



MARION PRIMARY SCHOOL HANDBOOK



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Marion Primary School. We are delighted to have your family as part of our welcoming and supportive school community.

At Marion Primary, we are committed to providing a caring, inclusive, and high-quality education for every student.

We are focused on building positive relationships, creating a safe and engaging environment, and supporting students to develop the skills and confidence they need for the future. We value open communication and encourage your involvement in all aspects of school life, from the classroom to our many school events and activities.

I invite you to work in partnership with us to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff or leadership team if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Thank you for choosing Marion Primary School. We look forward to a wonderful and rewarding journey together.

Warm regards,

Renee Philp



Welcome to Marion Primary School

At Marion Primary School, we recognise that a strong educational foundation is crucial for lifelong achievement. We warmly welcome all prospective families considering joining our vibrant community and look forward to partnering with you throughout your child's educational journey. Our dedicated team is committed to supporting each student's growth and development.

Our vision is to create an environment where students are encouraged to meet challenges with confidence, value and celebrate diversity, and demonstrate integrity and harmony in their daily lives. Together, we nurture inquisitive minds, inspire creativity, and build the strong sense of community that is central to our school.

Our core values—Courage, Harmony, and Integrity—are at the heart of everything we do at Marion Primary School:

Courage inspires students to embrace new experiences and learning opportunities with enthusiasm, promoting personal growth and exploration.

Harmony underpins our inclusive environment, where respect for all and the celebration of diversity are actively encouraged.

Integrity is reflected in our commitment to honesty, responsibility, and ethical behaviour throughout the school.

Marion Primary School offers a rich and engaging educational program. As an Instrumental Music Focus School, we provide a special opportunity for students to discover and develop their musical abilities through our strings program. Our after-school activities, including competitive basketball, encourage students to participate in sport, build teamwork, and enjoy healthy competition.

Despite our metropolitan location, we maintain a close-knit, small-school atmosphere where every student is known, valued, and supported. Our strong community spirit enables students to flourish both academically and personally. We take great pride in our multicultural community, with students from a variety of backgrounds and a significant Indigenous presence enriching our school culture. AUSLAN is part of our curriculum, supporting communication and inclusivity for all students. Our whole-school assemblies, celebrate students' achievements and reflect the dynamic nature of our school.

Stay informed and engaged through our regular newsletter and school website, where you can access updates about classroom happenings, parent learning opportunities, and important school news. We invite you to experience Marion Primary School in person by joining one of our guided tours, led by the principal and student leaders. This is an excellent opportunity to see our vibrant learning community firsthand.

Please visit our website at www.marionps.sa.edu.au for tour dates or contact the front office on 8277 2293 to book a visit.

Communication

At Marion Primary School, we believe that clear and open communication between the school and families is essential for fostering positive relationships and student success. We use a variety of channels to keep our community well-informed and engaged:

School Newsletter: Our newsletter is published on the school website and a link is emailed to all families. The newsletter provides important updates, upcoming dates, and information about school events and programs.

EdSmart Emails: Whole-school announcements, permission forms, and notices are distributed via EdSmart. This ensures all families receive timely and relevant school-wide communication directly to their inbox.

SeeSaw App: Classroom teachers use the SeeSaw app to share regular updates, student work samples, and photos with families. This interactive platform enables parents and caregivers to stay connected with class activities and student learning.

Direct Contact with Staff: Parents and caregivers are encouraged to arrange appointments with classroom teachers or members of the leadership team to discuss their child's progress, share concerns, or seek support. For the benefit of all parties, we ask that appointments are made in advance.



Our school day

School Hours: 8:45-3:05pm

Start of day: 8:50am

Recess: 10:40-11:00am

Lunch: 12:50-1:20pm

End of day: 3:05pm



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 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.

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.

School Fee Schedule

Each year, families are required to pay a Materials and Services Charge, which contributes towards essential educational resources, programs, and facilities provided to students at Marion Primary School.

We understand that meeting these financial commitments may be challenging for some families. If you are experiencing difficulties with payment, you are encouraged to contact the Principal or the School Finance Officer to discuss an extended payment plan. All requests are treated with respect, understanding, and strict confidentiality.

There are several options available to assist families:

School Card Scheme: Eligible families may apply for financial assistance with school fees through the School Card program. Applications can be submitted online at www.sa.gov.au or paper forms can be collected from the front office.

Centrelink Payment Options: Arrangements can be made for school fees to be paid via Centrelink deductions for families who prefer this method.

Flexible Payment Plans: Individualised payment schedules can be arranged to assist with managing school fee payments across the school year.

Our finance staff are available to support you through the application process and answer any questions you may have.

We are committed to ensuring every child has full access to our educational programs, regardless of a family's financial situation. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for confidential support or more information regarding payment options and assistance.

School Uniform

Our school colours are navy and sky blue, proudly known as “double blue.” Wearing our uniform helps create a sense of belonging and promotes school pride among all students.

A variety of monogrammed uniform items are available for purchase and are displayed in the school’s front foyer. These items 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 hat or broad brim hat (navy)



School Uniform

Additional uniform requirements are as follows:

Plain navy shorts

Navy track pants

Navy leggings

Closed-in shoes for safety during all school activities

Iron-on school emblems are also available from the front office and may be used to personalise appropriate items in school colours.

Special item for Year 6 students:

Our Year 6 cohort has access to a specially designed senior jacket, available for order at the beginning of the school year.

Labelling:

To help reunite lost items with their owners, please clearly label all clothing with your child's name, either stitched or written on the inside label.

Extra-curricular activities

At Marion Primary School, we are committed to providing a rich and varied extra-curricular program to support the development of students' skills, interests, and friendships beyond the classroom. Students are encouraged to participate in a range of activities which foster teamwork, creativity, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

Basketball/Soccer Programs

Our basketball and soccer programs offer students the opportunity to join school teams, participate in local competitions, and develop their skills in a fun, supportive environment. Training sessions and matches encourage teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical development. All students are welcome to become involved, regardless of previous experience.

Strings Music Program

As an Instrumental Music Focus School, we provide a unique strings music program, allowing students to learn the violin, viola, or cello with specialist instructors. This program nurtures musical talent, supports cognitive development, and offers opportunities to perform at school and community events.

Year 6 Ukulele Program

Year 6 students are offered the chance to learn the ukulele as part of their music education. This program encourages musical exploration, creativity, and performance skills, and provides a memorable experience in their final year at primary school.

Information about how to join extra-curricular programs is distributed through school newsletters, notes sent home, and the school website.

Parent/Carer involvement

Marion Primary School values and encourages the active involvement of parents and carers in our school community. Your participation strengthens the partnership between home and school and provides valuable support for our students and staff.

Ways to Get Involved:

Assisting in classrooms

Supporting excursions, camps and special events

Joining the Governing Council or sub-committees

Helping with fundraising activities

Becoming a Volunteer: For the safety of our students, all volunteers are required to:

Complete a Working With Children Check (WWCC)

Undertake approved volunteer induction, including relevant

Department for Education training modules

Sign the school's Volunteer Agreement

Our administration staff can guide you through these processes and provide further information.

Your involvement, whether large or small, enriches our learning environment and models positive community values to students.

If you would like to volunteer or learn more about how you can become involved, please contact the front office.

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.

