



## **MARION PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**COURAGE      HARMONY      INTEGRITY**

# Parent Information Booklet

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At Marion Primary School, we believe that a strong foundation in education sets the stage for a lifetime of success. We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all potential parents who are considering joining our vibrant educational community. We are excited to embark on this journey of growth and learning alongside our dedicated team of educators.

Our vision for Marion Primary School is to foster an environment where students are empowered to embrace challenges with confidence, to appreciate the beauty of diversity, and to uphold values of integrity and harmony. Together, we will nurture curious minds, encourage creative exploration, and cultivate the strong sense of community that defines our school.



Our core values of **Courage, Harmony, and Integrity** are woven into the fabric of everyday life at Marion Primary School.

**Courage** empowers our students to take on new challenges with confidence, fostering a spirit of exploration and growth.

**Harmony** guides our community, promoting a respectful and inclusive atmosphere where diversity is celebrated and cherished.

**Integrity** forms the foundation of our interactions, emphasizing honesty, responsibility, and ethical conduct in all that we do.

Here at Marion Primary School, we pride ourselves on offering a rich and diverse educational experience. We are an Instrumental Music Focus School, providing a unique opportunity for students to explore their musical talents through our strings program. Additionally, our after-school sports program, particularly our competitive basketball teams, gives students a chance to engage in friendly competition and develop teamwork skills.

Despite being located in a metropolitan area, we cultivate a small school feel where every student is valued and celebrated. Our strong sense of community fosters a supportive environment where students thrive academically and personally. Our multicultural community is a source of pride, with many cultures represented and a significant Indigenous presence, creating an enriching and inclusive atmosphere that celebrates our differences. Marion Primary School is also proud to offer AUSLAN, enhancing communication skills and fostering an inclusive learning environment. Our engaging assemblies, held every second Friday, are a highlight that showcases the diverse talents of our students and the vibrant spirit of our school.

Stay connected with our school through our informative newsletter and website, which provide insights into classroom activities, parent learning opportunities, and the latest updates from our dynamic learning community. For those interested in experiencing our school firsthand, we offer guided school tours co-led by our principal and student leaders – a perfect chance to get a glimpse of the incredible learning journey taking place within our walls.

Dates of our tours are listed on our website

[www.marionps.sa.edu.au](http://www.marionps.sa.edu.au)

Please contact the front office on 8277 2293 to make a booking.



### Communication

- The School Newsletter is uploaded to our website and a link is emailed to all families fortnightly on the even weeks of term.
- Whole school communication comes out via EdSmart emails.
- Class teachers use the SeeSaw app to communicate regularly with families.
- Parents and caregivers may make an appointment to meet with teachers and leadership at any time. Please arrange an appointment time beforehand.



### School day

School Hours	8.45 am - 3.05 pm
Recess	10.35 am – 10.55 pm
Lunch	12:35 am – 12.45 pm
Lunch play time	12.45 pm - 1.15 pm
End of the day	3.05 pm
Playground	
Supervised play	8.25-8.45am and 3.05-3.25pm

### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Marion Primary has an Out of School Hours Care Programme that provides both After School Care and Before School Care. Please see the front office staff for enrolment forms. The Director, Robyn Shanahan will be happy to talk with you about the service, fees and rebate applications.

Contact Robyn on 0411 750 941 or [robyn.shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:robyn.shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au).

### Hours of operation are:

Before School Care	7:00 – 8:30am
After School Care	3:05 – 6:15pm
Vacation Care is available for each holiday period.	

### Starting school Transition – Preschool to Reception

In line with Government (Department for Education) policy, children must turn 5 years old on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> to start at the beginning of Term 1 of each year.

From 2024 there will be a mid-year intake into primary school. From 2024, if your child turns 5 years between 1 May and 31 October, they can start school in either: Term 3 of the same year or Term 1 the following year. Students enrolled through a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.

### Canteen

Our canteen is run by an external provider on Thursdays and Fridays. Parents need to download the QKR application to access ordering and weekly menus. More details of this are provided in the welcome pack.

### Medication

We are able to dispense regular medication prescribed by the doctor. There are a number of forms which have to be completed to do this. We cannot dispense any medication without a doctor's written authority.

### Additional Needs

If you have concerns about your child's learning or they need additional support please let us know during enrolment so that we can provide ongoing support to them



### School Fee Schedule

A Material and Service Charges fee is charged each year. Parents who experience difficulty in meeting the financial load of school fees may request an extended payment period which will be treated with understanding and in strict confidence by the Principal and the School Finance Officer.

Arrangements can also be made for fees to be paid by School Card or through Centrelink. Application forms are available from the front office or you can apply online [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au)

### Uniform

The school's colours are **navy and sky blue (double blue)**. The school has a stock of monogrammed items.

Items are on display in the front foyer area and include:

- Double blue short-sleeved polo shirt
- Long-sleeved sky-blue polo shirt.
- Baseball Jacket (navy with light blue sleeves)
- Polar fleece jacket (navy)
- Bucket or broad brim hat (navy)

Other items to be in plain school colours of navy blue

- Uni sex shorts (navy)
- Track Pants (navy)
- Leggings
- Closed in shoes



Emblems which can be ironed on to items of clothing are also available from the front office.

Year 6 students have a specially designed windcheater for their senior year. This can be ordered at the beginning of the year.

Please stitch or write your child's name onto the inside label of all clothing.

Thank you for choosing Marion Primary School as a place of education for your child.

We are thrilled about the possibility of working together to create a nurturing and inspiring learning journey.