



LIVING FAITH

LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CORNER BRAYS & OGG ROADS, MURRUMBA DOWNS

Our Vision

To be known as a **school of integrity**¹ that provides **forward looking education**² **founded on the love of Christ**³.

1. Operating under the values of honesty, compassion, forgiveness, respect, responsibility and doing your best.
2. Equipping children with skills and attributes for life in a changing society.
3. With Christ's unconditional love for every person as its starting point.

Our Mission

To provide an environment **permeated by Christ's love**⁴, where children can develop a **balanced character**⁵, be confident in their talents, **gracious in service**⁶ and **comfortably aware of their social environments**⁷.

4. The love of Christ which accepts each person as they are, forgives, sees the possibility of new beginnings and motivates our attitudes and actions.
5. We recognise the different facets that make up each person – their social, emotional, physical, academic, and spiritual being. We contribute to this development by providing educational programs that build on each of these elements.
6. Our model of service is that of Christ, who came to serve and not to be served. We contribute to this graciousness by promoting opportunities for such service.
7. We are social beings with a responsibility to the community in which we live, locally, nationally and globally. We provide opportunities to raise children's awareness of their responsibilities without overwhelming them.



Our Community

Living Faith is a school of the Lutheran Church, which provides education for boys and girls from Prep to Year 6. Our students attend from all areas of the Moreton Bay Region.

The school shares the site with Living Faith Lutheran Church and a close working relationship exists between the church and the school.

Living Faith is one of over 80 Lutheran schools across Australia. Together we share a focus on providing quality education in a secure relationship-centered environment, while integrating the Christian belief of Jesus as Saviour into learning and life. Each day begins with worship in a classroom or whole school setting. Christian Studies, where children learn about the central beliefs of the Christian faith as reflected through the teachings of the Lutheran Church, is taught as a Key Learning Area. Further information on the distinctive features of Lutheran schooling is included in the back pocket of this prospectus.

Living Faith enjoys a close working relationship and partnership with Grace Lutheran College (Rothwell and Caboolture Campus). Students who proceed to Grace College experience a smooth transition from the primary school setting to Grace's Middle School (Years 7-9) and Senior School (Years 10-12).

An Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service also operates on the school grounds, providing care in a familiar environment for students and peace of mind for parents. Information about this service is included in the back of this prospectus.

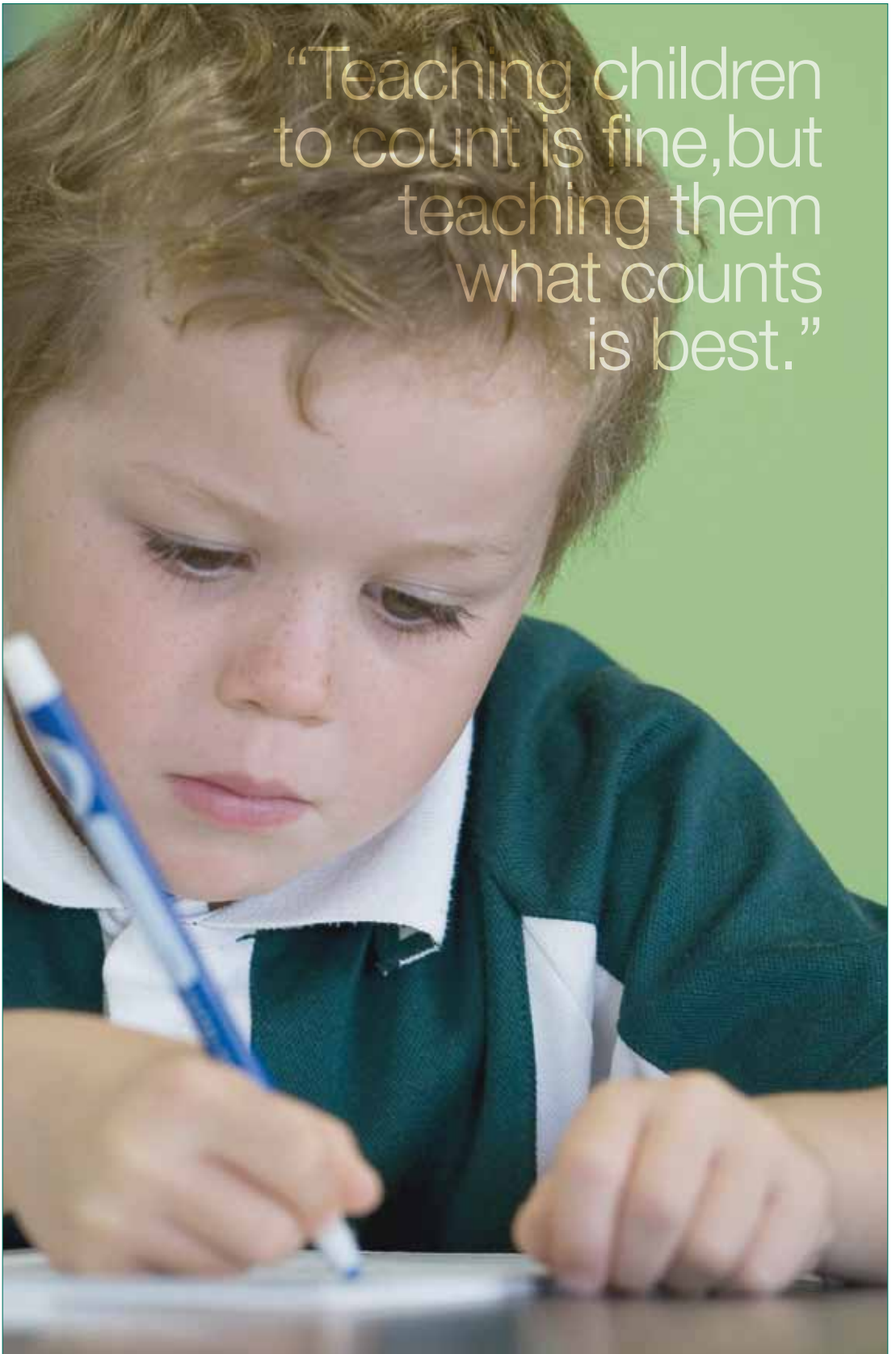
Values are at the heart of any community and Living Faith intentionally embeds the following values in the everyday life of the school - respect, responsibility, teamwork, compassion, doing your best and forgiveness.

Christian staff model these values and build a positive learning and caring environment, grounded in the belief that each child is an individual created and loved by God. For the times when students or adults require additional support, the provision of pastoral care is an important aspect of our service.

We welcome students from differing religious and cultural backgrounds whose family is supportive of the beliefs and values that are central to our school.



“Teaching children
to count is fine, but
teaching them
what counts
is best.”



Living and Learning Together

In the classroom

Come into the Prep rooms and you will enter a world where children are at the centre of learning, designing, constructing and collaborating with their peers or staff. The program is a balance of formal teaching and child-initiated activities, with a full time teacher aide in each class providing additional support. In a small group setting, children participate in structured literacy and numeracy activities and learn foundational skills for reading, writing and working with numbers. This is assisted by the use of technology, in particular the interactive whiteboard. Time is also intentionally allowed for children to experiment and create as they learn about themselves and their world through play. All the while they are developing the life skills of teamwork, sharing and cooperation. These are also developed through time spent with older buddies and interacting at play times with children from Years 1-2. The experiences of this year provide a solid foundation for Year 1 and beyond.

Class teachers work collaboratively to plan learning experiences where literacy and numeracy are explicitly taught across all year levels. Students are involved in real life learning activities and, where appropriate, information technology is incorporated into everyday learning. Specialist teachers provide lessons in Music, Physical Education and German from Prep through to Year 6, with Drama offered in term units. Our teachers engage in ongoing professional development to ensure that they keep abreast with current curriculum and teaching practice. Rooms are modern and well resourced, equipped with interactive whiteboards, shared laptop use and an iPad program for Years 5 and 6.

We recognise that children are individuals, each with their own unique path of learning. Support for students with learning difficulties, as well as extension classes, are provided for students who meet particular criteria.

The curriculum meets all Queensland and Australian Government requirements, and the school is accredited by the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board.





Living and Learning Together

Outside the classroom

Under the direction of specialist sports teachers, the sporting program includes inter-house swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals, participation in sporting competitions with local schools, and after school coaching clinics which provide skill development in a variety of sports. A full sized oval, sports hall and tennis courts enhance the sporting opportunities on offer.

In addition to classroom music lessons, all students from Year 3 to 6 participate in choir. Private instrumental lessons are also available, including the opportunity to participate in strings and band groups.

A highlight for every child from Year 2 upwards is the annual year level camp, providing the opportunity for children to develop new skills in exciting environments.

Our spacious setting with dedicated bush-land areas, a nature play space and shaded equipment provide the ideal environment for play with friends or a place to sit and chat.

Home and school working in partnership

Research clearly shows that student achievement is heightened when parents are supportive of their child's education and take an active interest in school life. Living Faith encourages open communication between home and school through parent-teacher information evenings, portfolios of student learning, student reports and parent-teacher interviews.

Parents have the opportunity to participate in the life of the school at varying levels. Classroom assistance is welcome, as is help in our healthy foods tuckshop. Parents can also accompany children on camps and excursions, and provide help at concerts, musicals and sports days.


Nominated Event Coordinators arrange an annual social and fundraising calendar, while Class Parent Representatives provide a supportive network for families and assist with fundraising.





Our Future

Living Faith is a growing school. It has a site master plan for building and grounds development which is designed to keep pace with our managed growth, as we cater for three classes per year level. The ongoing employment of staff who uphold the ethos of the school will ensure that our beliefs and values remain central to all we do. The School Council, men and women responsible for the strategic direction and long term future of the school, take their role seriously and collectively we go into the future with confidence.



“The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.”

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to consider Living Faith Lutheran Primary School for your child's education.

Additional information, designed to give you a snapshot of the Living Faith Community, can be found in the back pocket of the prospectus or on our website www.livingfaith.qld.edu.au

If you would like to experience the Living Faith difference first hand, you are most welcome to call and arrange a personal tour.

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“Jesus said,
let the children
come to me.” Mark 10:14

From OSHC Coordinator



Welcome to Living Faith OSHC

At Living Faith Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) we seek to create an environment where students from Prep to Year 6 are accepted as God's children. In the Outside School Hours Care 'family' students can feel safe as they play and learn together.

Hours of operation are as follows:

Before School Care: 6:30am - 9:00am

After School Care: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Vacation Care: 6:30am - 6:00pm

Pupil Free Care: 6:30am - 6:00pm

Our OSHC and Vacation Care programs cater for all age groups.

The daily OSHC program includes art and craft, board games, books, TV, table tennis, fort play, ball games, sandpit play and computers.

During Vacation Care we enjoy excursions to places such as skating rinks, movies, science centre, putt putt, water parks and the maritime museum. We make kites, cook and bake, produce some weird and wonderful science experiments, learn about different cultures, have mini Olympics, treasure hunts and party days.

All our Prep students are walked to their classrooms after the morning session by a staff member and likewise, they are collected from their classrooms when school finishes.

Regular open communication between parents and staff is considered to be an integral part of our Living Faith Outside School Hours Care. The Centre operates under the governance of Queensland Lutheran Early Childhood Services with local management by a Community Liaison Group.

We welcome your further inquiries, either through the School Office or by phoning 3385 0394, or e-mail oshc@livingfaith.org.au

Yours sincerely



Uli Wilhelm
COORDINATOR

From the Pastor



Welcome to the Living Faith Community

Living Faith Lutheran Primary School is associated with the local Lutheran church, and located on the same site. The congregation also operates the Living Faith Early Learning Centre, situated at nearby Petrie. Together we come under the umbrella of the Lutheran Church of Australia. Lutherans believe very strongly in quality education but we seek to envelop that in an environment which is Christ-centred. Our basic belief system is firmly based on the Christian Scripture.

- We believe that every person is precious to God and loved by him and so in our dealings with others we see them as God sees them.
- We believe that this world is God's and he wants us to explore it, to discover, to learn and be amazed at the works of his hand. And so we believe that pursuit of knowledge is a God-pleasing activity.
- We believe that this world is out of harmony with God. This is shown as we often struggle to find and relate to God, as we destroy the environment rather than respect it and find it difficult to live in good relationships with each other. We are caught up in that lack of harmony and we contribute to it.
- We believe that everyone is capable of failing but that God offers everyone the chance of reconciliation.
- We believe that God sent Jesus to be the Saviour of the world and of each individual in the world, and that in him we have forgiveness and the promise of the Holy Spirit to help reshape our lives. We live in a tension between being saved and renewed and our basic selfish nature that always wants to assert itself.

Living Faith congregation established this School because we believed that we had something special to offer the community. We appoint staff that will provide the best education possible with the given resources and who will witness to the love of God in their dealings with the students and parents with whom they have contact. We recognise that we don't always do things perfectly and are constantly striving to do better, relying on God for wisdom and courage for each day.

As a church community Living Faith opens its doors to you and is willing to assist you in whatever ways we can. If you are looking for a spiritual home, you are more than welcome to join us. The School Office can help you with your enquiries.

May God bring blessing to you and your family,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Strelan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Jim Strelan

From the Principal



Welcome to Living Faith Lutheran School

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a glimpse into the history of Living Faith Lutheran Primary School to date.

It has been my privilege to lead the school as Principal since 2006. Having worked in Lutheran education my entire career, I particularly value the genuine care that characterises our school communities and the quality education we provide. Lutheran schools do not see themselves as elite, but rather as communities where our motivation for being springs from our belief in a God of love and in Jesus as Saviour.

Living Faith Lutheran Primary School began as a result of a decision by members of Lutheran congregations at Petrie and Sandgate to sell their respective church plants and purchase a new property that was large enough to also house a primary school. Eight hectares of land were purchased and after hours of planning and much hard work, doors were opened in 2001. The school began with 66 students and has increased steadily in size each year since then.

Originally designed to cater for two classes per year level, the direction changed in 2008 in response to the decision of Grace Lutheran College to begin Middle School education. Living Faith became a partner school with Grace, discontinuing Year 7 and instead offering a third class at each year level. This began with Prep in 2009 and will continue in a staged manner, with a peak enrolment of 550 possible from 2014.

The first thing that strikes many people upon their arrival at the school is the feeling of space. Well designed buildings, grassed areas, green ovals and stands of trees in which koalas still visit are features of the external environment.

Another feature that stands out is the friendly feel of the school – since its establishment the school has retained its focus on creating a family friendly environment where both children and parents feel at home.

As we continue to grow it is of vital importance to me that we continue to ensure quality education and along with this, retain the warmth of community. Educational quality is found not only in academic results, but also in developing well rounded individuals who move onto secondary school with a confidence in their abilities and a positive outlook to life.

I trust that you have found the information in this prospectus helpful and would look forward to meeting you to discuss any questions you may have or begin the first steps for enrolment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Maczkowiack".

Anne Maczkowiack
PRINCIPAL

Thoughts From Our Students

Our school teachers are easy to talk to about anything and are always there to help us with whatever we need. They teach us how to use and respect our school values.

Maddie



At our school people have strong bonds with others.

Samuel

There are a range of play areas like the tennis courts, the fort, playgrounds, the oval, the nature play space and a new indoor sports centre.

Alec



Our school cares about the students.

Tim

Our teachers help us with our goals no matter how big or small they are. They make every student feel special and cared for.

Kyle



We have a buddy system that pairs off the year six students with the Preps. The buddies are seen as guardian angels by the Preps.

Alec



Living Faith is more than a school - it's a family.

Jacob

Schedule of Fees - 2012

At Living Faith Lutheran Primary School the fee structure reflects the curriculum, facilities and resources offered.

The school is committed to continual improvement and maintenance of its program, facilities and resources.

Fees at Living Faith are:

1. Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of \$100.00 inclusive of GST is payable upon lodgment of the Enrolment Application for each child.

2. Family Enrolment Confirmation Fee

A non-refundable Family Enrolment Confirmation Fee of \$300.00 inclusive of GST is payable upon acceptance of an enrolment offer. This must be paid when the enrolment documentation is returned to the school completed (usually within two weeks of offer to enroll). This is a per family fee and is applicable to the first child enrolled from each family; subsequent siblings will be free of charge.

3. Enrolment Bond

A refundable Enrolment Bond of \$200.00 per student will be levied on the first term fee schedule for all new families. There is a maximum limit per family of \$400.00.

This fee will be refunded when the family leaves the school, provided there are no outstanding charges or fees owing.

4. 2012 Tuition Fees –

Base Fee For All Students

	Per annum	Per term
1 child	\$3700.00	\$925.00
2 children	\$6845.00	\$1711.25
3 children	\$9435.00	\$2358.75
4+ children	\$9435.00	\$2358.75

Sibling Discounts

Sibling discounts are offered for 2 or more children attending the school at the same time. Discount is 15% for 2nd Child, 30% for 3rd child and 100% for 4th child. Sibling discounts are only given on the base tuition fee.

Early Payment Discount

An early payment discount of 5% of the base tuition fee applies if the full year's tuition fee is paid by the end of week 2 of term 1 each year.

5. Other Charges

The base tuition fee covers the cost of daily lessons and basic classroom resources. Separate charges will apply for the following *if applicable to your child*:

- Text Books: Term 1, Prep - Yr 6
- Camps: Term of Camp, Yrs 2-6
- Excursions/Incursions: Term of Activity, Prep - Yr 6
- Swimming Lessons: Term 4, Prep - Yr 6
- Magazine: Term 4, one charge per family
- Inter School Sport: Term of Activity, Yr 5 & 6
- 1-1 iPad 2 Program, Years 5 to 6 \$240 per year per student

Other Charges Continued

A private instrumental music program, debating teams, and district and regional sport fees are charged on a participant basis with prior approval from the parent. It is expected that all students in Yrs 3-6 will complete ICAS Maths, Science and English Competitions unless exemption is granted by the Principal.

Student stationery packs are purchased direct through our supplier or independently by the parent prior to Term 1 each year. Stationery lists are provided for each year level during Term 4 of the previous year.

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6. Hardship Concessions

Fee remissions for family hardship and financial need are available. Application forms can be obtained from the Finance Manager. The amount of concession will be variable depending on available funds, the number of applications received and evidence of need. Applications are addressed by the Principal and Finance Manager and are strictly confidential. All applications are shredded at the end of each year.

7. Building Fund (Tax Deductible)

The school has established a tax deductible building fund through the Australian Taxation Office. Donations to the fund are voluntary to enable families to claim this as a tax deduction. Receipts are issued for taxation purposes.

Monies from the building fund are used to assist the school in the provision of appropriate facilities and resources to ensure that your child receives the best educational opportunities possible. Donations contribute significantly to reducing the impact of increased capital costs, in turn impacting on annual school tuition fees.

Families are encouraged to contribute a minimum of \$300 per family per year.

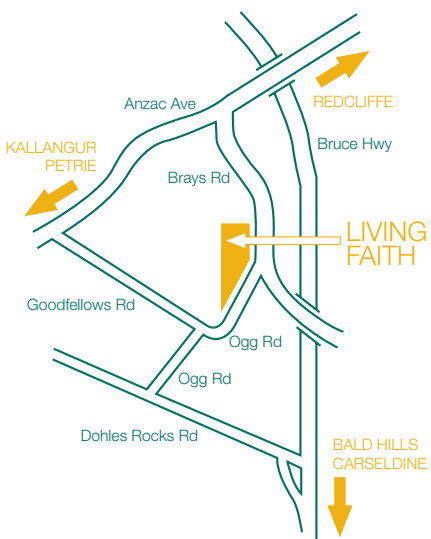
Donations can be paid equally over the four school terms or as a one off annual payment. This facility is also available to relatives and friends who may like to contribute financially to the school's needs.

8. Notice of Withdrawal

In the case of withdrawal of a student, one full term's written notice to the Principal is required, otherwise the enrolment bond will be forfeited. Should a student be withdrawn from the school during a term, fees will be due and payable for the whole of that term. For a student leaving at the end of the year (except Year 6 students) notice is required by the end of Term 3.







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