unique whole-school approach seeks to develop a sense of connectedness between all year levels; and regular aspects involving the whole school are:

- Assemblies
- Significant celebratory events
- Regular online newsletters and other publications



Dale Christian School values the inclusion of parents in the school community and they are encouraged to discuss the progress of their children on a regular basis directly with their teachers and, where appropriate, the Principal.

The most common form of parental Involvement is through the Parent network, which can include involvement in:

- Public and community events
- Extra-curricular activities
- Camps and excursions
- Parents and Friends Association
- Work experience
- Canteen services
- Fundraising



Consistent expectations of students across the whole school, operating from Kindergarten to Year 12, also aim to encourage continuity and connectedness across the age groups.





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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dale Christian School recognises the importance of Primary School in establishing firm foundations, educationally, socially and spiritually, in your child's life. The Primary School is committed to developing students who are:

- ◇ Motivated
- ◇ Resilient
- ◇ Confident
- ◇ Caring

The Physical Education program focuses on the physical development of all students and includes the teaching of many skills and sports. In addition to standard sports, our specialised programs include:

- ◇ Swimming
- ◇ Inter house and interschool athletics, swimming and cross-country competitions.

Just some of the wide range of programs on offer that cater for the diverse learning needs and talents of our Primary School students are:

- ◇ Specialised learning support and extension
- ◇ Athletics
- ◇ Access to a referral program that uses outside consultants for assessments, therapy and advice
- ◇ Year 6 Sydney/Canberra Trip

Other aspects of the curriculum that seek to complement and facilitate a comprehensive learning experience for your child are:

- ◇ A rich excursion program
- ◇ Extensive IT access
- ◇ Chess club for interested students
- ◇ Participation in choir and worship team
- ◇ Individual Music tuition
- ◇ Concerts and Musicals
- ◇ River Rangers
- ◇ One Big Voice





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SECONDARY SCHOOL

The growth of students in Secondary School is supported by a range of curricular aid, extra-curricular choices and opportunities.

Subjects

The wide variety of subjects on offer throughout the Secondary School is designed to meet the range of students, strengths, interests and ambitions.

- ⇒ In Years 7 – 10, students follow the Australian Curriculum. All students study English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Physical Education, Health and Christian Living.
- ⇒ In Year 7 and 8 students are provided with opportunities to experience a diverse range of subjects including Indonesian, Music, Visual Art, Drama, Photography, Cooking, Sewing, Woodwork and Metalwork.
- ⇒ In Year 9 and 10 a range of elective subjects compliment the “core” subjects listed above.

Our upper school program endeavours to meet the career objectives of all our students by offering ATAR or General courses; Workplace Learning; Vocational Education and Training competencies and courses for those students pursuing a direct vocational pathway.

Sports

We offer a dynamic Sports program including opportunities to participate in:

- ⇒ Australian Rules football, soccer, basketball, and netball at a competitive level.
- ⇒ Specialised Physical Education programs including badminton, golf, and surfing.
- ⇒ Annual swimming carnival.
- ⇒ Outdoor Education, field sports (e.g. discus, shot-put, long jump, high jump and javelin), an athletics program, athletics carnival and cross-country.
- ⇒ A variety of recreational sports and mental health activities.

- ⇒ A Health program which is integrated into the Physical Education program in order to provide training and teaching in matters of personal health and wellbeing.

Camps

Dale Christian School recognises the value of the learning experience outside the classroom and for this reason we offer:

- ⇒ A Year 7/8 camp
- ⇒ Year 10 work experience
- ⇒ Year 11 and Year 12 retreats

Other highlights for selected students include:

- ⇒ Mission Trips

Courses/Programs & Clubs of interest

Extensive extra-curricular opportunities include:

- ⇒ Individual music tuition, participation in the worship team and choir.
- ⇒ Regular Drama performances for both lower school and secondary students to help harness performance and showcase talent.
- ⇒ The Year 12 Ball which is the highlight of most secondary students’ social calendars.
- ⇒ Study seminars, and participation in many competitions relating to all learning areas.
- ⇒ Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ⇒ Chapel Services
- ⇒ DCS Iron (Iron Man)
- ⇒ Bush Rangers





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ENROLMENT DETAILS

Fees and charges

Please refer to the current fee schedule in the Enrolments section of the school website. Fee rises can be anticipated each year. A leaflet detailing these costs can be accessed through the school website.

Uniform

Dale Christian School uniform consists of a summer, winter, and sports uniform in the School's colours of navy blue, red, and white. Uniforms can be purchased from the School Uniform Shop.

Application

If you wish to know more please direct all enquiries to:

The Enrolments Department
Phone 08 9497 1444
Email enrolments@dalecs.wa.edu.au

Although particular vacancies occur from time to time, the main intake years are Kindergarten and Year 7. We urge you to register your child as soon as possible to enhance your opportunity to be selected.



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