



Welcome...



YOUR BEST SELF

It gives me pleasure to welcome you to Investigator College.

Choosing the right school is an important decision and we are fortunate to have a world class Anglican College on the South Coast.

With innovative programs on offer from our nurturing Early Learners Centre, right through to Year 12 (where the results are outstanding), Investigator College students are poised to be happy, fulfilled citizens who are equipped to have a positive impact on the world.

At Investigator College we focus on student, staff and community wellbeing and this forms the heart of our programs. Respect, kindness, optimism and resilience are always key considerations as we all strive to be the best possible version of ourselves.

Walk into any room and you will see personalised learning experiences, acknowledging that students in each class are at varying stages of their respective journeys. We incorporate both collaborative and independent learning, and investigative opportunities, resulting in happy, engaged students, focused on achieving personal best performances. We teach children how to learn and discern, to embrace our global society rather than be frightened by it. We prepare students to succeed in an ever-changing environment yet importantly we still learn the vital basics as a foundation for success, including manners, values, grammar and social etiquette.

We want students to be confident but not arrogant, ready to take on the world but having empathy with others in it. Our students also learn to be entrepreneurs and are trailblazers in the areas of student 'agency' and self-directed learning.

Our environment is a feature: a lush playing field, sports courts, vegetable plots, animal yards and playgrounds, complemented by a stunning 'nature play' area, where pro-social skills are fostered. Students are treated to the finest facilities, including spacious classrooms with serene outlooks, Design and Technology studios, Food Technology/Hospitality kitchens, a Performing Arts Theatre and a magnificent Gymnasium.

A unique feature is our inspiring, waterfront Currency Creek Campus, with the state's only Eco-sustainability Trades Skills Centre. Utilising this incredible site, we offer Nationally Certificated courses in Conservation, Land Management and Horticulture, and all students benefit from the experiential learning that we are able to provide. Investigator College also boasts advanced electronic communication, including video-conferencing and virtual classrooms.

I encourage you to please join me for a tour of Investigator College, to enable your son or daughter to discover his or her best self. We look forward to having you join our very special community.

John Robinson
Principal



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Investigator COLLEGE

Setting the benchmark, striving to be a leader in our community and recognised as the first-choice educator on the South Coast.

VISION MISSION VALUES

Everything we do is an investment in community, wellbeing and the future.

Providing the opportunity for you to be

YOUR BEST SELF

A happy, confident, well-rounded leader who is grateful for your opportunities.

ASPIRATION:

We want our community, our students and our staff to strive, to see the opportunities to be more, to do more and to continuously improve themselves and those around them.

IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES:

We want to have a greater impact on our community, pro-actively listening to and looking for ways we can encourage our local community and empower each other to be at our best.

INDIVIDUALITY

We want people to understand their gifts, talents and unique nature. We want to uncover them and empower them to be their best self.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

We want every person to belong, to feel welcome, encouraged, valued and supported to be their best self.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

We want to share the hope of Jesus Christ with our community through our actions inspired by the teachings and moral values of our Christian faith and heritage.

INCLUSION

We want to remove the barriers around us that hold people back. No matter what we do, we want to ensure that those around us have the opportunity and the choice to join in.

TRANSPARENCY

We want to build a trusting and honest relationship with each other and the community we serve, valuing confidentiality and openness equally.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Whatever personal excellence looks like to you, we want to cultivate and encourage a high standard, working together to uphold it.

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At Investigator College, our school-wide pedagogy focuses the learning that happens in and outside the classroom every day. Led and supported by outstanding teachers, our students navigate their way through their life-long learning journey, empowered by their own choices and connections, striving to continually improve, while always maintaining a wonder about the world around them.

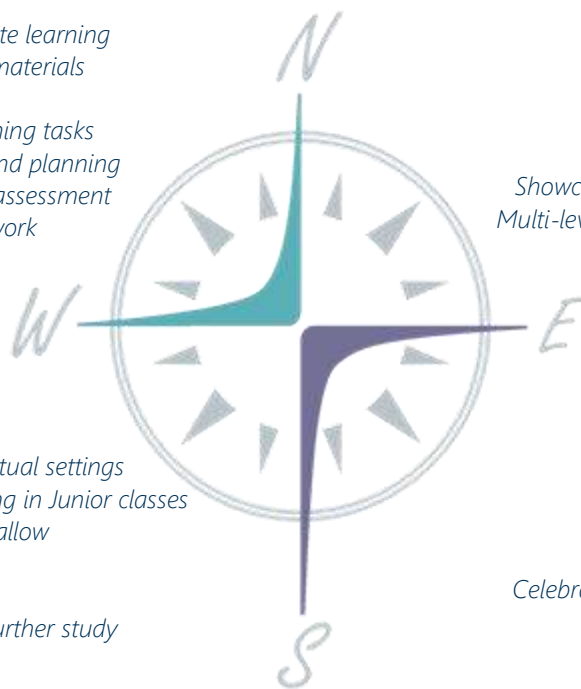
In our classes you will expect to see...

NAVIGATE

*Teachers who are experts in their chosen fields
Discussions between students, groups of students and teachers about learning
Subject specific resources to facilitate learning
Relevant and up-to-date support materials
Class debates
Teacher-led and self-directed learning tasks with teacher-student discussions and planning
Varied assessment including peer assessment
Open discussions and displays of work standards and styles
Visiting speakers and local and city excursions*

WONDER

*Inquiry-based learning tasks
Multi-modal learning, including virtual settings
Exploration and play-based learning in Junior classes
Invigorating curriculum tasks that allow for individual development
Creative and imaginative tasks
Clear connections with work and further study
Open-ended investigations*



STRIVE

*Encouragement for all students to participate, to take risks and to reflect
Recognition of effort - a "Growth Mindset"
Recognition of high standards
A focus on continual improvement
External feedback opportunities R-12, (e.g. ICAS, NAPLAN, standardised testing)
Regular feedback from teachers and peers
Showcasing of work via portfolios and collections
Multi-level tasks, promoting success and extension
Regular feedback to parents and families*

EMPOWER

*A wide range of subjects
Creative thinking
Cooperative learning groups
Meaningful conversations
Assessments and tasks that include formal student planning and reflection
Community-based learning tasks
Celebration of Australia's wide diversity of ethnic, religious and social make-up*



EARLY LEARNING



Our philosophy holds at its core the unique and important time that is childhood. We are committed to ensure that our Early Learners Centre is a stimulating, child-centred environment in which children:

- are inspired towards lifelong learning.
- are unique individuals who are powerful contributors to their own learning and that of others.
- express their learning in various ways.
- are curious, ask questions and follow their interests.
- are valued as competent, curious, resilient, capable and full of potential.
- are learners who are an important part of a community and culture in which teachers, parents and children work in partnership together.
- build and maintain strong and mutually respectful relationships that are foundational to optimal learning.
- experience learning that is documented and presented to know each child's perspective, understanding and interests.
- will enjoy a physical environment designed to inspire and encourage exploration of creativity and curiosity.

Our purpose built Early Learners Centre is located on the northern boundary of the College's Victor Harbor Campus and is nestled amongst idyllic seaside suburbs. Our Centre provides your child the opportunity to experience the amazing learning facilities on offer at Investigator College.

Our contemporary centre was thoughtfully researched and planned incorporating architectural features from Reggio Emilia Centres. It connects indoor and outdoor spaces, natural light and transparency, creating a feeling of peace and tranquillity, in order to develop your child's sense of wellbeing. Here at Little Investigators, your child will have access to our extensive outdoor Nature Play experiential areas and enjoy supervised access to the farm and campus animals. These areas will empower your child to connect with nature, facilitating their social, spiritual, physical, intellectual and emotional learning.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- *Long Day Care - 3 to 5 year olds*
- *Personalised and specialised learning opportunities*
- *Purpose built nature play area and ELC facilities*

To acknowledge the reality many families face today and to offer the very best start for your child, the Early Learners Centre will be open weekdays from 8:00am-6:00pm, 48 weeks of the year.



Our Junior School program is challenging and exciting for students from Reception to Year 6. Across the year levels the curriculum is diverse and broadly based. It encourages the pursuit of academic excellence, yet caters for individual differences in learning styles and abilities. It meets the students' intellectual needs, yet satisfies their physical and emotional needs. Through English, Science, HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences), Mathematics, Japanese, Health and Physical Education, Technologies (Design Technologies and Digital Technologies), Wellbeing and Values Education (WAVE), The Arts (Dance, Drama, Visual, Media and Music) and leisure-time activities, students are encouraged to become confident, active, resilient, self-reliant and successful lifelong learners.

Investigator's curriculum:

- is broad and varied
- encourages individual students to increasingly take responsibility for their own learning
- is based on student-centered learning
- incorporates state-of-the-art Information & Communication Technology facilities
- promotes decision making, critical thinking and problem solving
- is based on high expectations for all students to achieve their absolute best

We welcome the opportunity to meet with parents and caregivers personally to discuss any matters regarding their children, the curriculum and Junior School life and appreciate ongoing communication regarding any important issues.

Partnerships are the cornerstone of successful Junior School education. As a learning community, Investigator College prides itself on building educational partnerships with students, parents, caregivers, staff and friends.

Our curriculum is challenging and innovative – our subjects are more than 'just' subjects! Comprehensive Curriculum Booklets detailing current curriculum offerings are available on our website

www.investigator.sa.edu.au/learning/junior-school/



Students will be equipped with valuable tools for learning such as critical thinking, problem solving and creative and lateral thinking which can be applied to all learning in life. Moreover, families can expect the College to have a real interest in and respect for each individual Middle School student and their journey as both a student and emerging young adult.

All Middle School students encounter a wide variety of subjects offered in order to broaden experience and place students in a position to be able to make informed decisions about their subject choices in their Senior School years. Throughout Middle School, students study a range of core subjects and are progressively given the option of selecting from specialist subjects.

Aside from the core areas such as Mathematics, English, Science, History and SOSE, students enjoy a variety of subjects as they move through their Middle Schooling years including Thinking and Learning, ICT, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Food and Hospitality, Agriculture, Art, Wood Technology, and more...

Part of becoming a young adult is learning to deal with increasing levels of expectations based on the development of maturity, common sense and self-discipline. In the College context, this means that we encourage students to demonstrate behaviour that is respectful, complies with rules, shows initiative, and reflects a desire to learn.

Middle and Senior School students have particular responsibilities which are in line with their role-model status within the College community.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM - STEP

Our Middle School students are always one 'STEP' ahead of the game thanks to our diverse Student Enrichment Program. The STEP program is designed to engage students in areas of community, personal and vocational interest and to extend each student's learning and personal development.

THE RITE JOURNEY

The Rite Journey provides a unique educational program designed to support the development of self-aware, vital, responsible, respectful and resilient adults.

By raising young people's consciousness about transitioning from child to adult and having conversations with them about what really matters, we can assist in guiding their journey into adulthood.

The year-long program uses a Rites of Passage framework to deepen the students' experience of this important life transition.

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Students will be equipped with valuable tools for learning such as critical thinking, problem solving and creative and lateral thinking which can be applied to all learning in life. Moreover, families can expect the College to have a real interest in and respect for each individual Senior School student and their journey as both a student and emerging young adult.

Within 'Investigator Senior', our stand alone, purpose-built space situated at the Victor Harbor Campus, senior students have the exclusive use of state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, food technology facilities and art studios. Informal meeting spaces encourage collaborative learning and peer support.

Most students are aware of their own strengths and weaknesses and their likes and dislikes. With the support and guidance of teachers, students are provided with all of the information necessary to decide which subjects are right for them.

Important information sessions are held throughout the year. These events, along with the Head Start Program, provide families with a chance to gain an understanding of the subject selection process, subject workloads and prerequisite.

At Investigator College, students encounter a wide variety of subjects offered in order to broaden experience and place them in a position to be able to make informed decisions about their subject choices.

In Years 11 and 12 students study fewer core subjects and more specialised subjects. In Year 11, many Stage 1 subjects are offered as both Full Year and Single Semester subjects. By undertaking a range of Single Semester specialist subjects, Year 11 students have the opportunity to develop a firm understanding of the expectations, content and suitability of the Stage 2 courses. Should parents, caregivers or students have concerns about subject selection, please make a time to meet with the College SACE or VET Coordinator.

Additionally, the College coordinates a number of exclusive opportunities for Senior School students to meet with tertiary advisors and guest speakers. One such opportunity is the Investigator College Fleurieu Tertiary Studies and Careers Day which is held annually. At this trade show-style event, students and parents can review a range of information regarding educational pathways offered through TAFE, university, Australian Defence Forces, Housing Industry of Australia and more...

Our curriculum is challenging and innovative – our subjects are more than 'just' subjects! Comprehensive Curriculum Booklets detailing current curriculum offerings are available on our website www.investigator.sa.edu.au/learning/senior-school/



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Investigator College students have again excelled in the final Year 12 results. Staff and students waited with anticipation to see the results which not only reflect the pressures of a hectic Year 12, but which also represent the culmination of 13 years of schooling. College Principal, Mr John Robinson is delighted with the students' achievements. "Investigator College is all about students achieving what we call "your best self". Completing one's secondary education is an important part of this lifelong journey. We know that for many students, the SACE certificate and their ATAR is very important as they are often the keys that unlock the doors of further study, training and the workforce."

The results have yet again underlined the College's reputation for academic excellence. Investigator College's Head of Senior School, Mrs Belinda Delyster said that, "The College can boast a 100% pass rate! In addition, an increasing number of students are utilising the flexible structure of the SACE Certificate by electing to complete their SACE over three years and studying several "non-traditional" and vocationally oriented studies such as the nationally accredited Certificate III in Conservation and Land management, amongst others."

Even so, almost all of our graduates applied for university places" said Mrs Delyster. "And the results are truly excellent- in fact, our College's results continue to rival those of the elite Independent Schools in capital cities. Even more exciting is the fact that 80% of those students wishing to attend university have already received early offers from The University of Adelaide and Flinders University."

The College's Dux is Alicia Crowhurst, whose ATAR was an incredible 98.65! One quarter of our university seekers achieved an ATAR of above 90 and their average ATAR score was above 75.

Further to this a staggering 28% of assessment grades achieved were in the A band with 75% in the A and B bands! Students who achieved SACE Merits were Alicia Crowhurst (Modern History) and Jennifer Panozzo (English)

Mrs Delyster also added: "The educational landscape for Australian students is rapidly evolving and is characterised by flexibility, choice and competitiveness on an international scale. Students do best when they are able to choose subjects they are interested in and passionate about. It is for these reasons that the College is committed to continuing to offer a large selection of subjects and educational pathways. We already offer in excess of 40 SACE and VET programs, and this will continue to expand. Key to this expansion, however, is our commitment to face-to-face teaching, in small classes, by renowned subject specialist teachers."

Mr Robinson concluded by saying, "whilst we are justifiably proud of our superb results, we are mindful that the SACE and academic results are only one part- though obviously an important one- of what it means to be a great school in the 21st century. There is no simple number that can measure all the other things such as pastoral care and co-curricular activities that enrich students' lives."

Investigator College's results at a glance:

The majority of graduates (over 70%) applied for university. Of these:

Average ATAR: 76

25% of graduates scored an ATAR of 90 or above

With 28% of all grades achieved in the A band and 75% of all grades in the A and B bands



At Investigator College we believe that good pastoral care is an essential foundation of our College life. The College provides a Christian pastoral context for the care and guidance of our students through home group teachers, Wellbeing Team Leaders and Student Leaders.

The Home Group Teacher is the most easily accessible contact point for our students and parents/caregivers. As the key pastoral care provider, they develop strong relationships with the students in their care, providing a welcoming smile each morning. Emotional, academic and/or behavioral problems can be addressed immediately and effectively at these times by someone who knows your child well.

Team Leaders provide support for Home Group Teachers, students and parents/caregivers. They provide a focal point for the entire sub school as they seek to nurture a positive, cooperative spirit through their guidance and discipline.

Students at Investigator College are encouraged to develop their leadership skills in a variety of programs. Our School Captains and Student Representative Councils assist the Team Leaders and Home Group Teachers with a range of organisational duties.

They also provide role models and support where appropriate for younger students.

The Investigator College community is comprised of students, staff and parents/caregivers and functions best when the three groups of stakeholders are united in seeking a common goal – that of providing a Christian learning environment of excellence for children.

The degree of understanding and co-operation which exists at each and all of these three strata will determine the effectiveness of our community.

At the heart, Investigator is to be an Anglican community where Christian beliefs, ideals and values are the basis of what we do.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Program

Investigator College celebrates the opportunity to assist students to investigate their potential. Accordingly, the College offers a range of Scholarships to ensure that circumstance does not inhibit promising students by restricting access to the innovative and well-resourced facilities available to students of Investigator College.

Scholarship Categories:

Year 5 Performing Arts Scholarship

Open to students commencing Year 5 in 2022 who demonstrate passion for and excellence in Music, Drama or Dance. *Students will need to submit a folio of work, and will not be required to sit the Scholarship Examination.*

Middle School General Excellence Scholarship

Open to students commencing Year 7 or Year 8 in 2022. Students should demonstrate a record of excellent academic, extra-curricular and community service.

Senior School Vocational and Academic Scholarship

Open to students commencing Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2022 who demonstrate excellence in academic or vocationally oriented pursuits.

For further details please visit our website:
www.investigator.sa.edu.au

College Ambassador Program

Through the College Ambassador Program, students can access financial support for extracurricular activities.

Central to the Investigator College Ambassador Program is the principle that young people can support and encourage their peers to actively participate in the diverse life of the College. Students can be selected, or nominate for the College Ambassador Program in one or more of the following areas: individual talent, outstanding commitment, ability as young leaders, success in a particular extracurricular activity.

While all students are ambassadors for the College, students selected in the College Ambassador Grant Program include those who receive special financial support through either the Scholarship Program and/or the College Ambassadors Program, College Captains, House Captains and specific Student Representatives.

The role of an Ambassador involves increasing participation in College activities, promotional events, and peer support, and is a role which includes a number of responsibilities.

For further details please visit our website:
www.investigator.sa.edu.au



Families who seek to confirm their enrolment at Investigator College need to have a clear understanding of the financial commitment associated with their decision.

Fees

Investigator College is a low fee school and attracts a higher level of government support. Full tuition fees apply to the first child from a family attending the College and fee reductions apply for the second and subsequent children. Please refer to the Fee & Support Structure brochure.

The fees are set each year by the College Board following consideration of delivery costs and any anticipated increase in these costs.

Fees are charged at the start of the school year and are due and payable on or before the first Friday of Term 1. The Capital Development Levy is not included in the Tuition Fees and is also payable on or before the first Friday of Term 1.

Material fees apply to some subjects, and are charged separately from Tuition Fees in the semester to which they apply.

All fees can be paid in installments by prior arrangement with the College.

Capital Development Levy

Investigator College is still in the process of establishing its buildings and resources. It is essential that the cost of acquiring these important facilities be shared between current and future students. Families are required to contribute to a Capital Development Levy to provide such facilities.

Enrolment Acceptance Fee

When the College is in a position to offer a place for a student/s, an Enrolment Acceptance Fee of \$300.00 per student is required. This confirms the enrolment and 'guarantees' the child a place at the College.

The Enrolment Acceptance Fee will be credited to the tuition fee account once the student has commenced at Investigator College. However, the acceptance fee is non-refundable in the event that the enrolment is cancelled by the parent/caregiver.

Please refer to the Fee & Support Structure on our website for full details.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Administration and Governance

The College is governed by the College Board. The role of the Board is to approve Policy for the College in the areas of Strategic Planning, Finance, Property and Grounds, and Development. The day-to-day operations of the College are the sole responsibility of the Principal.

After School Care

Camp Australia facilitate an After School Care program. A link is provided on the College website for more information. (www.investigator.sa.edu.au)

Bus Travel

The College provides complimentary daily bus services. Families must register to use this service. Bus registration forms are available at:
www.investigator.sa.edu.au/enrolments/transport/

Chapel

Chapel services are held regularly and students participate through drama, songs and project presentations. Chapel is also a time of celebration and worship. Parents/caregivers are warmly welcome to attend.

Canteen Facilities

Nutritious lunches can be ordered each day through the Qkr app. Lunch orders are processed offsite and delivered to College in time for the appropriate break times.

Houses

An important part of College life is being part of a House. There are four Houses:

**Banksia – Green, Blue Gum – Blue,
Waratah – Red, Wattle – Yellow**

Houses are used for combined events including the College sports day & beach carnival.

By engaging in House activities, students are provided with opportunities to develop stronger peer relationships, form bonds with students across all year levels, try new activities, develop a sense of belonging, pride and more.

Private Music Lessons

Investigator College offers facilities for private tutors to teach private music lessons to students from Year 3. A range of tutors attend the College and teach a wide variety of instruments. Information is available at Student Services.

Uniform

Investigator College Uniforms can be purchased from the on-site uniform shop. Alternatively orders can be placed online.

Please check the Investigator College website for shop opening times, online orders and the College Uniform Policy.

www.investigator.sa.edu.au/parents/uniform-shop



Join our community!

We are a learning community of all ages, committed to excellence in education and to supporting parents and caregivers in providing a strong Anglican foundation for their children. Working together with families we, as educators, aspire to provide learning environments that support each child's learning and that are happy, challenging and afford opportunities for success.

Investigator College maintains an open enrolment policy, welcoming all families from across the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Applications for enrolment are currently being accepted for students in all year levels.

The College is structured into 3 sub-schools:

Early Years - 'Little Investigators' Early Learners Centre and Junior School – Reception to Year 6

Middle School – Year 7 to Year 9

Senior School – Year 10 to Year 12

The Enrolment Process

We encourage families to contact the College to make an appointment for a tour of our amazing facilities and to meet our Principal, or ELC Director. Families will receive an Enrolment Welcome Pack at this time.

Your child's enrolment will be confirmed by the College upon receipt of the completed and signed Enrolment Contract/s and payment of the \$300 Enrolment Acceptance Fee per student.

Starting your learning journey at Investigator College...

Investigator College is committed to lifelong learning and places a high value on the importance of Early Childhood Education.

Most children are best served by completing four full terms of kindergarten (Early Learning) prior to commencing in Reception. Your child can be enrolled at 'Little Investigators' Early Learners Centre from 3.5 years of age.

Investigator College follows the State Government policy where children that turn five before 1 May will start Reception at the beginning of Term 1 in that year.

Children that turn five on or after 1 May and before the commencement of Term 3 of that year will have the opportunity to commence Reception mid-year, and to complete six terms of Reception. Or students can start Reception at the beginning of Term 1 the following year.

We look forward to working in close partnership with you and your family!

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