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Student

Unity College is committed to putting students first and providing them with many opportunities to ensure they achieve success in whatever career they choose and to enable them to be successful contributors in the community.

Unity College offers its educational program to families from all areas in the Murraylands region and beyond with an extensive transport network to enable students to travel to the college from areas including Murray Bridge, Mannum, Tailem Bend, Meningie, Coonalpyn, Langhorne Creek, Tintinara, Jervois and Lameroo.

Point of interest

The Swanport Bridge and River Murray featured in our logo, symbolises Unity as a regional college serving families in the Murraylands and beyond. The Steeple reminds us that under the cross, we are unified and moving toward a common goal - following the way of Christ.

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Learning

Unity College is a regional school serving a broad community in the Murraylands and beyond.

Three distinct sub schools of Junior (Reception – Year 5), Middle (Years 6 – 9) and Senior (Years 10 – 12), provide a seamless pathway for each child's educational journey. Modern facilities and innovative approaches to learning, encourage students to strive for their personal best and high academic achievement.

The advantages of R – 12 Education include:

- Students being able to develop a sense of confidence and familiarity at their school
- A smooth transition from one sub school to the next
- A community environment where positive relationships are nurtured along the way
- Families are able to enjoy the 'simplicity' of working with just one school

Gifted students and students with special learning needs benefit from learning programs supported by staff who liaise with parents to ensure each student's learning experiences are enhanced.

Unity Scholarships are available for entry at Year 8, 11 and 12 and recognise students who show excellence in learning and attitude.



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Point of interest

Students across sub-schools benefit from the opportunity to share resources and interact with different age groups as part of the curriculum.

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A young girl in a maroon school uniform is shown from the chest up, with her right hand raised high in the air. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a solid blue wall. To her right, another child in a similar uniform is partially visible. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a classroom or school environment.

The initial years of school life are crucial in creating the foundations for learning.

Unity College Junior School provides a nurturing and supportive learning environment from Reception to Year 5 where students access a rigorous and challenging curriculum catering for individual needs, abilities and interests. Unity aims to foster the development of each individual in a broad co-curricular program within a supportive Christian framework.

The core of the curriculum is Literacy and Numeracy skill development aligned closely with problem solving skills. Play and communication are also essential to the learning process.

Unity College has a strong affiliation with Concordia Kindergarten. A buddy program between Year 4 students from the Unity Junior School and students from Concordia Kindergarten helps build strong relationships between the kindy students and their older buddies.

Point of interest

Behaviour Management is underpinned by a process called Restorative Practices. This process advocates core values of respect, inclusion, accountability and a commitment in finding a solution to a problem. The people most directly affected by the problem work together to understand, clarify and resolve the situation!

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Explorin

A photograph of four young boys splashing in water. They are wearing dark blue t-shirts with 'UNITY COLLEGE' and 'YEAR 5 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL' printed on them. The boy in the center is holding up a dark blue jacket. The background is a bright, overcast sky. There are colorful circles (pink, orange, green) overlaid on the image.

The Middle School years are an important time for building productive and affirming relationships with peers and adults as young people seek to define their identity, beliefs and place in the community.

For students in Years 6 to 9 the learning experiences are integrated, relevant, challenging and rewarding. This includes practical activities to enable students to gauge their progress. Unity provides modern technology and specialist facilities to ensure relevance and quality of learning.

Unity College has established links with local and regional primary schools to ensure the transition to Middle School caters for the needs and care of the students. The Peer Support program helps students feel a part of our unique culture and community.

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Did you know?

Ulink is a web portal that provides a continuous assessment and reporting system for all year levels. Through Ulink, parents access more information more often about their child's progress at school including: grades, results, timetables and even homework!

Finishing

A young woman with curly brown hair, wearing a maroon school uniform, is laughing joyfully and holding a trophy high in the air. The trophy is partially visible behind the word 'Finishing' in the title. The background is a bright, overcast sky.

The Senior School offers a diverse range of academic subjects and co-curricular activities with an emphasis on preparing students for their entry into further study, work and life as responsible and contributing citizens in the community. We build academic and social skills in a caring environment, to give students confidence in all areas of their life.

Students choose from a wide range of subjects as part of a broad and well balanced curriculum, which enables them to gain the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) on completion of Year 12. To maximise subject choices that will expand and cater for further education opportunities, students can also attend Vocational Education and Training (VET) lessons off-campus as well as learning through multi-media and online links.

Unity has a limited number of student accommodation places available for weekly Homestay for Senior School students.

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Interesting Fact

An average of 97% of Unity College Students successfully complete their South Australian Secondary Certificate [SACE] which is above the state average!

Diversity

Out of interest

Each year Unity students attend 'Generations in Jazz' with nearly 100 other schools around the nation to compete in the Stage Band Awards inside the James Morrison big top pavilion in Mount Gambier!

Unity College offers a wide variety of courses both within and beyond the classroom.

Specialist Sports Program

From Year 9 the Specialist Sports Program has a focus on Netball, Football, Basketball and Cricket, and covers a range of topics including: Sports Conditioning, Fitness (Cert 3), Coaching, Basic Umpiring, Nutrition, Anatomy and Physiology in a fitness context.



Agriculture

Topics in agriculture can include: Winemaking, Beef Cattle Management, Meatbird Production, Farm Maintenance Skills, Wool Harvesting and Classing plus much more.

Visual Art

An appreciation for and exposure to art gives any student a means for understanding other societies and cultures as well as our own. Students can produce a range of artistic works including drawings, paintings, ceramics, prints, computer graphics and animation.

Technology Centre

In Food Technology, Woodwork, Metal Work, Electronic Systems and Textiles subjects students develop creative and innovative projects and use state-of-the-art equipment. Metal Engineering is equipped with industry standard equipment covering Welding and Fabrication, Sheet Metal Work, Metal Machining and Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD).

Languages other than English (LOTE)

Unity College offers the learning of both German and Japanese languages. Overseas exchanges operate to both Germany and Japan in senior Year levels.

Christian Studies

Students gain an insight into their own spirituality and beliefs, as well as the personal plan God has for their life. The rituals, spirituality and beliefs of other people in the world from a range of cultures are also investigated.

Drama

Students gain self-confidence, learn to work collaboratively and have many opportunities to foster leadership and creativity. In addition to acting, students are able to explore every aspect of creating performance including lighting, sound and multimedia design, make-up special effects techniques, set design and costume.

Music

Opportunities exist for students to sing and play musical instruments as well as rehearse together in choirs, bands, orchestras or a full-scale musical production. The College also supports tuition in a wide range of musical instruments.

Pathwa

Unity College provides assistance to enable students to make informed choices and a smooth transition from Senior School into tertiary studies, employment or community enterprises.

The college provides a range of subjects, programs and assistance for students to begin planning their future beyond school and each student is provided with careers information and guidance throughout their Senior School years.

Personal Learning Program (PLP)

Students commence the PLP in Year 10 to assist them to identify goals and plan how to achieve them through school and after finishing the SACE. The PLP encourages students to review their strengths and areas they need to work on including literacy, numeracy and communication skills.

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

VET courses provide valuable opportunities for students wishing to pursue various trades by offering practical and industry specific learning alternatives.

Careers Information and Guidance

The Careers Counsellor meets with all Year 12 students to assist with their transition from school into further study or the workforce.

Workplace Practices

An optional subject where students are able to participate in 25-30 hours of Vocational Learning (eg. part-time job, volunteer work) and have it counted for this SACE subject.



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Interesting Fact

Year 12 students historically have achieved excellent Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) scores with the majority gaining their first choice preference for further education.

Care



Out of interest

Unity College is a part of the Lutheran Schools Mission team which has worked in the Philippines and Cambodia to help build houses through 'Habitat for Humanity'.

Unity College provides a Pastoral Care program that emphasises the partnership between parents, staff and the students entrusted to our care.

KidsMatter

KidsMatter is an Australian wide mental health and well-being initiative set in primary schools and early childhood education centers. It assists in taking care of children's mental health needs by creating positive school communities, teaching skills for good social and emotional development while working together with families.

Pastoral Care

Every student belongs to a Home Group under the care of a teacher whose role is to be the first point of contact for parents and other staff for most matters relating to the student's happiness and growth.

Peer Support

The Peer Support program promotes care of younger students by specifically trained older students. Senior students participate in a training camp at the end of Year 10 to prepare them for selection in Year 11 as a Peer Support Leader.

Road Accident Prevention (RAP) Program

Unity College has partnered with the SA Metropolitan Fire Service to host a regular RAP presentation to students and their parents with a strong focus on responsible driving.

Thrive

Thrive is undertaken by Year 9 students in Christian Studies classes to examine life issues with its focus on Christian living and values. Classes are split-gender and based on Home Class groupings.

School Counsellors and Pastoral Support

Unity College has pastoral support specialists on staff, including two school counsellors, a school pastor and a chaplain who provide a valuable source of support, guidance and encouragement for students.

Service Learning

Learning activities based on serving others both locally and internationally are an important aspect of Unity's educational and Christian philosophy. Students to develop their self-esteem, gain organisational and leadership skills and appreciate the importance of teamwork.

Extra

Students are encouraged to experience and participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

School Camps and Excursions

Camps and excursions compliment the curriculum focus of many subjects and are held regularly in all year levels offering them personal challenges and experiences. Camps are held locally and also interstate.

House and Knock Out Sport

Unity College provides a broad range of extra-curricular activities through House and Knock Out sport competitions against other schools in the state.

Pedal Prix

Pedal Prix brings students, teachers and parents together and provides participants with a sense of belonging in a fun and friendly environment. Pedal Prix teaches important life skills, giving opportunities to develop ability in leadership, teamwork, commitment, personal fitness and health.

Student Leadership

Through groups such as the SRC, Ambassadors, House Captains and School Leaders, students represent the college in a wide variety of ways by leading assemblies, participating in decision making, promoting and supporting causes and planning events.



Out of interest

Unity's House teams: Union (green), Cooperation (yellow), Progress (red) and Loyalty (blue) are named after the four original milk boats that operated from Murray Bridge. The Captains often used to race each other to complete the day's deliveries.

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Community

Unity enjoys the benefits of being part of the highly regarded system of Lutheran Schools in Australia.

Nationally, there are almost 130 Lutheran Schools and pre-schools, with 39 of these being located in South Australia. Lutheran Schools in Australia have operated for over 175 years.

Friends Supporting Unity

Friends Supporting Unity (FSU) is a group of interested parents, carers and friends of past and present students of Unity College. FSU promote a sense of community among and between parents and staff of Unity College through the promotion of generosity, community and hospitality.

Unity College Old Scholars (UCOS)

Old Scholars range from those who completed their primary schooling at the Murray Bridge Lutheran Primary School to those who have attended what is now known as Unity College. We love to hear what our Old

Scholars have been up to and share this with our wider community through our regular 'Update' Magazine.

Churches

The Unity College Association is made up of representatives from sixteen local supporting congregations. The Association meets twice every year; half-yearly and at the end of each year for their annual AGM.

Indigenous Connections

Unity is proud to acknowledge that the Ngarrindjeri people are the traditional owners of the land on which the college is built.



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Interesting Fact

Unity College originally commenced in 1978 as the Murray Bridge Lutheran Primary School and was renamed when the Middle Senior Campus was opened in 1997 to extend to secondary schooling. The first Year 12 cohort graduated in 2001.

Enrol



Did you know?

Enrolment Applications are welcomed from all families who undertake to support the College's aims and purpose regardless of their race, ethnic background, gender, academic ability or religion!

Thank you for your interest and we hope this information will help to guide you in this most important decision. To enrol your child at Unity College just follow these simple steps ...

1. Enquiry

Find out more by visiting our website for information about learning, curriculum, student uniform, school policies, transport services and more. You can phone and speak with our enrolment staff who will be most happy to assist you. We invite you to visit Unity College to tour the campus during a normal school day.

2. Enrolment Application form

Places in future year levels can be highly sought after so families are encouraged to lodge an Enrolment Application form as early as possible. Please note that a separate form is required for each child in your family.

3. Formal Offer of Enrolment

An offer to confirm a place is sent approximately one year prior to commencement. A 'Confirmation of Enrolment' document is completed and returned along with a holding deposit which is credited to your school account once your child commences.

4. Transition to School

A transition program to assist students moving to their new school is arranged. The program varies in each Year level of entry. The program can involve a family interview, and transition visits along with relevant information evenings for parents.



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