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Adelaide Christian Schools

Introducing Adelaide Christian Schools (ACS)

Sunrise Early Learning Centres, Sunrise Christian Schools, and Temple Christian College are sister organisations that form part of the Adelaide Christian Schools family.

Since 1976, ACS has operated with a mission to oversee, govern, and support a growing number of educational early learning centres and schools locally, nationally, and overseas, empowering students to grow in their God-gifted abilities academically, relationally, personally, and spiritually.

Sunrise Christian School, Naracoorte, is part of a vast network of Christian schools across the state, established by Adelaide Christian Schools, and as such, families have access to an educational pathway that supports their children's growth and development from Reception to Grade 10. Under the banner of ACS, families can start their children at primary school at Sunrise Naracoorte and then complete Grades 7-10 in the middle school.

Our Story

1976 — A $20 note from Pastor Leo Harris set the vision for a Christ-centred Christian School. His action and the faith of many started the Sunrise Dynasty

1978 — Sunrise Christian School Fullarton

1983 — Temple Christian College Mile End

1989 — Sunrise Christian School Paradise

1994 — Sunrise Christian School Morphett Vale

2001 — Temple Christian College Paralowie

2002 — Sunrise Christian School Marion

2003 — Temple and Sunrise Schools come together under the banner of the Sunrise Temple Group

2005 — Sunrise Christian School Naracoorte

2009 — The Sunrise Temple Group is renamed Adelaide Christian Schools (ACS)

2009 — Sunrise Christian School Whyalla

2010 — ACS opens Sunrise Bethel Christian School in PNG



2011 — ACS opens Faith Christian School in USA

2011 — Sunrise Christian School Whyalla ELC

2013 — Sunrise Christian School Morphett Vale ELC

2015 — ACS establishes Discovery Christian College in Agnes Water, QLD

2017 — Sunrise Christian School Paradise ELC

2019 — Temple Marion Middle School partnership is launched

2020 — Sunrise Christian School Fullarton ELC

2020 — ACS opens Edai Christian School in PNG

2022 — Sunrise Christian School Marion ELC

2022 — International schools are incorporated into a new body organisation, ACS International

2023 — Sunrise Christian School marked its 45th birthday

2023 — Temple Christian College celebrates its 40th birthday

2023 — Terri International Christian Academy (Ghana) joins ACS International



Culture

Sunrise Christian School exists to provide welcoming, family-oriented, and Christ-centred learning environments. Our focus is the heart of each individual. When the heart is committed, children are open to exploring every aspect of their school day, whether applying themselves to achieve their best in class or helping another student in the playground.

Our approach has always been to teach from a biblically-based foundation, nurturing each student in partnership with parents and guardians. This dynamic partnership is key to student success, providing the greatest opportunities for each child to discover and embrace their God-given talents and apply their gifts to the communities we serve and beyond.

The collaborative approach between Sunrise and its families provides a warm, community feeling – an extension of the home. There are always opportunities to connect. We look to encourage and build real fellowship between parents, caregivers, friends, staff, and students. Parents are given the opportunity to invest in the school by being a part of the Parents and Friends Group, attending events or volunteering in various school activities.

Our support infrastructure bolsters each child so they can achieve their best. Students with academic needs will engage with our Diverse Education Team to work through key learning concepts in core subjects such as English and mathematics. This may take the form of small group sessions, 1-to-1 support or the implementation of individual learning plans. Students who require social or emotional support can meet confidentially with our Wellbeing Team to gain valuable advice on challenges they are experiencing with classmates or in social settings.

Another fundamental aspect of Sunrise's culture is to be a light in the world. Our school regularly participates in community-led projects for the betterment of humanity. Each school participates in fundraisers for their charity of choice and donates to our schools in Papua New Guinea and Ghana.



Primary School

From the first day of Reception, Sunrise primary school families share a close bond with the committed and caring staff, who invest deeply in children's wellbeing. The small family setting at Sunrise contributes to a safe and positive environment to encourage excellent learning outcomes.

Staff are passionate about building Christian character in all Sunrise students. We teach from a biblically-based perspective - God is a part of everything we do at school. We strive to help children fulfil their potential academically, emotionally, socially, and physically.

From Reception, students develop English language skills through our specialised Phonics Program, a foundation that transitions them through primary school and prepares them for a lifetime of learning.

Mid-Year Intake

Children that turn five years old between the 1st May and 31st October can start school at Sunrise Naracoorte in Term 3 (Mid-Year Intake). If you'd like to discuss Mid-Year Intake or arrange a tour, please contact us.

Wellbeing

Sunrise Naracoorte has successfully integrated well-being programs such as the PeaceWise and Resilience Projects into the curriculum for all grade levels. Parents have found these initiatives helpful in managing conflict and change.

To support students' academic journeys, we offer specialised academic programs such as QuickSmart Numeracy and Blitz Literacy implemented by trained Education Support Officers (ESOs).

Extracurricular Activities

All students can explore their passions inside and outside the classroom across subjects such as music, drama, language, art, and sports. Our School participates in the following events and programs:

- Sunrise Athletics Carnival
- Performing Arts Program, including the whole School Musical
- SAPSASA/SACSA carnivals (netball, soccer, swimming, cross country, etc.)
- Student Leadership Team (Grade 1 and up)
- Book Week
- Extracurricular activities include sports training, library activities, times tables, sheriff tournaments, chess club, Lego club, and social skills training
- Premier's Be Active and Reading Challenges
- Swimming Lessons
- Grandparents and Special Persons' Day (as well as other special days)
- South-East Music Festival (choir)
- Longridge Aged Care visits



School Camps

Starting from Grade 3, we provide camp experiences for our students. Some of the past camp experiences we have offered include:

- Grade 3 Sleepover
- Grade 4 Adare, Victor Harbor
- Grade 5 Wirraway Homestead Musters, Strathalbyn
- Grade 6 Zoo School and Canberra

Grade 6

Grade 6 is the last year of upper primary, and at Sunrise, it is a year of opportunity and celebration. At Sunrise, Grade 6 students are recognised as leaders of our schools and are presented with chances to build character, assert independence, and try new things as they prepare for middle school the following year.

Getting ready for middle school is an important part of the learning journey for our upper primary students. We take extra care to transition students from our primary school setting to middle school.

The graduating Grade 6 class is honoured at a special graduation dinner.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Sunrise Naracoorte is strongly committed to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, which teaches children real-life skills such as the food cycle and healthy eating. The Kitchen Garden Program is an excellent opportunity to explore innovative ideas for sustainability. As part of the program, students raise chickens, care for the coup, and collect eggs to sell to their parents and the local community.

This program empowers students to cultivate hands-on cooking skills and instils a deep sense of personal responsibility for themselves and others. These values are deeply rooted in the program's philosophy of growing, harvesting, preparing, and sharing.





The Stewardship Program

For more than three decades, Stewardship has been a fundamental part of the upper primary program at Sunrise. The program is designed to teach students about business initiatives by lending them a small amount of money and encouraging them to grow it on market days. Stewardship focuses on several important aspects of business, such as creativity, character, and work ethic, as inspired by the biblical story of the Parable of the Talents.

Grade 6 Canberra Trip

One of the calendar highlights for Grade 6 students is a trip to Canberra. All Sunrise students participate in this school-funded camp as part of their HASS studies. While in Canberra, students enjoy an itinerary packed with activities, including visits to places such as Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Government House, and the Royal Australian Mint. They also enjoy playing games, sightseeing, and adventuring in the snow with their classmates.

Middle School

The middle school philosophy was born out of the changing needs of adolescents and has since adapted into a whole pedagogical approach to teaching and learning. It serves as a place where the transition from primary to secondary is managed in a way that respects the unique needs of this age group.

Our middle school experience has been designed to continue students' learning and development, preparing them for Years 11,12 and beyond. Our partnership with sister school Temple Christian College in Adelaide has been key in establishing our middle school curriculum, providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the 21st century.

Specialist Subjects

Specialised subjects include but are not limited to:

- Physical education
- Food technology
- Digital technology
- Textiles
- HASS
- Maths
- English
- Visual art and textiles, and
- Drama and music

Our middle school staff bring a wide breadth of teaching experience and skills to support each student in exploring their full potential during these critical years of schooling.

Our students have the opportunity to participate in athletic carnivals and sporting competitions with other middle school students from Temple Christian College and Sunrise Whyalla in South Australia.





Wellbeing Programs

Grade 7 to 10 students engage in an annual camp to build relationships with their peers across grades. Previous students have had a range of different experiences, including Melbourne, Flinders Ranges, Willow Creek Aquatics Camp, Grampians and many more.

In addition, wellbeing programs are embedded into the curriculum. This includes the Resilience Project and Peace Wise, which explicitly teach strategies for managing conflict and promoting wellbeing through gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness.

The Rite Journey

In Grade 9, students participate in a powerful year of self-discovery as part of the Rite Journey Program. Partnering with families, the program empowers students to become confident, purpose and faith-driven adults. The program includes a range of challenges, a solo camp, a mentoring project, and a graduating ceremony.

Electives

We also offer a variety of activities that change term by term. Options have included:

- Kindergarten visits
- Sheep's Back Museum
- Naracoorte Art Gallery
- Accessing community sporting facilities
- Barista coffee training
- Art/Textiles/Limestone carving
- Arm Wrestling/Karate/Strength training
- Guitar lessons
- Woodwork/Small engines

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Facilities

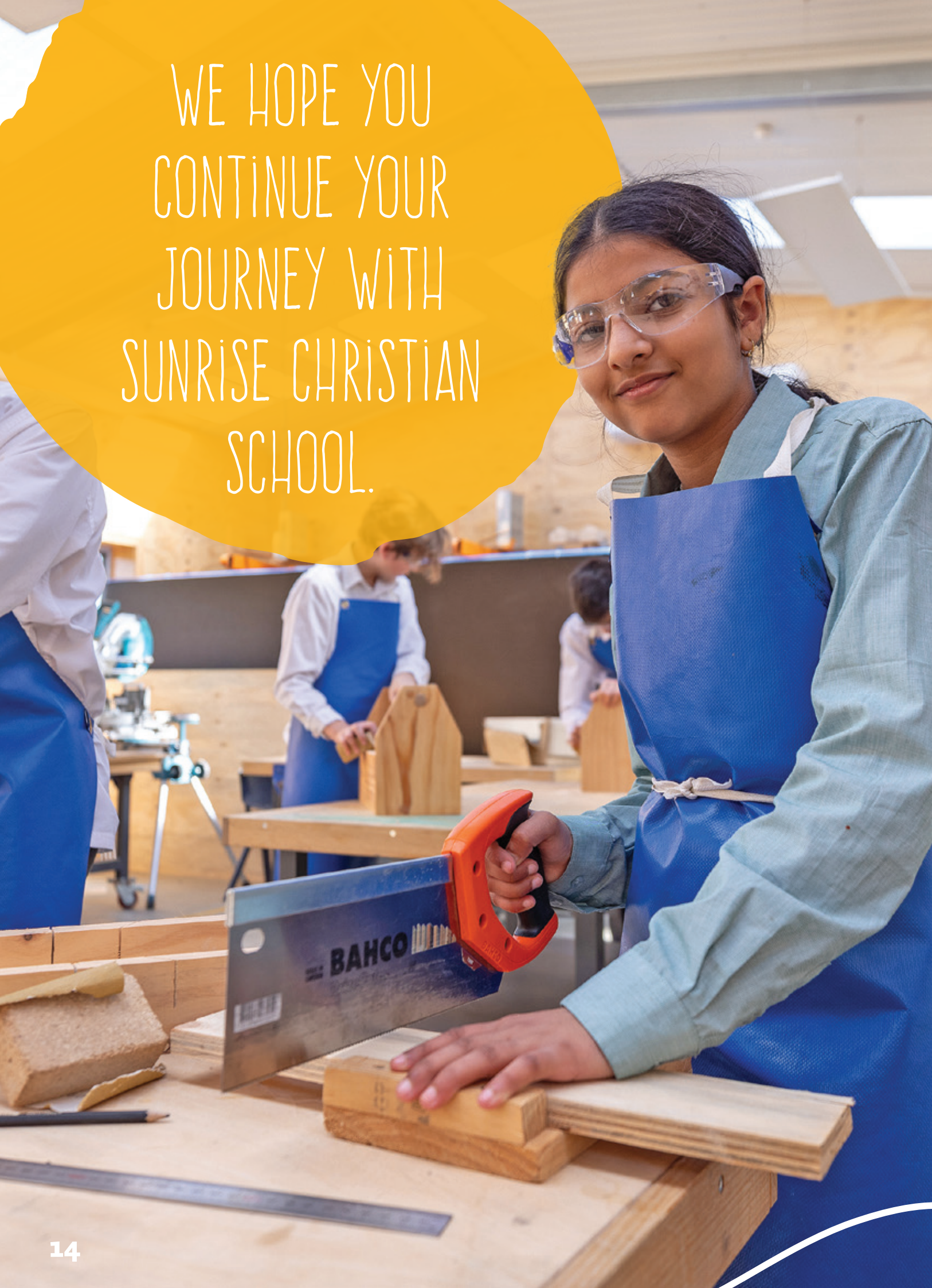
We have excellent facilities including:

- Woodwork Centre
- Library Resource Centre
- Art Studio
- Science Laboratory
- Outdoor hardcourts
- Oval
- Technology Kitchen and Tuck Shop
- Large Kitchen Garden and chicken coop

Resources

To complement our facilities and enhance student learning, we offer the following resources:

- Video and call conferencing
- MacBooks for staff and middle school students
- iPads for primary students
- Multimedia screens in each classroom
- Digital technology, including Lego Mindstorms, 3D printing, drones and robotics
- Sporting equipment
- Musical instruments


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IF YOU ARE READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS AND WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SUNRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTACT OUR SCHOOL OR ORGANISE A TOUR TO SEE THE SCHOOL.

Our enrolment process is comprised of the following steps that all families should complete:

1.



VISIT US

Visit us in person and decide if Sunrise Christian School is the right fit for your family

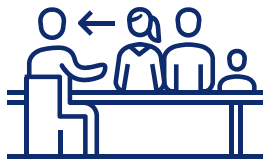
2.



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Once you've made your decision to enrol at Sunrise, complete an online enrolment form (Sunrise Christian School, Naracoorte)

3.



INTERVIEW

Attend an enrolment interview and tour (coordinated by the school)

4.



ACCEPT

Accept the letter of offer

5.



ATTEND

Attend a meeting at which the enrolment contract, other relevant forms, and a confirmation payment is made. At this meeting, you will also be able to get started on parent apps used for internal communication

Children may also be able to attend transition visits before starting at Sunrise Christian School, Naracoorte. Please contact our office staff to coordinate days and times.

We accept enrolment forms anytime but highly recommend that your family attend a tour at Sunrise Naracoorte before completing an application form.



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