Prospectus
What does Prescott Primary Southern offer your child?

Prescott Primary Southern provides a warm, caring environment where all children can learn to relate positively to students, staff and other adults. It recognises the uniqueness of each individual and priority is given to helping every student develop academically, socially, spiritually, emotionally and physically to the fullest extent possible.

Prescott Primary Southern School will give students opportunities to:
- Participate in a differentiated curriculum
- Develop academic ability to their maximum potential
- Mature in physical skills
- Make positive social adjustments
- Build lasting peer relationships
- Cultivate critical thinking and problem solving
- Grow in Christian values
- Create a sense of pride in themselves and their learning environment
- Learn in a balanced environment where their natural abilities will be challenged

How big is Prescott Primary Southern?

Prescott Primary Southern is proud of its size. We currently have an enrolment of approximately 260 students. The small school focus enables students to enjoy close personal contact with the teachers and fellow students. We have the advantage of a family atmosphere with small class sizes - 24 students in Junior Primary, 26 in Middle Primary and 28 in the Upper Primary classes. This enables staff to give to each child the attention required in the implementation of a differentiated curriculum.
What are Prescott Primary Southern’s Priorities?

**Differentiated Curriculum**

Prescott Primary Southern staff recognise the individuality of a child’s learning needs and offers a program designed to maximise their potential in all areas of learning. Children are placed on levels of work based on achievement outcomes rather than chronological age resulting in satisfaction and challenge being an integral part of the child’s learning program. Children at an early age see themselves as individuals in their learning and are usually willing to be placed at appropriate levels for themselves rather than being concerned about their peers. The overall result is children feeling positive about their achievements in the academic areas.

**Christian Education**

Prescott Primary Southern is a Christian school. The teachers are dedicated to encouraging students to develop a love for God, acceptance of other people, and a healthy self-esteem.

**Gifted and Talented Focus**

Prescott Primary Southern caters for children in the Gifted and Talented Range. The school acknowledges the unique needs of this group of learners and endeavours to provide an environment that maximises their learning through their school experience. A differentiated Curriculum, accelerative options and contract learning enable these children to work at levels appropriate to their advanced development.

Support is also provided for them at the socio-emotional level. One on one counselling and group work assists the students in understanding themselves and relating to the wider community. The children also enjoy the association with others of like ability enabling them to feel fulfilled in their social relationships as well.

A wide range of electives is a part of the comprehensive curriculum, as this group of students requires the additional activities to maximise their learning potential.

Parent Education in meeting the needs of this group of children is also provided as a service of the school.
What other areas are important to Prescott Primary Southern?

Teaching of Values & Appropriate Social Behaviours

Prescott Primary Southern staff integrate the teaching of values into all subject areas, and encourage each student to adopt a positive lifestyle that shows care for the overall community and people they interact with on a daily basis. A strong emphasis is placed on cooperative behaviour and self-discipline on the part of students.

The School asks its students to follow four basic codes of conduct.

- Everyone has the right to work and learn without being disrupted by others
- Everyone has the right to be treated courteously and respectfully
- Everyone has the right to work in a clean and safe environment
- Everyone has the right to feel proud of his or her school

A well-structured behaviour management system operates with full staff support. Where possible natural consequences are followed through for student’s misbehaviour. Inappropriate behaviour is seen as a symptom and every effort is made to determine the cause and the best action for assisting the child in changing their approach to life.

At Prescott Primary Southern, students are taught the value of self-worth within a Christian context. The qualities of self-control, self-discipline, tolerance towards others and the acceptance of responsibilities for one’s own actions is promoted. Habits of courtesy, decorum, and graciousness are also strongly emphasised as being part of every day life.

A Peer Support Program across the whole school encourages children to work together in the supporting of one another in the social context.

Parental Involvement

The school encourages the participation of parents in its education program. Parent volunteers help with reading, individual support, library and administration tasks. The school encourages parents to volunteer their services to be members of Reference Committees. These committees exist to assist in the overall school operations and provide recommendations to the School Council.
Committees include:
Fundraising, Property Development, Gifted & Talented, Out of School Hours Care, Library and Occupational, Health, Safety and Welfare.

Keeping Parent/Guardian Informed of their Children’s Progress

Staff members at Prescott recognise that the education of a child involves not just the school but also the other significant adults who are a part of the child’s life. It is important for all to be regularly informed and work together as a team to maximise a child’s learning potential.

Student assessment is on a continuous basis taking into account class work, assignments, tests, participation and attitude. Parent interviews are a part of the reporting process, with all parents being encouraged to attend at least one interview per year. Written reports are issued in June and December and Profile Booklets sent home in March and September.

Our comprehensive assessment and reporting program enables us to keep parents informed on all aspects of their child’s performance in the school environment.

Homework

Homework is seen as a training activity in preparation for later years in schooling as well as providing drill for those children who need additional practice. Weeknight homework is structured from 10min to 45min per night depending on age and grade. A number of different areas of the curriculum may be covered although reading is seen as a high priority in the junior years with parents being encouraged to be involved in their child’s learning through listening to their child read on a regular basis.

Personal Development & Sun Safety

Prescott Primary Southern has established a uniform code and expects children to wear the correct uniform at all times. Children have a sport’s uniform, which is worn on Sport Day each week. Students are required to maintain high standards of neatness and tidiness in dress and grooming.

Our school has adopted a sun safe policy regarding the wearing of school hats that are worn whenever a child is outside. This policy is effective all year round.
What will my children learn?

Prescott Primary Southern has maintained a balance between educational innovation and effective traditional methods of teaching.

Our curriculum includes:

The Arts:-
Art
Craft
Drama
Movement to Music
Music

Christian Faith Development
Health and Personal Development:-
Physical Fitness
Sport

Language: -
Writing (including spelling)
Reading & Viewing
Speaking and Listening

Languages Other Than English
Japanese

Mathematics
Science
Society and Environment
Technology
Further learning areas include:

**Adaptive Education**
An adaptive education program is offered to meet the requirements of students with specific needs. This includes children in the gifted and talented range, those with English as a second language and those who have a specific learning disability. Gifted and talented students are accelerated in their areas of strength, being placed at the appropriate level of ability in all subject areas. Children are encouraged to be self-disciplined and opportunity is provided for them to work independently and take responsibility for personal achievement.
English as Second Language students receive individual and group tuition to develop their language skills to the level of their overall ability.
Students with Specific Learning Difficulties are integrated within the regular class, being given work at their own level of attainment. Personal tutoring on an individual basis is also available for a limited time each week for students who meet the criteria.
A reading recovery tutor is employed within the school to provide support for children in the early years of school.

**Instrumental and Voice Music Tuition**
Private tuition (user pay basis) is currently offered in the following disciplines:
- Voice
- Guitar
- Piano
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Drums
- Violin
- Saxophone

**Choir and Concert Band**
Prescott Primary Southern has both a junior and senior choir. Participation in the choir is optional. Children are not required to audition for either choir.
Children in Grades 4-7 have the opportunity to participate in the Junior School Heads Association Music Festival held annually.
A concert band meets once per week and children who are involved in learning an instrument are encouraged to join.

**Computing**
The instruction in computer skills within the school creates new opportunities for enhancing student learning. Children from Reception to Year 7 receive tuition in computing for a minimum of one hour per week. Computers are located in all classrooms, their ready access enabling their use across the subject areas.

**Library**
All children participate in Library instruction each week.
Sport

Sporting professionals are regularly scheduled to provide instruction to the students in their area of expertise. A comprehensive program is offered across the whole of the school. The instruction at school provides student with exposure to a variety of sports. Children may then choose to further develop their skills in a specific area outside of school hours.

After School Sports Clinics operate on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons as part of the Active After Schools Program. This is no cost to the students. Two different activities are offered each term.

Worship

Prescott Southern is a Christian school. All children participate in a 5-minute worship period at the beginning of each day as well as a 15-20 minute Christian Faith Development lesson sometime throughout the day. The principles of Christianity are taught through the stories of the Bible.

Children attending the school come from a variety of Christian and non-Christian backgrounds. Personal beliefs of students are respected and the staff encourages an environment of acceptance of individuals as exposed by Christ when on this earth.
What other services does Prescott Southern provide?

School Bus Service

Prescott Southern operates a school bus system that enables children to travel to the school from the northern, southern and eastern areas.

The school’s buses serve the areas from Willunga, Aldinga, Hallett Cove, Christies Beach, Sheidow Park, Aberfoyle Park and Eden Hills. Pick up and Set down points is negotiated according to the needs of the students currently using the service. Every attempt is made to accommodate the needs of students.

Currently a bus charge of $165.00 per child per term or $115.00 one way per term is charged. If you would like specific information regarding the schools’ bus routes contact the school office.

Out of School Hours Care

An Out of School Hours Care service operates each day between the hours of 6.30am – 8.30am and in the afternoon from school finishing to 6.30pm. Outside these hours care is available provided the coordinator is given advanced notification.

Vacation Care is offered for the school holiday periods except for two weeks over the Christmas period.

Cost of Out of School Hours Care varies depending on your Child Care Rebate eligibility.

School Uniform Shop

Prescott Southern has its own School Uniform Shop where parents are able to purchase all the required items. This enables parents to shop at the one location.
**How to enrol at Prescott Primary Southern?**

A Registration of Interest form is included with this prospectus. Please complete and forward the form to the school. On the receipt of this form, school personnel will contact you to arrange an appointment for you to meet with the Principal. Alternatively you may contact the school for an appointment by phoning 83814290. You are welcome to view the school while in operation.

A Waiting List currently applies in some grades. It is recommended for children beginning school in Reception at Prescott that you complete your application forms at least two years prior to starting date to guarantee your position being available.

Admission is subject to School Board approval following a personal interview with the Principal.

**How old does my child have to be before attending Prescott Primary Southern?**

There are two intakes for children starting school for the first time. If children turn five between January and March (Term 1) they may be enrolled at the beginning of the school year. Children turning five between April (Term 2&3) and October may be enrolled in the July at the beginning of Term 3. However if they have not turned five by day 1 of Term 3 and they are not candidates for early entry, they will need to spend 12 months in the Reception Grade and 18 months in Grade 1. Children in this category would naturally move into higher-level work as required. This is the advantage of the differentiated curriculum offered at Prescott Southern.

Due to the unique needs of students in the Gifted and Talented range, Prescott Southern is happy to accept the enrolment of children under five. If you have a child who you feel would benefit from early entrance, please feel free to contact the school.
How much are the School Fees?

Annual Fees 2010

Tuition Fee:    $2514.00 per annum
Building Fund Levy: $50.00 per annum
Working Bee Levy: $45.00 per annum per family
I.T. Levy: $80.00 per annum
Excursions: $32.00 per annum
Swimming 1 term only
R-5 $16.00 - 6-7 $20.00

Discounts

The fees are structured to assist families, by offering discounts as listed. Please contact the school if you are unsure of your eligibility in any area.

Early Payment
A 5% Discount will be given if School Fees are paid in full by week 2 of Term 4.

Sibling Discount
Discounts on tuition fees for children attending any Prescott School:
1 child full fee
2 children 15% discount for each child
3 children 30% discount for each child
4 children 40% discount for each child

School Card Discount
Families who qualify for “School Card” are eligible for a fee remission of 50%.

Prescott Fee Assistance
The school will also receive applications from families who do not qualify for government assistance but who otherwise cannot afford to enrol their children in the school. Limited places are available each year.

SDA Church Budget Supportee
Local Seventh-day Adventist Churches contribute subsidies to active church members to assist them with Christian education. Parents of students within the school support this program. Employees of church based companies may also receive subsidies from their employers.