

Aberfoyle Park Primary School Campus Statement

The concept of the Campus with the State, the Catholic System and the Uniting Church sharing facilities is unique in South Australia. After years of preliminary planning, the joint project came to fruition at the beginning of the 1982 school year when the schools admitted their first pupils. For 25 years there were two State schools, Heysen and Spence. At the beginning of 2009 they merged to become Thiele School.

Since 2009, the three schools are:

- School of the Nativity (Catholic)
- Pilgrim School (Uniting Church)
- Thiele Primary School (DECD)

Having the three schools on the one site provides the following educational advantages

- (a) A degree of choice for parents when deciding what kind of school they want their children to attend.
- (b) Resources available to each school that could not be financed by three separate schools.
- (c) Sharing staff expertise between the three schools.

Purpose - why we exist

Our purpose is to maximise learning opportunities for children within the context of a cooperative, working relationship between Government and Non-Government Schools which is characterised by values of tolerance, understanding and equity.

Mission - how we will fulfil our responsibilities

- To the students – we provide a high quality education for all students and equip them to continue learning throughout life.
- To the staff – we promote a work environment that supports, develops and acknowledges high standards, sharing of expertise and training and development opportunities.
- To the parents – we support parents as the primary educators of their children and value their contributions as partners in the education process.
- To the local community – we maintain and encourage relationships between the schools, churches and community groups.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PILGRIM SCHOOL

- Students: Currently 215 students; double-stream Reception and Year 1 classes and single stream classes from Years 2 to 7; the school has an enrolment policy that accepts students from Christian and non-Christian families and is nurturing and evangelistic in approach.
- Full details are included on the Pilgrim School website and *My School* website.



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