

Parent Handbook

2022

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Principal's welcome

Dear Families,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our newly established Riverbanks College B-12 community. We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of this land that we live, work and learn on. We recognise that this land always was and always will be Aboriginal land and we pay our respects to elders, past, present and future. The riverbank from which we take our name was and is a place of significance for the Kaurna people.

Our state-of-the-art school is in the heart of booming Angle Vale. We will offer our families a seamless, inclusive, and connected education experience for children from birth all the way through to year 12.

Through world-class teaching and learning practices we will create a vibrant and inclusive B-12 educational community that fosters kind and resilient life-long learners, who will thrive today and in tomorrow's world.

We are committed to ensuring that Riverbanks College is a place of belonging, where every child matters and every child thrives. We believe that meaningful relationships, quality learning experiences and strong foundations in literacy, numeracy and well-being will underpin successful learning and life outcomes for all our students.

We have recruited highly skilled and highly experienced members of our staff, all of whom are passionate about realising our moral purpose of meeting the needs of every child, every day. We look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure the growth and success of your child.

Our promise to you is that we will be relentless in our pursuit of equity and excellence and that we will make Riverbanks College a place of collaboration, community, and nurturing.

Please take the time to explore our 2022 family handbook that will provide you with all the day to day information that you will need to know to support your child on their schooling journey at Riverbanks College.

Joe Priolo
PRINCIPAL



What drives us?

Our Motto

A thriving, inclusive community

Our Purpose

Through world-class teaching and learning practices we will create a vibrant and inclusive birth to 12 educational community that fosters kind and resilient life-long learners, who will thrive today and in tomorrow's world.

Our Values



Our Cultural Drivers

At Riverbanks College B-12 we:

- are kind and relationship driven
- work hard, have fun and deliver on promises
- are evidence informed and experts in practice
- are relentless in the pursuit of equity and excellence
- are a collaborative professional learning community
- thrive through continuous feedback and improvement.

When can my child start preschool or school?

Eligibility for preschool

Children are entitled to access 4 terms (1 year) of government preschool in the year before they start school.

Children who turn 4 before 1 May are eligible to start preschool at the beginning of the year before they start school.

Aboriginal children and children in care

If your child identifies as Aboriginal or if your child is or has been in care, they're eligible for 12 hours of preschool a week, after they turn 3. They will then be eligible for 15 hours per week of preschool in the year before they start school.

Children with disability or additional needs

If you have a child with disability or additional needs, they might be able to start preschool earlier if there are places available. Contact the school to talk to the principal or director if this applies to you. Early entry to preschool does not guarantee early entry to school.

Your child may be eligible for extra support at preschool. If you think this applies to your child, contact the school to talk to the principal.

Immunisation requirements

After changes to the South Australian Public Health Act 2011 (the Act), from 7 August 2020, children will not be able to enrol in or attend early childhood services unless all immunisation requirements are met (No Jab, No Play).

Starting primary school or reception

If your child turns 5 before 1 May, they can start primary school (the first year is known as reception) at the beginning of the year. If your child turns 5 on or after 1 May, they can start the next year.

All children must be enrolled at school by 6 years of age, which is the compulsory school starting age.

Early or delayed entry to school are options that may be possible in specific circumstances, where it is in a child's best educational interests. If you think this applies to your child, contact the school to talk to the principal.

How do I enrol my child?

Expression of interest for enrolment in preschool and school (reception) will commence in term 1 the year prior to the child starting.

Year 6 students will apply for high school through the statewide transition process. This online transition process is managed by your primary school and will commence around the beginning of term 2. You will have the opportunity to nominate your child for up to 3 non-local high schools, as well as your local (zoned) school. If your child currently attends a combined school (for example reception to year 12), you can stay at that school or apply for another high school. You must apply by the due date.

For further information regarding enrolment please email dl.1913.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Capacity Management plan

For more information on the capacity management plan please refer to the following:

[CMP Gazette notice](#)

[School zone and preschool local catchment area map](#)

What information do I need when enrolling my child?

After you have accepted an offer of placement at preschool or school, you will be invited to a pre-enrolment interview or information session. At this time, you will be given an enrolment form to fill out.

On the enrolment form you must provide your child's:

- name and date of birth
- place of residence.

You must also provide:

- immunisation evidence for preschool enrolments
- any family law or court orders
- relevant visa information
- documents about health, disability, or other support needs.

The information you give about your child must be true and factual. The school or preschool will ask for documentary evidence, or proof, before finalising the enrolment.

The principal or director can withdraw an offer to enrol if parents give false information or intentionally mislead the school or preschool to gain entry.

Proof of name and date of birth

You must use one of these documents to prove your child's full legal name and date of birth:

- an official birth certificate or extract
- a passport or other travel document such as a visa, citizenship certificate or ImmiCard
- Centrelink or other official government documents with the child's name and birth date.

If you cannot provide one of these documents, contact the school or preschool.

Proof of residence

If you own your home, you need to show both of these:

- contract of sale for the property or a recent council rates notice
- recent gas or electricity bill for the property.

If you rent a home, you need to show both of these:

Rental agreement and a bond receipt lodged with Consumer and Business Services showing the current place of residence. The rental agreement should cover at least the first 12 months at the school.

Recent gas or electricity bill for that property.

You must give your child's primary permanent home address, not a commercial, postal, or mailing one.

When a school is under a capacity management plan, there are additional considerations for local families who are applying to enrol:

For students applying to start school for the next school year, the rental agreement must be current and also cover the entire next school year.

The rental agreement must be for the entire property. The renting of a room or rooms is not considered a primary place of residence.

If your child is living with a relative or friend, the school will ask for supporting documents such as a parenting order from the family court confirming that the relative or friend is the child's legal guardian.

The school or preschool might ask you for other supporting documents to verify your child's address, such as a driver's licence.

All schools and preschools will ask for residential documentation when they make an offer to enrol, or when the family is changing an address at the school.

If you cannot provide the requested documents, the school or preschool will decide about the legitimacy of the application. This might include asking you for other documents, to come to an interview, or to sign a statutory declaration.

What do I do if my child is sick or can't attend school?

If your child is sick or can't come to school, you must call the school as soon as possible and before 9.15am. A message can be left on the school's answering machine, you can record the absence via Daymap either on the day or prior if it is a planned absence.

When advising about absence, government legislation requires a reason be given by the parent about why the student cannot attend school, is late, or leaves early.

For any student who is absent from school as of 10am, the parent of the student will receive a text message from Daymap to advise. Parents are able to reply to that text so that we can record the reason for the absence.

Should your child need to leave school early or come in late they must present to student services or the primary school office to have their attendance and reason recorded. Parents must provide the reason in person, phone or Daymap.

For 3 consecutive or more days of absence, a medical certificate must be supplied to the school during the absence if convenient, or on the day the student returns to school.

If your child will be absent from school for an extended length of time, the principal must be advised and an exemption form completed. Please contact student services for more information.



How much are school fees?

The Riverbanks College Governing Council conducted 2 polls to determine the legally recoverable amounts of the Governing Council approved 2022 Materials and Services Charges (school fees). The poll was successful for years reception to year 6 and year 7 to year 8 with a majority of votes received supporting the charge. This means that the compulsory charge for 2022 Materials Services is:

\$330.00 - reception to year 6

\$450.00 - year 7 and 8

The Governing Council approved preschool fees of \$400 (\$100 per term payable).

Additional charges may apply for items and excursions/activities that are not considered necessary for students to complete the curriculum activities, eg optional resources, project materials.

The governing council believes the charges are reasonable and represent excellent value for money. They are affordable for families and reflect the outstanding facilities, equipment and learning opportunities at Riverbanks College. These funds will allow the school to continually enhance the learning experiences of our students in state-of-the-art facilities.

Invoices will be posted home in January of each school year. Full payment is required by the last day of term 1 unless an installment plan is approved. Riverbanks College offers confidential discussions about payments and wants to support families the best way we can. Please contact the Financial Services Manager for more information about payment plans and other support.

The governing council conducts annual online polling to determine the legally recoverable amount of the materials and services charges. Parents and caregivers will be notified about this process and outcomes.

The 2022 materials and services charges include:

- access to text books and curriculum equipment
- access to student information technology, machinery, and equipment
- materials for curriculum use
- access to library resources and a library card
- year 7 and year 8 student ID and library card.

School card

The school card allowance for 2022 is \$253.00 for primary students and \$334.00 for secondary students. Government eligibility criteria is available online at www.sa.gov.au.

If you are eligible for school card there are no materials and services charges payable. All parents/ caregivers wishing to be considered for school card assistance must apply each year to receive the allowance. The Department for Education has made the application process easier by having all school card applications online at www.sa.gov.au.

School card online applications

All students from the same family, reception to year 12 who attend any government school should be included on one application. You can do this by listing individual students and schools attended.

Please visit the Department for Education website, www.education.sa.gov.au/departments to lodge your application. The Department for Education automatically informs the school of your application and will inform you of your eligibility. Finance and reception staff can help you apply for school card if you need assistance.

Abstudy

Aboriginal parents of secondary students may apply for Abstudy plus school card every year. Abstudy is applied for through Centrelink only. Contact finance staff if you need more information.

For more information [click here](#).

How can I pay?

The Financial Services Manager, is available to discuss individual requirements in person, by email, dl.1913.finance@schools.sa.edu.au or by calling 8268 2900.

Other forms of payment may include:

cash, credit card, EFTPOS (no withdrawal facility), cheque

payment by credit card over the telephone

payment by instalments on application

Qkr! app – online payment

Centrepay – a direct bill paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink

Centrepay customers can choose to pay their accounts by having an amount regularly deducted from their Centrelink payments and paid directly to the school on their behalf. To apply for Centrepay please contact the Financial Services Manager.



When can I pay?

Parents and caregivers can make payments in person at reception during office hours, and students can make payments at student services or the primary school office before school, recess, and lunch time or after school. Phone payments can be made during office hours.

Online or Qkr! payments can be made by parents and caregivers at any time.

What stationery does my child need?

All reception to year 6 students have stationery supplied in their classrooms.

Secondary students are required to supply stationery at the start of the school year and re-stock as required. Stationery can be purchased at Kmart, Target, Big W or Officeworks. All stores have competitive prices and excellent value for money.

Should you have difficulties in purchasing the items, please contact the school for assistance.

2022 Stationery requirements years 7 and 8	
Art	HB graphite pencil
	Felt tip fine line marker - black
	A3 folio
	Visual art diary, spiral bound, A4 120 pages
Food Technology	A4 display folder
Maths	Scientific calculator
General Subjects	7 x 48 page lined books to cover all subjects
	2 x 96 page 5mm graph books
	USB flash drive 16GB
	Clear 30cm PVC ruler
	Large eraser, PVC free
	Ballpoint pen (blue, black, red)
	HB lead pencil
	Pencil sharpener (cannister style)
	Coloured pencils

Suggested items
Refillable display book, 20 inserts, A4 blue
Lined pad
Highlighters
Glue stick
Scissors
Clear A4 book covers

What are the office hours?

The usual office hours are:

Monday:	8.30am - 4.00pm
Tuesday:	8.30am - 4.00pm
Wednesday:	8.30am - 4.00pm
Thursday:	8.00am - 2.00pm
Friday:	8.30am - 3.30pm

Prior to school starting, Riverbanks College is open as per below:

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	20 January 2022	8.30am - 6.30pm
Friday	21 January 2022	8.30am - 3.00pm
Monday	24 January 2022	TBA
Tuesday	25 January 2022	TBA
Wednesday	26 January 2022	CLOSED - Australia Day
Thursday	27 January 2022	TBA
Friday	28 January 2022	TBA
Monday	31 January 2022	Usual office hours resume

Administration staff will be available between 8.30am and 4.00pm to assist families with enquiries and payments. All families and visitors must report to reception on arrival. Messages can be left outside these hours, or school staff can be contacted via email on dl.1913.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

How much will the uniform cost?

Our school dress code has been approved by governing council. It is the documented standard of acceptable clothing worn by students while attending school, traveling to and from school, excursions and representing the school at events. The uniform meets the needs of our students birth to year 12, and is inclusive, vibrant, comfortable, high quality, affordable and similarly priced to other schools.

**Short Sleeve Polo
\$37.00**



**Long Sleeve Polo
\$39.00**



**Fleecy Boss Top
\$50.00**



**Rugby Top
\$79.00**



**Soft Shell Jacket
\$53.00**



**Preschool Polo
\$20.00**



**Basic Shorts
\$30.00**



**Harlin Skort
\$29.00**



**PE Shorts
\$24.00**



**Dress
\$80.00**



**Trousers
\$40.00**



**Tapered Trackpants
\$39.00**



**Basic Pants
\$40.00**



**Trackpants
\$39.00**



**Trackpants
\$29.00**



**Bucket Hat
\$15.00**



**School Backpack
\$55.00**



Students are required to wear closed shoes that are predominately black (i.e. sandshoes, skate shoes or school shoes). Platform shoes, thongs, ugg boots and other “flip flop” type shoes are not acceptable.

Jewelery items and any make up should be discrete and be appropriate for a school environment.

For more information about the uniform please refer to the [uniform policy](#).

Often student uniforms and other items accumulate at the school because ownership cannot be established. Please remember to name all items of clothing children are likely to remove at school during play, sport or if there is a change in the weather. Personal property such as coloured pencils, pencil cases, school bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc should be clearly labeled with your child's name.

How do I get a uniform for my child?

Uniforms can be purchased online via the Belgravia online uniform shop at <https://belgraviasportsonline.com.au/collections/riverbanks-college-uniform-shop>.



School times and timetable

Rationale

Our timetable has been developed to ensure that there is connection and continuity from Reception to 12. We believe that this day structure will provide our teachers with the flexibility to deliver high quality teaching and learning experiences for every student in every class across the school.

Key Features

Consistent start time of 8.40am every day with a dismissal time of 3.10pm. On Thursday, we will have a 2.15pm early dismissal to support staff professional learning, enabling us to continuously reflect on and improve on our practice. This is really important, as we know that the biggest influence on student achievement is the quality of teaching and the biggest influence on the quality of teaching is great professional learning. If there are children who cannot be picked up at this earlier time on the Thursday, who do not usually attend OSHC after school, we will provide supervision until 3.10pm in the library.

Common break times across the college. All year levels will have 2 x 30-minute breaks. Many students feel that recess is too short, and lunch is too long. We have also found that many students eat the majority of their food at recess rather than lunch, so providing the same amount of time for both provides flexibility for students. Having a later recess and lunch time also enables much of the learning to occur before lunch, which research indicates is the period of the day when staff and students are the most productive. Primary years students will have eating breaks before the afternoon break if they are hungry.

We have 3 blocks of between 60-70 minutes for each subject. We feel that this period is optimal for quality learning and student engagement. Sometimes a 50-minute lesson is not quite long enough, and a 100-minute double lesson goes a little too long.

Thrive Time' - we have intentionally timetabled 3 blocks throughout the week when all Riverbanks College students will participate in a structured, and well planned student wellbeing for learning program that is driven by our school values.

School times and timetable

Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50
11.00 BREAK	11.00 BREAK	11.00 BREAK	11.00 BREAK	11.00 BREAK
11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30	11.30
12.40 THRIVE	12.35	12.35	12.45 BREAK	12.40 THRIVE
1.30 BREAK	1.40 BREAK	1.40 BREAK	1.15 THRIVE	1.30 BREAK
2.00	2.10	2.10	2.15 DISMISSAL	2.00
3.10 DISMISSAL	3.10 DISMISSAL	3.10 DISMISSAL		3.10 DISMISSAL

Thrive Time

Our Thrive Time program is a structured well-being for learning program adapted from the Department for Education's Well-being for Learning and Life framework. All students from reception through to year 12 will engage with three targeted and timetabled lessons focused on the explicit teaching of respectful relationships, keeping safe and student leadership.

Students will experience regular opportunities to actively learn and practice social and emotional competencies, developing a deep understanding of our core values.

Thrive Time is built around three essential components: cognition, meta-cognition and motivation. We will encourage students to develop a strong sense of self efficacy, self-regulation and positive health and wellbeing.

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (3R's)

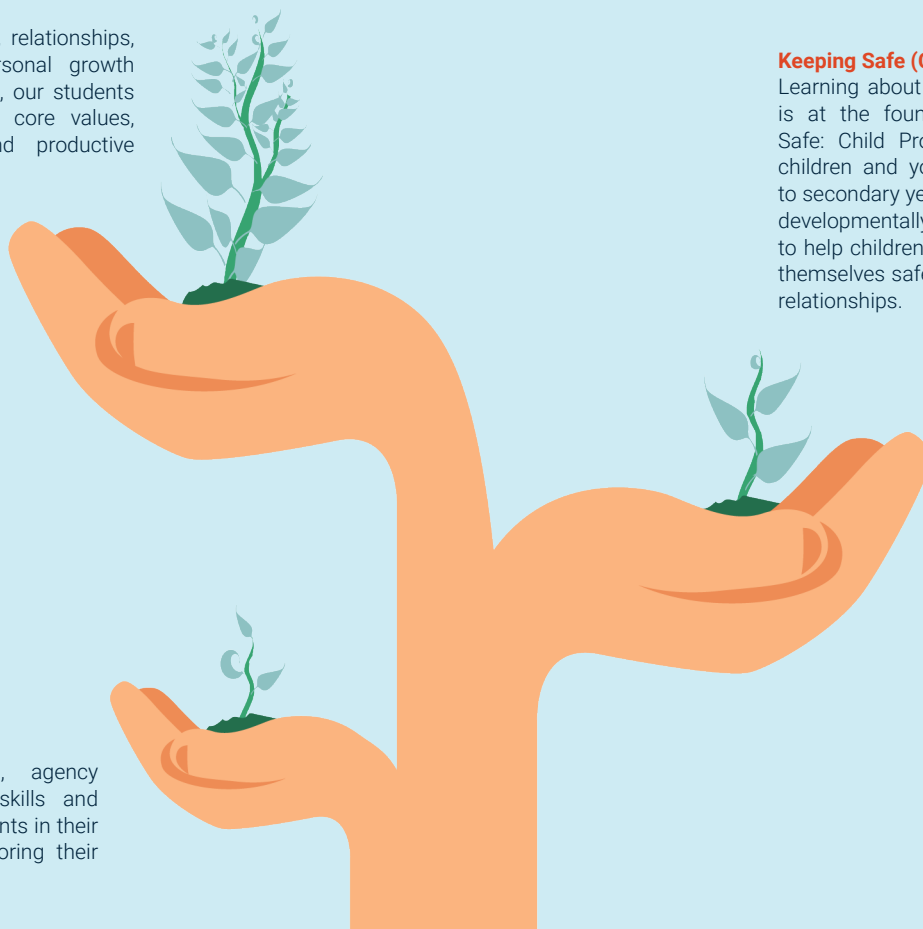
Focusing on self-regulation, relationships, health and wellbeing, personal growth and academic achievement, our students explore and embrace our core values, becoming responsible and productive members of our community.

Keeping Safe (CPC)

Learning about respectful relationships is at the foundation of the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum for children and young people from early to secondary years. We provide age and developmentally appropriate strategies to help children and young people keep themselves safe and develop respectful relationships.

Leaders of Learning (LOL)

Students, through voice, agency and leadership, develop skills and capabilities to be active agents in their learning as well as monitoring their progress and improvement.



Preschool

Universal assessment provides children with 15 hours per week access to preschool. At Riverbanks College we distribute the time across a fortnight with children attending 3 days one week and 2 days the next.

All children now begin school at the beginning of the year in January. Children born between 1 May to December 31 will start the following January along with children born between 1 January and 30 April.

Some children are eligible to attend preschool for longer than 1 year, under exceptional circumstances such as special needs, English as a second language, children in care and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. If you believe your child may qualify for extra time at preschool, please feel free to discuss this with the Preschool Senior Leader.

Session Times

Terms 1-4

Odd weeks Monday to Wednesday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Even weeks Monday and Tuesday 9.00am to 3.00pm

For more information about the preschool, please refer to the [preschool brochure](#).



School drop off/pickup

Car Parking – Drop off and pick up

Car parking is limited and signposted. Visitor parking spaces in the car parks are limited to 15 minutes, and street parking is limited to 5 minutes between the hours of 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm. Traffic control and parking surveillance is provided under the terms of the Public Private Partnership and will be managed by ISS (Integrated System Solutions).

Designated parking for students with disability has been allocated as per the school map.

Parents are encouraged to use the kiss and ride to drop off and collect students from school.

Yard duty / before and after school supervision

Staff will be on duty to supervise students from 8.10am until 3.40pm. Outside these times, children must be booked into the YMCA OSHC service. For more information or to make a booking contact [YMCA OSHC](#).

Bus information

An expression of interest form for the education provided bus service is available for eligible secondary students living in Lewiston, Two Wells or Virginia from reception and student services.

Adelaide Metro have announced two new bus services for Riverbanks College, which will begin from Monday 31 January 2022. More information is available on our [website](#).

Canteen

Rory's School Lunches have been engaged to supply canteen services. Lunches can be pre-ordered via Qkr! and secondary students can access food from the café. Price lists are available on the website <https://www.riverbankscollege.sa.edu.au/canteen/>.

The community also has access to the café outside school hours.



**Healthy, Fun
and Affordable
School Lunches
order via the
Qkr! App**



Long day care / OSHC / vacation care

YMCA have been engaged to provide Long Day Care, OSHC, and Vacation Care (VAC). This service will be available to students in Reception to Year 8. Please note that students in years 7 and 8 are not covered by CCS and will need to pay the full fee. Please direct all enquiries to:

Long Day Care

P: 8200 2556

E: elc@ymcasa.org.au

W: www.sa.ymca.org.au/what-we-do/elc/riverbanks

OSHC / VAC

P: 8200 2516

E: sa.oshc@ymca.org.au

W: www.sa.ymca.org.au/what-we-do/oshc/riverbanks

Service	Times
Before School Care	6.30am - 8.30am
After School Care	3.00pm - 6.00pm
Pupil Free Day	6.30am - 6.30pm
Vacation Care	6.30am - 6.30pm



What else do I need to know about YMCA?

Toys and equipment

Precious, dangerous or expensive belongings should not be brought to school. If children bring precious or expensive belongings, they are responsible for the items as it is difficult for school staff to supervise the safety of these items. All items must be clearly labeled with the child's name.

Bikes

Students must walk their bike or scooter on school grounds and paths. Helmets must be worn. Bike storage is provided and all bikes and scooters ridden to school must be left in the designated areas.

Responsible Phone Use policy/Electronic Device policy

If families need to contact their child during school hours please, contact reception. Our staff will get the message to the student and provide any support necessary.

The Department for Education states that primary aged students will not be permitted to access or use their mobile device or personal devices during school hours.

If parents wish for their primary age children to bring a phone to school, they must advise the school in writing. Then on arrival to school, students must check in their phone at the primary school office and their phone will be stored securely for the day. The student is responsible for collecting their phone at the end of the day.

Secondary students are permitted to have their phones with them during the school day, but must keep them on silent and secured in student lockers during the school day. Students are responsible for the safe keeping of their device.

Students are permitted to freely access and use their mobile phones during specifically allocated times such as, recess and lunch breaks, before and after school and during class time - only when approved by the teacher for learning purposes.

The [Responsible Phone Use policy](#) is available on the school website.

Child Protection Curriculum

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) has been developed by child protection experts and experienced educators from South Australian schools and preschools.

Aims

The KS:CPC teaches all children from a young age, in an age appropriate way to:

- recognise abuse and tell a trusted adult about it
- understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching
- understand ways of keeping themselves safe.

Themes

It is predicated on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities of increasing complexity.

- we all have the right to be safe
- we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus Areas

These two themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the learners.

- right to be safe
- relationships
- recognising and reporting abuse
- protective strategies.

Educator's responsibilities

- all children and young people in Department for Education preschools and schools will access approved child protection curriculum each year
- the approved child protection curriculum will be taught by staff who have received training in its use.

Sport

All classes undertake fitness activities and physical education lessons. An annual sports day will be held during term 1.

School Sport SA runs a series of statewide competitions, state carnivals and state championships, in which the school nominates individuals and teams for competition. In some sports, competition is run in district championships. Students must demonstrate the ability to follow rules, be organised and adhere to the Sporting Codes of Conduct. Student behaviour should reflect school values. Students should attend all scheduled training sessions where possible, leading up to a game or carnival. This can lead to state and interstate representation for successful students. Other School Sport SA sporting competitions are run with the support of the relevant sporting bodies.

Festival of Music

The Primary Schools Music Festival (PSMF) is a school-based music education program provided by the Department for Education and the SA Public Primary Schools Music Society.

The Adelaide Festival is usually held at the Adelaide Festival Theatre in September. Regional festivals occur at various locations in South Australia from July to November.

Students from years 4 to 6 learn the songs throughout the year and perform them on stage at one of twelve performances at the Adelaide Festival Theatre.

Expressions of interest will be sent out early in term 1 to determine interest and viability of establishing a school choir.

Premier's be active Challenge

The Premier's be active Challenge is about encouraging students to be more active, more often. Participants are rewarded with medals if they complete at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days per week for at least 4 weeks.

The Challenge is achievable for children of all abilities. All participants will be required to complete at least 4 weeks of the Challenge.

A 'negotiated' Challenge can be set for children with special needs which can vary:

- the numbers of days per week
- the number of minutes per day
- the types of activities undertaken.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages children and students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online.

The benefits of the PRC are:

- raises the profile of reading and literacy in schools
- gives students a focus for their reading
- encourages students to enjoy reading and read more books
- encourages students to participate by being challenged
- offers incentives for reluctant readers
- builds self-esteem, pride, school unity and a sense of achievement among students
- increases the involvement of parents in their child's reading
- increases the number of library books borrowed
- contributes to increased literacy level.

Emergency Procedure

All incidents are managed by the school and ISS. Regular practice drills will occur. In the event of an incident or emergency, staff and students will be alerted by siren tones and directions from emergency wardens. The community will be notified before we run emergency drills and be advised about any necessary actions in the case of a real emergency.



Student ID Cards

Secondary students will be issued with ID cards before the expiry date of previous cards. Secondary students enrolling at school after the photo date will have their photo taken by school staff. ID cards can be used in the library, on public transport and general proof of identification to obtain student concession. The initial cost of ID cards is covered in the materials and services charge, but replacement cards will cost \$10.00 each.



Swimming

Swimming in primary school is a required part of the curriculum for all R-6 students. There is a fee for students, which covers the bus, entrance and equipment. Medical information and consents are required. We will pass on all relevant information about where swimming will occur as well as when and costs, once this has been finalised. The lessons teach important life skills and promote water safety.

School Photos

advancedlife have been approved by governing council as the professional photographers engaged by the school. Photos will be taken of all students, and parents have the option to purchase photographs directly from [advancedlife](#).

Pupil Free Days

The Department for Education recommends three pupil free days and one school closure day each year. The school's governing council approves the date of these days later term 4 or early term 1 of each school year.

At the end of each school term, students will be dismissed from school 60 minutes earlier than the usual time, providing parents have provided written consent.

How can you support your child to thrive at school?

Parents and caregivers can also play a role in their child's education. Parents and caregivers can help their children by:

- ensure they arrive at school on time
- encourage them to pack their own bag for school, and to collect their own bag and belongings at the end of the day
- ask them about their day and encourage them by admiring any work they bring home
- use the correct names for things, answer questions gladly, listen to your child and gently correct speech errors
- encourage your child to read by modelling reading, reading to them, read books together and talk about books
- teach and remind your child to use toilets properly and wash their hands
- encourage your child to dress themselves in their uniform and teach younger children how to put on their shoes and socks.

Governing Council

The Riverbanks College Governing Council complies with relevant legislation and established constitution to provide advice to school leaders and to drive and sustain good governance. The governing council provides a forum for parent and community involvement with the school about local policies, strategic planning, ensuring educational, cultural, and social diversity of the community is considered.

Number	Representative
1	School Principal
1	Business Leader or Financial Services Manager
6	Elected parent members, including one preschool parent
2	Staff members, nominated by school and preschool staff
2	Community members 1 representative from TESA or ISS 1 representative from Playford City Council (Mayor)

The governing council meets twice per term, with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held during term 1 each year. Prior to the AGM parents/caregivers will have the opportunity to nominate for the school's governing council.

Communication Procedures

At Riverbanks College, our aim is to create a thriving and inclusive learning community through developing positive partnerships between our school, our families, and the wider community. These partnerships will be supported by highly effective communication channels between school and home that helps support the presence, participation, and progress of their child at Riverbanks College.

Riverbanks College will:

- Create a culture of open, kind, and respectful communication that promotes stronger collaboration.

- Foster close communication between parents and the teachers of their children. We all work in partnership to support our children.

- Keep parents regularly informed about our expectations, and their children's activities and progress at school.

- Ensure there is well structured formal program of communication with parents, with both school and family responsible for ensuring there is effective communication outside these formal opportunities.

- Be inclusive in providing accessible information for all our families. We aim to provide materials in families first languages where possible and facilitate interpretation services when required.

- Uphold our obligations to consult with parents and students about learning adjustments and support.

We expect our parents/caregivers will:

- Provide up to date contact details such as email address, phone, and postal address.

- Provide us with any information that is critical for us to know to best support their child, for example, student wellbeing issues, sickness, family concerns or bereavement. All information shared will be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality.

- Connect with the Parent Portal through Daymap.

- Read the school newsletter and other communication from the school

- Participate within our school community by attending as many events at school as possible and connecting with teachers regularly.

- Work in partnership with the school to improve the progress of their children through open communication.

- Check social media or website for regular updates.

For more information on click here to review the [Communications policy](#).

Parent participation / volunteers

Riverbanks College encourages parents to be actively involved in their child's education. Opportunities for parent volunteers will be advised during 2022 along with the Volunteer policy.

All parents, caregivers and volunteers will be required to be fully vaccinated to be able to fulfill their volunteering duties, even if their attendance is incidental or occasional.

Visitors

All visitors must report to reception, sign in on the school's visitor management system and COVID-Safe check in each time.

Face masks must be worn as directed by staff, and physical distancing be observed.

How do I contact the preschool and school?

Daymap

Our school's student management system is called Daymap. It is one of the most widely used platforms across South Australia with a proven track-record of success.

Daymap holds your student's attendance, assessment, reports, and any other information recorded by staff. Daymap enables communication between the school and families, teachers and students, and teachers and parents/caregivers. This communication can occur through the internal messaging service built within Daymap, or you may receive text messages from the school or staff. Text messages can be replied too, but in the case of urgent messages, please call the school directly.

Daymap can be accessed through the Daymap parent app or through the Daymap parent portal on an internet browser. All parents/caregivers will be provided a username and password to log on to Daymap. Please contact the school for help if you need it.

School contact details

Principal	Joe Priolo
Deputy Principal	Mark Hodgson
Business Leader	Julie Heddle
Financial Services Manager	Vicki Steel
Head of B-6	Belinda Kopania
Head of Inclusion	India Lennerth
Head of Middle Years and Student Leadership	Paula Hill

Explore our [staff directory](#) to meet all of our wonderful staff.

School address: 1 Harvest Boulevard Angle Vale 5115

Phone: 8286 2900

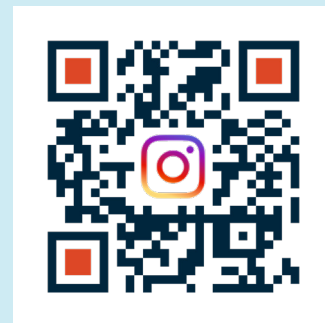
Email: dl.1913.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Web address: www.riverbankscollege.sa.edu.au

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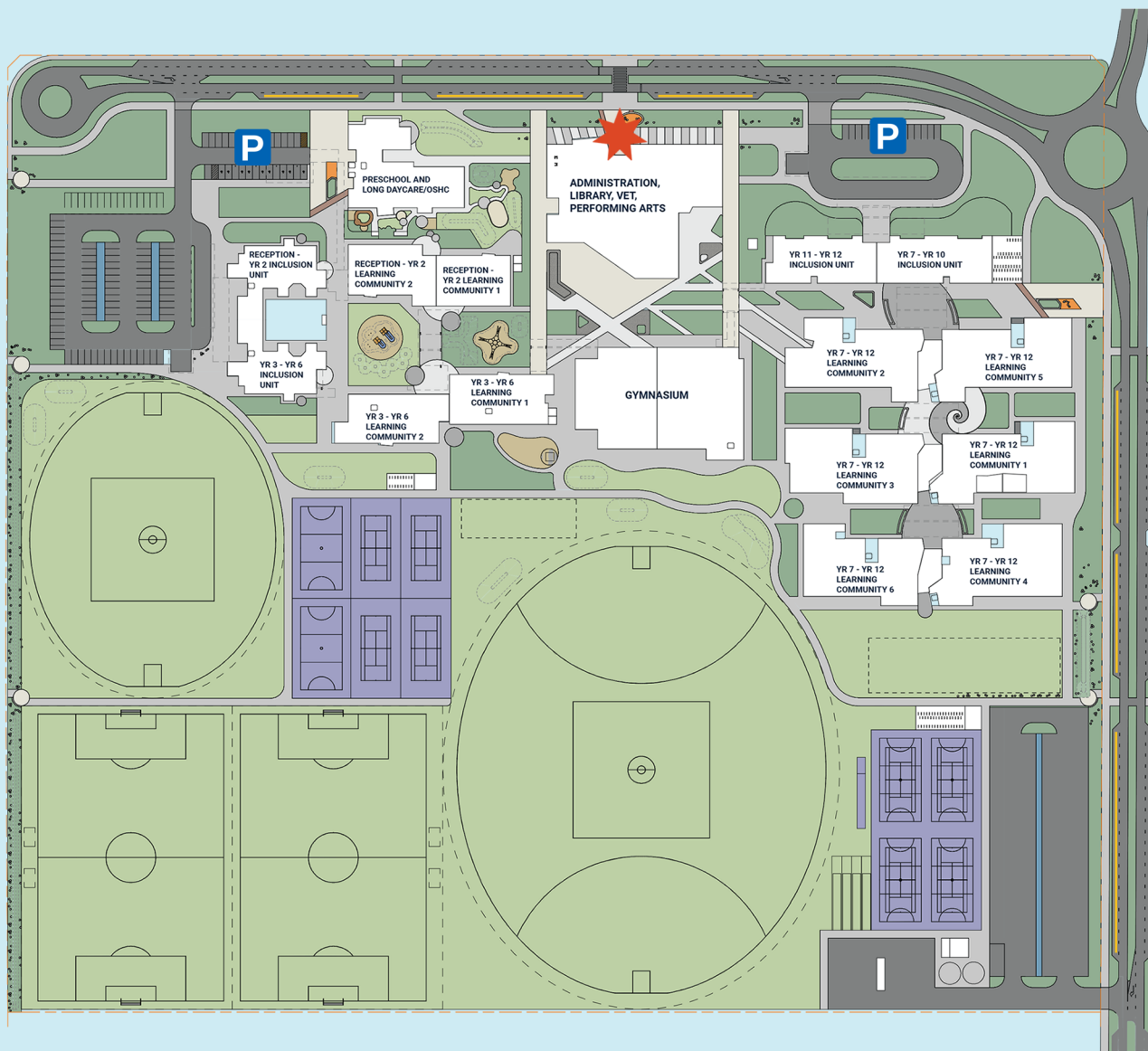


<https://www.facebook.com/RiverbanksCollege>



<https://www.instagram.com/riverbankscollege/>

School map



Key



Entrance



Visitor Parking
(limited to 15 minutes)



Kiss and ride drop off
(limited to 5 minutes between the hours of 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm)

