

World of Opportunity



# One College

As a parent, there are countless decisions you will make that affect the welfare of your children and one of the most important is their education. With a passion for educating the whole person, Trinity College offers a World of Opportunity for your child.

e are open to all who would like their children educated in a liberal and Anglican tradition, regardless of their economic status or religious affiliation.

This philosophy remains true to the vision of the school's founders - a group of Anglican parishioners from Gawler who established a "College of excellence, open to all in a disciplined, caring, Christian environment".

From these humble beginnings in the early 1980s, the College has become one of the State's leading independent schools, widely recognised for its high quality academic and vocational programmes, excellent staff, nurturing environment and superb facilities.

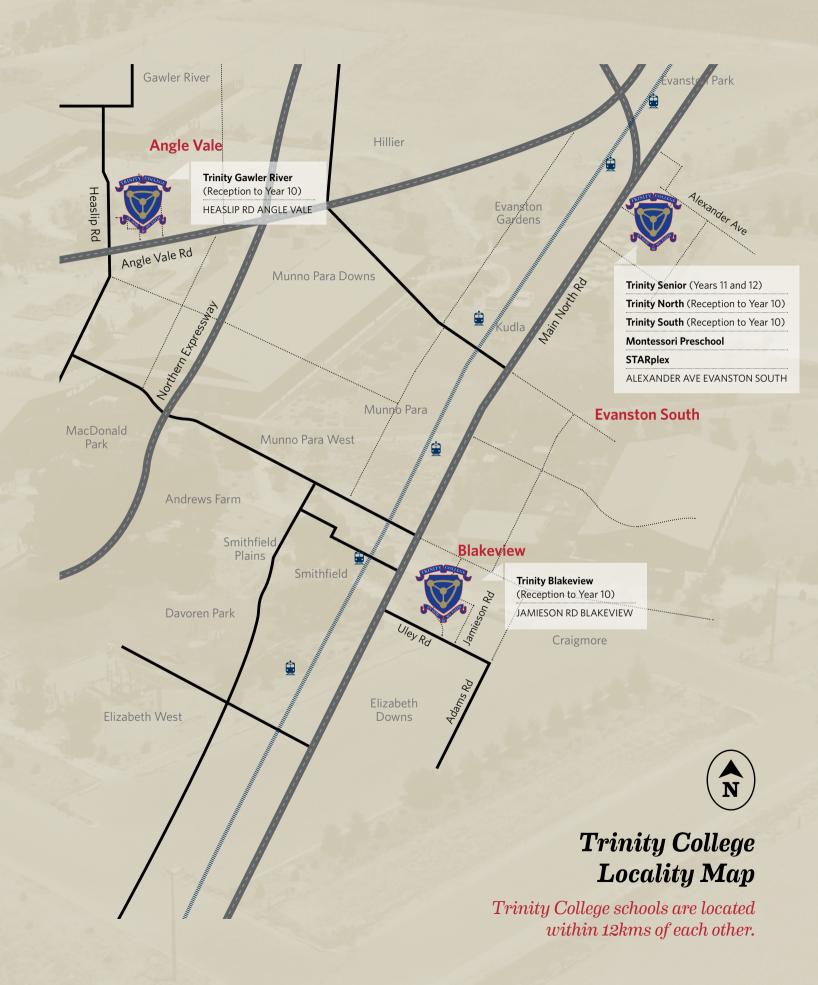
Spanning five schools, Trinity College supports 2,500 families, with 3,600 students from Reception to Year 12. Students get the best of both worlds. They receive the benefits and facilities of a large modern College, along with the personalised and individual attention traditionally associated with smaller schools. Our five schools feature state-of-the art facilities, modern comfortable classrooms and have excellent resources.

# STARplex

STARplex is a complete health and recreation facility which offers sporting amenities including four indoor courts and two swimming pools, a theatre, gymnasium, crèche, uniform and sportswear shop, café and four retail outlets. An Australian first, the multi-million dollar complex is owned and operated by Trinity College and provides a valuable facility for our students, their families and to the community in general.

#### MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL

The Montessori Preschool provides a creative environment for all children which is designed to stimulate a love of learning from an early age and is an excellent preparation for school life. The Preschool offers flexibility to families with half day and full day programmes. Nestled in the College grounds, preschoolers have the opportunity to interact with school-aged children and utilise the resources on hand at Trinity College. The most popular of these resources is the working farm and library.



# Quality Teaching and Learning

At Trinity College, we recognise that children learn in different ways and that every child has different strengths and goals.

Middle School *Years* 7-10 Junior School Reception-Year 6 Montessori Preschool 3-4 year olds

eaching and Learning is always a high strategic priority at Trinity College. Students are encouraged to set high goals and effort is rewarded and promoted. Students of all ability levels are supported. Hard-working and highly motivated teachers enable students to excel across an exceptional range of academic interests, vocational aptitudes and educational opportunities. Educators at Trinity are passionate about the learning of students in their care and are equally committed to developing their own professional learning. The College supports professional learning through targeted professional development and provides regular feedback and appraisal to teaching staff.

Established performance teams monitor student attainment data to optimise progress over time. Systematic and regular analysis of data assists staff to focus on high impact techniques like offering feedback to show students how they can improve their learning. Carefully crafted opportunities for collaboration enable staff to take advantage of the experience, resources and support of colleagues across the College.

Our curriculum is grounded in mastering key competencies and extending students to develop higher order thinking skills. Our learning environment is structured into Junior, Middle and Senior sections that apply age appropriate teaching strategies. Our extensive range of

subjects on offer enables students to select courses about which they are passionate and which meet their future goals. Teachers embrace digital technologies to optimise engagement and participation.

Rigorous data and anecdotal reports alike show that at Trinity, broad and diverse cohorts of students ultimately achieve their tertiary pathways in university and trade sectors. Trinity has achieved excellent results over a sustained period of time.





# College Life

Learning is not just confined to the classroom. Our facilities allow so much more to occur - extension opportunities enable us to develop the whole child.

e believe co-curricular activities are a vital part of a student's education as they enhance academic and vocational studies and in many cases, unearth hidden talents and abilities. All students are encouraged to choose at least one cultural and one physical activity to complement their academic learning programme, with activities generally run at the end of the school day. Academic extension programmes, bands and choirs, drama groups, dance, sporting activities, environmental opportunities, equine lessons, viticulture, catering opportunities, computing, robotics, public speaking, camps, overseas tours for languages, service work, social events and cultural exchanges are just some of those on offer, ensuring all students' interests and needs are catered for.



# Curriculum

Trinity College is a learning community committed to providing the finest in contemporary educational practice.

rinity College offers a wonderful range of subjects enabling students to select a path that best meets their individual learning needs. We cater to a range of learning styles including extension for gifted and talented students and provide specialised learning support programmes. Traditional and experiential teaching methods are used to develop competence and confidence in all skills with a special focus on literacy and numeracy.

Core subjects such as English, Maths, Science, Health and Physical Education, Geography, History and Religious and Values Education underpin the curriculum. These are complemented by a mix of compulsory and optional subjects including Art, Drama, ICT, Agricultural Studies, Music, Dance, Psychology, Design Technology, Chinese, French, Outdoor Education and Home Economics.

Trinity College Senior alone offers forty-seven SACE subjects to equip students with diverse knowledge, skills and attitudes to open doors to further study or employment.













ur community is vibrant and supportive. One of our key goals is to foster a co-operative relationship with those associated with the College. We understand that the role of the College does not finish at the end of the school day, nor at the conclusion of a student's education. Out of School Hours Care, Old Scholars' and Parents' and Friends' Committees are important aspects of our community life.

All students are encouraged to be involved in the spiritual life of the College; features include celebrations of the Christian calendar, Eucharist services and Community service.

#### PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Parents play an active role in the governance and daily life of Trinity College. The College Council sets the strategic direction for the organisation. Trinity College has an active Parents' and Friends' Committee at each school. The P&F supports the work of the schools through working bees, fundraising activities, reading support and school excursions.

### **OLD SCHOLARS**

The Old Scholars are a valuable part of the Trinity College community. As a result of the development of its four sporting teams: Hockey, Football, Netball and Cricket, as well as their annual reunions, they have become a growing support network for the College.

Old Scholars provide a connection between the College of today and its former students. Old Scholars perform a pivotal role in the continuing development of the College by supporting events such as Open Day, in addition to mentoring programmes, social functions and the Foundation's fundraising activities.

## THE FOUNDATION

Recognising and rewarding students for their achievements and efforts is an important part of life at Trinity College.

The Trinity College Foundation assists the College by raising funds for various Scholarships and Awards. The Foundation supports programmes such as artists-in-residence, Operation Flinders and the emergency needs of students in difficult times. The Foundation's generosity extends to the management of a Library Fund and Building Fund to which donations are tax deductible.

### ST FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH

In the heart of the Trinity College Gawler site is the College Chapel which hosts the St Francis Anglican Church congregation every Sunday. St Francis is relaxed and informal and is particularly child and youth friendly. Although the congregation is attached to Trinity College, everyone is welcome and many of the members have no particular link to the school.

# Creative

Trinity College offers students a number of opportunities to discover and explore their artistic potential.

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Curriculum calls for the
arts to be embedded in
all academic disciplines
and fields as a way of cultivating
creativity and imagination.
Experiencing the arts (dance, drama,
literature, media arts, music and
visual arts) is natural and necessary
for all children and young people
as part of their learning. Creative
opportunities exist as part of the
curriculum, and as optional subjects.

Trinity College students love their music with hundreds currently

receiving instrumental and/or voice tuition. We have concert bands at each school and all students can be involved in bands or choirs. Students have the opportunity to compete in music eisteddfods, both state-wide and nationally. The College also has a large variety of instrumental tutors, with specialist music rooms for individual tuition. Our drama department produces annual plays and musicals. The Hewitson Theatre enables full scale productions to be staged with an audience of up to 1,000 guests.

Trinity College has unearthed the talents of many budding artists. Specialist art rooms and facilities, including a kiln for pottery work, provide the ideal environment for artistic students. Their work is displayed each year in our gallery, known as 'The Space'. We are regular participants in the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival and have strong relationships with local professional artists who perform workshops with our students.







# **Physical**

With a passion for educating the whole person, Trinity College offers a range of activities to promote physical wellness.

hrough our sporting and co-curricular programmes, students at Trinity College are introduced to lessons of teamwork, goal setting and healthy competition. The positive interaction between students, staff and parents in the co-curricular programme greatly assists the learning that can take place in the classroom. P.E. is a core curriculum subject from Reception to Year 9, with optional choices in Years 10 to 12.

As an educational institution, we are uniquely placed to provide, in a meaningful manner, that fundamental educational link between the body and mind. Our Outdoor Education programme is a key component of what the College offers.

Because our teachers and coaches commit themselves to this aspect of our mission, we have a remarkable pool of educational and sporting experience on which to call. Trinity has committed resources to increase the profile, coaching standards and facilities to ensure that the best programmes possible are offered to all students.

One of the distinguishing features of our College is the comprehensive programme we offer and the convenience and security this provides for parents. Trinity seeks to offer opportunities that range from an entry level experience all the way through to high-end experiences. We provide a point of difference and reaffirm that offering a comprehensive co-curricular and sporting programme at Trinity College is critical to meeting our College aims.





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# Trinity College Frequently Asked Questions

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This booklet summarises the commonly asked questions
from parents about the College and we hope it inspires
further questions from you.



### 01. ENROLMENT

Trinity College is located in a rapidly developing community with many young families moving into the vast array of new sub-divisions.

Major intakes occur at Reception, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11.

To avoid disappointment, we encourage families to apply early for Reception enrolment.

The Year 7 and Year 8 intakes are offered two years in advance. Intake into Trinity College Senior for Year 11 or Year 12 is offered in the prior year. Early application is encouraged to allow your child to take full advantage of the considerable range of courses and subjects on offer.

Vacancies can occur at other year levels as current students leave. These places are filled from the waiting list.

# 02. ONE COLLEGE, FIVE SCHOOLS

At Trinity College, students get the best of all worlds. They receive the benefits and facilities of a large modern college, along with the personalised and individual attention traditionally associated with smaller schools. Our five schools (Senior, Blakeview, Gawler River, North, South) and our Montessori Preschool feature state-of-the-art facilities, modern comfortable classrooms and landscaped grounds. There is also plenty of room to move: the North and South schools are located on a hundred acres, and Blakeview and Gawler River are situated on over twenty acres each. Each school has specialist teaching and support staff, ensuring your child receives special care and attention, no matter which school he or she attends.

### **03. FEES**

Fees are set each year by the College Council, taking into consideration current costs that the College incurs and any anticipated increases. The College is committed to remaining affordable for a whole cross-section of society. Attractive discounts are available for early payments and families with more than one child at the College. Significant fee reductions are offered if you qualify for School Card and bursaries are available based on financial need. Refer to the College website for current fee structure.

### **04. TRANSPORT**

Various bus companies provide bus transport to the Trinity College schools. There are twelve different bus routes covering Kapunda, Golden Grove, Barossa Valley, Roseworthy, Mallala, Two Wells, Mt Pleasant, Gumeracha, Hewett, Mawson Lakes, Sailsbury areas, Hillbank and Gawler. Adelaide Metro runs trains from Adelaide and Gawler to Tambelin train station, a short walk from Trinity with a pedestrian underpass to the College.

#### 05. RESULTS

Trinity College has the highest number of SACE graduates of all South Australian schools. Since the inception of Trinity Senior we have consistently produced graduates in the top 1% of the State. Our VET programmes cover twenty-five different industries and can offer Certificate IV qualifications.

#### 06. HOMESTAY

Trinity College offers a Homestay programme for students from regional Australia and overseas. Homestay allows students to board with a local family who often has a current student at Trinity.

### **07. SUBJECTS**

With forty-seven subjects on offer in the Senior School, plus VET certification, Trinity College provides a diverse range of learning opportunities. To enhance these subject offerings, flexible timetabling and personalised learning programmes can be arranged for individual students to achieve academic success.

# 08. STARplex

A subsidiary of Trinity College, this recreational and well-being centre is open to the public. STARplex boasts a four court stadium, two indoor swimming pools, full gymnasium, café, a first class theatre, and various conference rooms, all under the one roof. Current parents receive discounts on a variety of programmes on offer at STARplex, which operates seven days a week.

### 09. SCHOLARSHIPS

Trinity College offers a range of scholarships to both current and external students. These are provided through the generosity of corporate sponsors and donors to the College Foundation.

# 10. OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Available from 6:30am until school commencement and after school until 6pm/6:30pm, Trinity has three designated OSHC sites: Blakeview, Gawler River and Gawler, which services North, South and Montessori students. These facilities also provide vacation care during school holidays.

#### 11. TOURS

We encourage all prospective families to visit the College to see our staff and students in action. Every year we host an Open Day on a weekend to allow current and prospective families to attend. We also offer tours during school hours throughout each term. Bookings are essential.

### 12. ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

To complement sport at Trinity, we have an equestrian centre, tennis courts, cricket ovals, soccer pitches, an indoor cricket facility, multi-purpose halls and change rooms. Specialist learning environments include a working farm and vineyard, an art gallery, the College Chapel, libraries, technology centres, computer hubs, the Trade Training Centre, AV rooms and the Blackham Environmental and Conservation Centre.

#### 13. PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents have numerous opportunities to participate in school life, either formally through a P&F committee, the College Foundation, Old Scholars' sporting clubs or through volunteer work such as listening to reading in the classroom, assisting with excursions, managing teams, helping with House events and more.

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# aariculture

Our fifty acre farm offers workshop resources for farm machinery maintenance, shearing sheds, modern agricultural laboratories and a wide variety of livestock. We also offer a horticultural programme. Our small winery and vineyard produces wines that have won a variety of commendations.



# performing

Drama productions provide students and our community with vibrant cultural experiences across a range of theatrical styles. Purpose built facilities at each of the schools enable the presentation of productions that are unique to their school, while still allowing students to work in partnership on whole College enterprises.



# space to play

At every school within Trinity College there is play equipment designed for all age groups. With nature paths, space between buildings, designated quiet areas, ovals and playing fields, there is plenty of space to play, explore and learn.



# sharing

Offering a balance of experience, youth and gender, our highly trained teachers are recognised as some of the best in their field. Their diverse life experiences strengthen our co-curricular offerings including overseas trips and exchanges.



There are thirteen scholarships available per year through the Trinity College Foundation. Current and external students are encouraged to apply. The Foundation also acknowledges student efforts across curriculum areas with Foundation Awards.





With over 200 sporting teams, Trinity students have boundless opportunities for physical activity including athletics, basketball, cricket, equestrian, football, hockey, netball, soccer, swimming, tennis and athlete development.





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# family friendly

Within STARplex, the Hewitson Theatre enables full stage productions that members of the public can attend including popular children's shows, theatre shows, dinner dances and musicals.





Adjacent to the College grounds, our equestrian centre is supervised by our resident qualified Level 1 Australian Coach. Participants with no horse experience are welcome to attend.



## outdoor education

From learning high-ropes to kayaking, hiking the Grampians and camping in the Flinders Ranges, our students are challenged to explore nature. On our doorstep is 535 acres of bushland known as Blackham, with on-site toilets, water and shelter for staff and students' comfort.



# skills for life

With a custom built Trade Training Centre, a professional catering facility and Tech Studies Centre our students can learn hands-on skills for life. We offer Certification I to IV in Vocational Education and Training (VET) in conjunction with the SACE.



## extension

Our Targeting Talents programme commences from Year 3 and encourages students to explore the challenging fields of robotics, maths extension, strategy games, debating, tournament of the minds and E-newspapers



# trinity service

Since foundation, service to others has been important to our community life. Students are encouraged to undertake volunteer work both for the College and for external organisations. Some of these activities include fundraising projects, mentoring, volunteering, coaching and peer support.