



Welcome to St Lucy's School – an overview



We live **Joy**,
foster **Community**,
act with **Courage**,
pursue the **Truth**.

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

In the Catholic Dominican tradition. A community enriched by difference;
inspiring learning for a life of purpose.



JOY
COMMUNITY
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TRUTH

FACILITIES FOR 240 STUDENTS



OVER 80 YEARS OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE



80 EDUCATORS

THERAPISTS/PSYCHOLOGISTS



SPECIALIST CLASSROOMS

From our Principal



Thank you for considering St Lucy's School for your child's education. Our school prides itself on creating an environment where students are safe and happy and have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

We take the time to get to know all of our students and offer individualised learning programs. For each of our students, an educational journey means achieving goals while at school as well as for a meaningful life beyond school.

At St Lucy's, we nurture a community approach to learning where the curriculum, our educators, therapists, and parents all work together to make each student's learning experience the best that it can be.

We are an independent Catholic Dominican school – with Veritas (Truth) as our core value – nurturing mind, body and spirit. We strongly believe children are made in the image of God, each unique and loved unconditionally. We welcome students of all faiths to learn with us.

St Lucy's has a strong tradition in educational excellence for students with disabilities and we are proud to have recently expanded our offering to include high school, allowing for students to continue their journey with us throughout their 13 years of schooling.

The best way to experience the St Lucy's learning environment is to come and visit yourself. We warmly welcome you to attend one of our open days or take a tour of the school. I am confident that you will love our community as much as I do.

David Raphael
Principal

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WHY ST LUCY'S?

Personalised Education

Our students are all individuals and we encourage their potential. Our educators structure individual educational and social goals for your child, celebrating their individuality and strengths and natural desire to learn.

Balanced education

Students at St Lucy's have a wide range of abilities, interests and needs. The Curriculum is designed to give students a breadth of education while also having the flexibility to meet the individual abilities, needs and interests of each student including the adjustments that they require.

St Lucy's School has a balanced approach to teaching and learning, involving both explicit methods and more child-centred approaches to maximise student learning. Explicit teaching is utilised across all Key Learning Areas. St Lucy's has a social learning model i.e. students learn within a group, learning from and with one another and from and with staff. St Lucy's also provides opportunities for individual teaching and learning.

Enhancing Educational Programs

In addition to our in-class academic programs, St Lucy's provides other opportunities for learning including:

- **One on one teaching programs** - developing mathematics and literacy skills
- **Creative Arts** - a central part of the St Lucy's curriculum. Specialist educators teach in the areas of Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Arts. This guides our students to find their voice and build their technical skills to communicate what they learn, think and wonder.
- **Physical Education** - students enjoy an expansive Physical Education curriculum including swimming, athletics, ball skills and bike riding taught by our trained Physical Education staff.

- **Buddy Programs** - Opportunities for learning through play with mainstream peers.

Student Care and Support

Your child's happiness and wellbeing while learning with us is of utmost importance. We provide several support services to compliment your child's journey, including our expert Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, School Psychologist and Positive Behaviour Support team.

Spirituality is encompassed in all that we do. The students come together as a community to pray, celebrate and sing. Spiritual learning is provided in class and a Sacramental Program is available.

A community approach to learning

At St Lucy's, we view education as a partnership with parents and we provide extra services to our families, including:

- Bi-annual meetings to develop individual goals for students which form the priority for their learning. Progress on these goals is monitored through careful and detailed assessment and is reported twice yearly in school reports.
- Access to our Family Support Worker – specialising in providing much needed resources and advice to parents.
- Workshops for parents and the wider community
- Support through our Wellbeing Team and OASIS group
- Parents' Community Facebook page – a supportive community for parents to engage and socialise with other parents.



Joy

The Spirit is ever present here as we embrace the **Joy** of moments

PURPOSE BUILT FACILITIES



St Lucy's has recently expanded its facilities to include a new building on our Wahroonga campus with 16 purpose-built classrooms. The classrooms include both wet and dry areas and complementary learning spaces to further expand and enrich students' in-classroom experience. Each classroom includes enhanced technology and sound systems that link to cochlear implants, ensuring that all our students have equal, and optimal learning opportunities.

Our outside and sports areas include a large, imaginative and challenging playground, an indoor gym and a ball court. We also have a heated swimming pool for Physical Education and co-curricular swimming lessons.

All of our students enjoy the specialists physical recovery, technology and support of staff to discover, extend and explore their talents.

- > Brand new state of the art building
- > Heated swimming pool
- > Creative Arts Centre
- > Indoor Gym with padded flooring
- > Latest Learning technologies
- > Drama and Music studios
- > Playground designed for inclusive play
- > Kitchenette in each classroom for cooking
- > Accessible lifts to all levels
- > Hoists, support stations & change tables
- > Accessible bathrooms off classrooms



Community

We foster **Community** through connections, relationships, and collaboration

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Students at St Lucy's Primary School undertake a breadth of learning across the curriculum in the Key Learning Areas of English, Mathematics, Creative Arts, Human Society and Its Environment, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, and Science and Technology.

St Lucy's adopts the curriculum of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and is fully accredited and registered.

Our class sizes at the main campus are kept to a maximum of nine students and most classes have a teacher and two teacher's aides to provide higher focus on meeting individual student needs.

We enhance the curriculum with additional programs in mathematics and reading, which provide more one on one teaching time to drive better outcomes and more enriched learning experiences for all of our students.

We believe that students learn best by experiencing and utilising a range of teaching methods to motivate and engage students in their learning.

Satellite Classes

In addition to our main campus at Wahroonga, we have satellite classes located at Prouille Wahroonga, St Joseph's Narrabeen and St John's Narrabeena.

Our Satellite program is for students whose goal is to transition to a mainstream school. Each satellite class provides students with the opportunity to engage with mainstream peers on the playground and school events.

Satellite Classes are run by a St Lucy's specialist teaching team and include Creative Arts and Physical Education specialists and supported by St Lucy's Therapy Services including Speech Pathologists and Occupational Therapists.



Courage

We act with **Courage** to inspire risk taking for growth

HIGH SCHOOL



In 2019, St Lucy's expanded their offering to include secondary education, commencing with a Year 7 class. Each year the founding classes will continue on, and by 2024, St Lucy's will have moved to a complete Year 7-12 offering.

St Lucy's High School continues best practice and holistic education into the secondary years, including:

- Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) - students undertake the NESA mandatory curriculum requirements (English, Mathematics, Science, HSIE (History and Geography) Technology Mandatory, Physical Education, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Creative Arts (Music and Visual Arts) and Languages (Italian). Music is undertaken in Year 7 and Visual Arts and Italian in Year 8.
- Stage 5 and 6 (Years 9 -12) - Students study a Life Skills Curriculum developed by NESA, with the inclusion of electives including Vocational Education and Training (VET) options in Stage 5 (Years 9, 10) and Stage 6 (Years 11, 12).

- In keeping with our Catholic tradition, students also study Religious Education during Years 7 – 12.

Through the secondary years, students increasingly undertake their learning in the community with a focus on increasing their independence skills and in preparation for work (where appropriate) and exploring Recreational Opportunities. The Life Skills Curriculum is designed in such a way that students only have to study 'some' of the designated outcomes and content from a particular course.

St Lucy's offers the opportunity for 13 years of continuous education which enables your child to maintain their peer groups and transition easily into High School.



Truth

We seek to understand, respect and believe in **Truth**

YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY BEGINS NOW



Now that you have read about all of the opportunities that await your child at St Lucy's, we invite you to visit our facilities at Wahroonga and experience our environment for yourself.

We cater for children with disabilities including mild to severe cognitive disability, Autism and sensory impairments. Our individual focus ensures each student discovers their own strengths and talents in a joyful and safe environment.

Our main entry points are in Kindergarten and Year 7 however we do have occasional vacancies in other years.

St Lucy's holds a number of Open Days throughout the year for prospective families and personal tours throughout term time.

To book into an Open Day or tour or for more information on enrolling contact the School Registrar or:

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