SCOTCH COLLEGE ADELAIDE

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Growing confident, connected and adaptable learners.

The Mitcham Campus learning experience centres on combining explicit teaching for the mastery of foundational learning skills, with inquiry skills to promote curious, innovative, discerning and critical thinkers.

We are a welcoming and inclusive community, big enough to have broad facilities but small enough for staff to know every student, parent and extended family member.

Our programs and approaches are designed to cater for the varying interests and learning styles of all students.

All members of our community learn to work together, understand and respect others.

We focus on providing a solid foundation for the development of meaningful and lasting relationships in the wider community and life in general.

EMPOWERING YOUNG LEARNERS

We design contemporary, signature learning experiences at each stage of the Primary Years to ensure each child's learning is relevant and purposeful.

Not only do we aim to make our students 'future ready' we understand that 'today ready' is just as important.

Therefore, our challenge each day is to ensure every child is not only engaged in their learning, but empowered by their learning!

We work to ensure that our students have a voice, feel confident to share their ideas respectfully, can take guided initiative and action, and learn to evaluate the outcome of their decisions.

During their years on Mitcham Campus, students and their families work with a team of educators who are committed to ongoing training and working collaboratively to positively impact all learners.

Catering for student learning styles and needs occurs in the classroom with the Home Group teacher. We focus on identifying and meeting each child's point of growth in their learning to move them forward.

Our experienced Learning Strategies team provides targeted supplementary strategies and resources to the Home Group teachers, along with programs for students, as required. Learning progress meetings, written reports and special events keep parents up-to-date with student progress.

In the Early Primary Years (Prep-2), we focus on setting the foundations and dispositions for learning, including taking healthy risks and building on successes.

In the Middle Primary Years (3-4), we focus on building resilience and understanding diversity.

In the Upper Primary Years (5-6), we focus on broadening student involvement, leadership and adaptability.

We recognise the importance for our students to develop the complex competencies of active citizenship, agency in learning, collaboration, personal attributes, communication, quality thinking and ability to act ethically.

Collaborative research ventures with universities support our alignment of learning ambition, learning design and assessment in these areas.

Students have abundant opportunities to develop breadth beyond the classroom.

They work with specialist teachers in Languages (French & Chinese), Music, Performing Arts, Digital Technologies, Specialist Science, Visual Arts, Physical Education and in the Gilchrist Library and Information Centre.

Classes visit a dedicated Digital Technologies Resource Centre, where they and their teacher collaborate with a specialist teacher to develop skills with emerging technologies.

Experiences include: design thinking; computational thinking, programming and coding, robotics and drones, AI, machine learning, augmented and virtual reality, 3D printing and cyber citizenship focuses.

We have a passionate Technology Research and Development team who ensure that we are harnessing and embedding technological tools in relevant, authentic and age-appropriate ways in our programs, as well as for our planning and communications.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

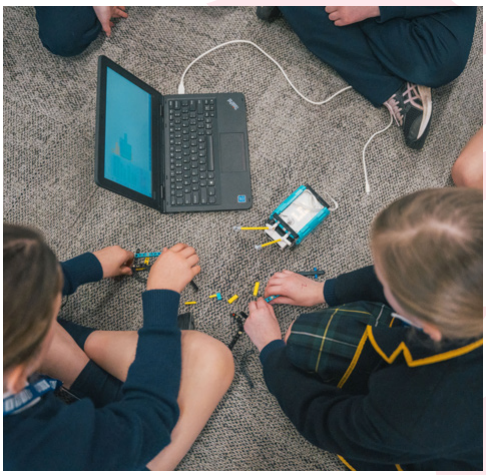
Nestled into the foothills of the Adelaide Hills, with Brownhill Creek traversing Mitcham Campus, students always have opportunities to explore nature. A progressive Outdoor Education experience also enables students to engage in aquatic, coastal, parkland and rural settings.

SELF-EXPRESSION & APPRECIATING OTHERS

Self-expression and the appreciation of culture is fostered through our Arts and Languages programs.

Our family and friends join us to celebrate our rich programs, Musicals, Grandparents' Day, Art Shows, Assemblies and Sounds of Scotch evenings, along with other special events.

Our Languages program focuses on the joy of languages and cultural understandings.



HEALTHY & FIT INDIVIDUALS

Building physical fitness and developing fundamental motor-skills enables children to participate in and enjoy a wide variety of sports.

All children partake in weekly cross country running for 6 months each year. In addition to the Physical Education program, a Sports program is accessed from Prep & Reception through to Year 6, with summer and winter sport offerings.

Access to onsite swimming pools provides all children the opportunity to develop water safety and swimming skills.

Programs culminate in age-appropriate showcases and competitions. Sports Day and Swimming Carnivals are well attended community events.

A SENSE OF WONDER

Our stand-alone Science Laboratory is home to indigenous reptiles, amphibians, insects and hopping mice.

A student-designed and built Science Garden houses an aviary, reptile enclosure and seedling propogation area. Many students partake in caring for our animals.

Scientific inquiry is a highlight for many of our students. Science fairs and competitions reinforce the importance and wonder within the fields of Science and Engineering.

WELLBEING

Student Wellbeing is at the core of all we do and at the heart of Scotch's culture.

The *Scotch Fit* model promotes and acknowledges the importance of students being academically fit, physically fit, socially fit and psychologically fit.

We also teach stand-alone Wellbeing programs that develop core skills for life-long application.

Our House System is a valuable structure for furthering pastoral care beyond the classroom.

The House system recognises and celebrates student success and connection at school and beyond.

LEADERSHIP

Student personal and peer leadership is fostered from the first year of school.

Each class has delegates who join our environmental 'Green Team' and Student Representative Council action groups. Digital Ambassadors are also inducted to support their peers in each class.

In Year 6 students are invited to apply for Campus Leadership roles, including House Co-captaincies.

Student voice is valued and our House Co-captains, SRC Captains and Green Team Captains lead our Campus Assemblies.

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BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

Our co-curricular and Club programs are avenues for children to explore interests and talents beyond the core curriculum.

Experiences range from Junior Band, Guitar Group, Caledonian (Pipe Band & Highland Dancing), Public Speaking and Chess, to Chinese Lion Dancing, Art Club and Dance@Scotch.

Competitions also provide students with enrichment beyond the core program. These include, Primary School Sport competitions, Oliphant Science Awards, Debating, Future Problem Solving, Junior Orator Competition, Premiers Reading Challenge, Robocup and International Competitions for Schools to name a few!

AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

As learning is not something that takes place in the isolation of school, we are committed to establishing and maintaining positive partnerships with parents and carers.

We recognise that our families have busy and connected lives beyond school so we aim to keep our communication formats consistent and predictable. Consents are gained through an App, student reports are accessible through an online portal and school news and updates are sent via ScotchLife. We support open lines of communication at all times.

Each class has parent representatives who arrange a social function each term for the year level, enabling families to all get to know each other. These events vary from drinks, coffee mornings, dinners, Sunday barbeques, to a play in the park.

MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU

Our Out of School Hours Care program is there to help families on either a regular or occasional basis.

Our parents, can relax knowing that should the need arise, care is available before school and after hours. Many families utilise the Holiday program as well.

Building a learning foundation at Mitcham Campus is an opportunity for life. Learn more at **www.scotch.sa.edu.au**