

DOES ST ALBERT'S HAVE SCHOOL BUSES?

St Albert's has its own subsidised bus service, that is a minimal cost to families, which services the Loxton and Loxton North area. Students in other areas have access to other buses for bus runs.

Students are transported to OSHC on the St Albert's bus after school.

DO I NEED TO LIVE IN LOXTON TO ENROL?

You do not need to live in Loxton to enrol, in fact a large percentage of our students live out of Loxton and catch a bus to school. We warmly welcome families from all areas.

WHAT YEARS OF SCHOOLING DOES ST ALBERT'S OFFER?

St Albert's welcomes students from Reception to Year 6 level.

WHEN CAN WE ENROL?

We accept enrolments at all times. Whether you are moving into the district or simply moving schools, we can assist you with the process and time the transition to best meet the needs of your children. For families wanting the reassurance of knowing where their child is going for Reception, we can also formalise the enrolment early and welcome you into our school and community events.

WHAT IS THE FIRST STEP?

First step is to contact the school office and express your interest. We will then discuss the easy process with you. Some families like to do lots of research, others know us well enough that they simply want to formalise the enrolment. Wherever you are on your enrolment journey, we are ready to help.



**ST ALBERT'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
LOXTON**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DOES ST ALBERT'S ENSURE THAT "STUDENTS COME FIRST"?

St Albert's provides an exceptional learning environment for all our students.

We pride ourselves on the individual care we provide to all students which starts well before their first day of school when we first meet them and their parents and carers. The diverse range of learning activities offered by our passionate teaching and support staff acknowledges the different learning styles and experiences of the children in their care. Our ability to adapt and tailor our programs ensures that each student can thrive and confidently develop their skills and explore their interests, fully supported, and encouraged at every turn.

St Albert's is blessed to have some of the states leading educators on staff. Recognised by their peers for their exceptional innovation and dedication to provide quality education to the students in their care, our teachers are quietly and humbly changing the lives of children for the better. Committed to providing an exceptional learning environment for all our students, nurturing their academic achievements, sharing their interests, and promoting a sense of self care and mutual respect among them.

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ARE NON-CATHOLIC FAMILIES WELCOME?

Yes, we welcome all students and families regardless of their background.

Our Catholic identity is expressed in contemporary ways and shapes our sense of inclusiveness, our values, our commitment to restorative practices, our care for each other and for the earth.

Once part of the school and school community, Catholic and non-Catholic students and families have expressed the same sense of belonging in our school and school community.

ARE ALL FAMILIES WELCOME?

St Albert's is well known as a school which values community; it is our cornerstone.

We celebrate diversity and embrace students from all backgrounds. Our inclusive atmosphere encourages mutual respect and understanding.

We encourage you to visit us and see firsthand our school in action and let us share with you how we can make a positive difference to your child's learning experience.

WILL CHILDREN FROM OTHER SCHOOLS FIND IT HARD TO ADAPT?

Not at all! Together, we will collaborate to ensure your child's transition is smooth and positive, fostering a sense of belonging within our school community. Moving from another educational setting to a new school can feel overwhelming at first. However, our support systems ensure that students quickly settle into their new environment, forging friendships and establishing routines in a short space of time.

At St Albert's, we take immense pride in our ability to warmly welcome new students, nurturing their potential, regardless of their past experiences elsewhere.

HOW DOES THE SCHOOL DEAL WITH BULLYING?

The school takes a proactive approach to the social interaction of all students within and across year levels. The school culture and cohort actively discourage bullying and teaches strategies that helps all students to be in respectful relationships with each other.

We are committed to restorative practices where those directly involved in the breakdown of relationships are responsible for its repair. In this way children and adults learn and practice the skills they need for lifelong healthy relationships.

WHAT ABOUT WELLBEING?

At St Albert's we understand that wellbeing is strongly linked to confidence, self-esteem, learning and happiness.

We have a long and established history of care and compassion which has continually evolved to cater for the unique challenges of each generation.

We are aware that the current generation of Australian children are experiencing unprecedented levels of mental health and social challenges. As educators, we know that learning cannot start until the child feels safe and secure in their environment, which is why we say that students come first at St Albert's.

Our shared values of Respect, Compassion, Gratitude, Pride & Persistence underpin our everyday interactions and we are blessed to see transformations in academic results, social skills and sense of self that form the foundations of confident capable students ready for the world.





CAN I GET INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

We believe that education is a collaborative effort where parents and carers are active participants in their child's education. We welcome and encourage parent and carer involvement at St Albert's.

Listening to children read, attending class and school functions, offering individual expertise to complement classroom learning experiences, coaching sports teams, getting involved in the Parents and Friends Association, supporting fundraisers and working bees are just a few examples of the many ways parents and carers share their expertise and become involved in the life of our school.

The School Board and The Parents and Friends Association are formally constituted groups with parent membership. Please chat with us about becoming a part of the School Board, Parents and Friends Association or one of its sub-committees.

These parent groups play a vital and important role in building a strong sense of community at St Albert's.

HOW CAN WE JOIN LITTLE ALBEE'S PLAYGROUP?

Families are welcome to join our safe and welcoming playgroup, Little Albee's onsite at our school.

Developed in 2009, playgroup provides an opportunity for children to interact with others and develop early social and emotional skills. Little Albee's provides experienced educators and allows early literacy and numeracy skills to be developed. Parents, grandparents and carers can all benefit from the social interaction and fun. New friendships are forged which continue into the school years ahead.

Playgroup is open to all public with children ages Birth - 5 years. Contact our friendly school office to find out more.

HOW WELL RESOURCED IS THE SCHOOL?

At St Albert's we are committed to our consistent development of a quality learning environment so that our students learn in the best setting. All of our students enjoy welcoming and spacious classrooms equipped with modern technology and resources. We are proud of our interactive specialist facilities featuring our arts and cooking hub, woodworking program and outdoor learning area. Our new adventure playgrounds create spaces for students to learn through safe, fun and inclusive play.




DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

At St. Albert's, we take pride in our diverse programs that enhance our standard curriculum.

Our students benefit from a wealth of resources, dedicated staff, and a supportive, involved community. Through extracurricular activities, such as school camps, leadership opportunities, food & nutrition cooking lessons, woodworking, music, and 3D printing technologies, students explore their interests and discover new passions.

Beyond the classroom, we believe in learning through lived experiences that extend to outside of the school gate. We participate in local sports activities and excursions, and have been regular regional representatives in academic, sporting and co-curricular competitions at state level, further enriching every student's educational experience.



HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE SCHOOL FEES

100% of the school fees go to the school, providing the school with funding that can be directed to where it will have the most benefit to the students, both now and in the future. The funding of the school comes from multiple sources including state and federal government and the Catholic Education Office, with school fees contributing less than 10% of the funding mix. While the contribution that school fees make can be the difference between something happening or not within the school, school fees will not stand in the way of a child attending the school.

ARE THE SCHOOL FEES AFFORDABLE?

St Albert's fee policy ensures that the school is affordable. Every attempt is made to ensure that no child is denied an education because of financial difficulties. We have a generous tuition fee sibling discount that applies to families where more than one child is attending a catholic school. Families not eligible for School Card and who are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to make a confidential request to the principal for special consideration.



DOES THE SCHOOL GET GOOD ACADEMIC RESULTS?

St Albert's has a long history of providing quality education and takes pride in our academic results.

Regarded as one of the best schools in the Riverland. St Albert's provides students with the academic, social and life skills to thrive not only in their primary years but into their secondary schooling and beyond. The unique combination of highly skilled educators, excellent facilities and ample resources ensures that St Albert's is a great place for learning for all our students.

WHAT IS MID-YEAR RECEPTION?

Catholic schools across South Australia provide a Mid-Year Reception enrolment intake that is Fee Free for students who turn five on or before October 31.

St Albert's is delighted to be one of these schools providing flexibility and enhanced learning opportunities for our community. Our Mid-Year Reception program is nurturing and designed to facilitate a smooth transition into Reception.

Note: Students who start in Term 3 will spend 18 months in Reception before progressing to Year 1.



WHAT IS THE TRANSITION PROCESS FOR NEW RECEPTION STUDENTS?

At St Albert's we foster a close relationship with the local kindergarten, getting to know the children prior to commencing school. Our Reception teachers visit the local preschool to meet prospective new students and see them in their familiar environment.

In the term prior to starting school, all new Reception children are invited to join our Transition to School programme. This programme includes multiple visits to our school, gradually increasing in duration. These sessions help children become comfortable with the school environment, routines, and their peers. Our Transition programme's aim is to ensure a smooth and successful transition for your child into school life.

