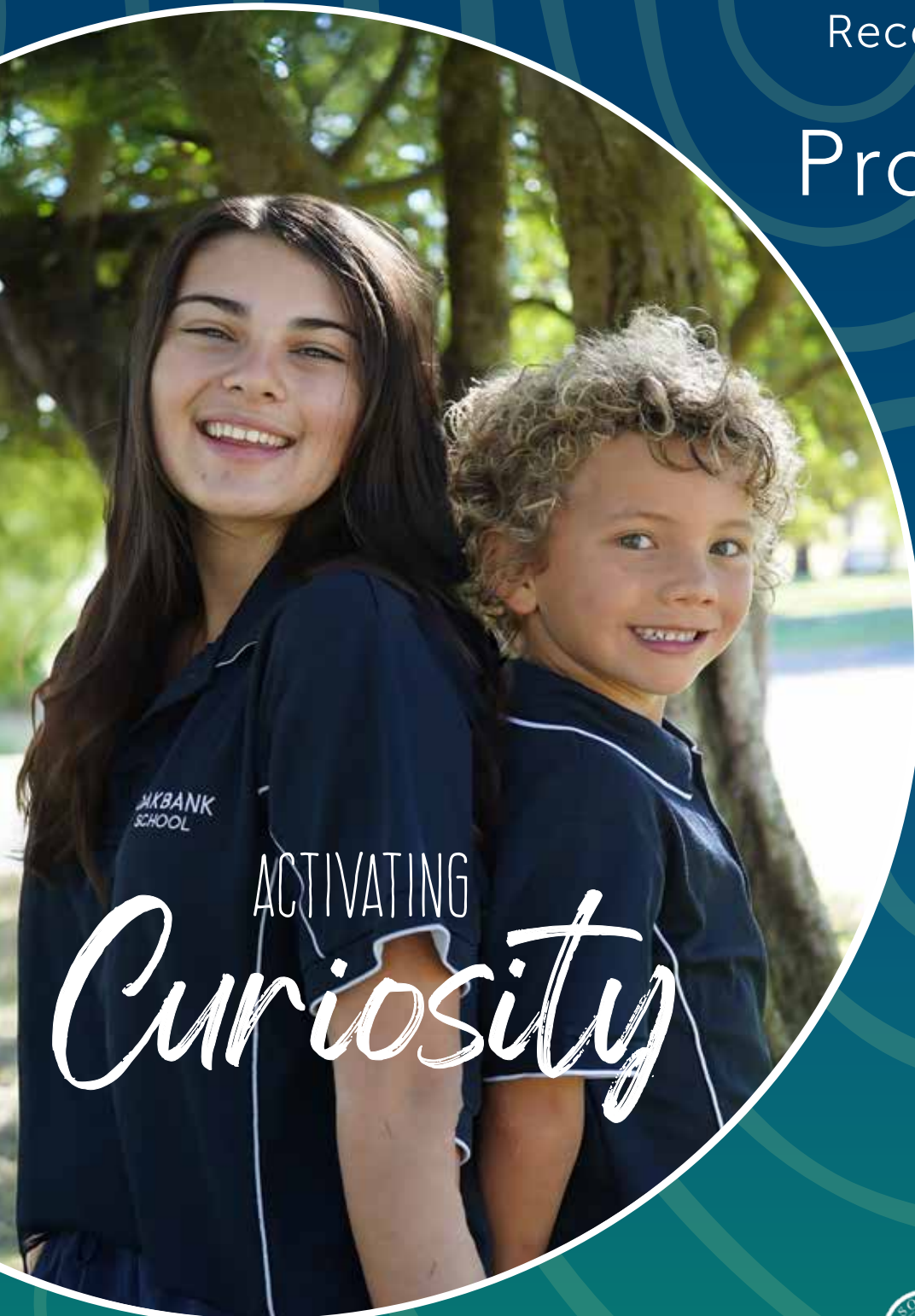




# OAKBANK SCHOOL

Reception - Year 12

## Prospectus



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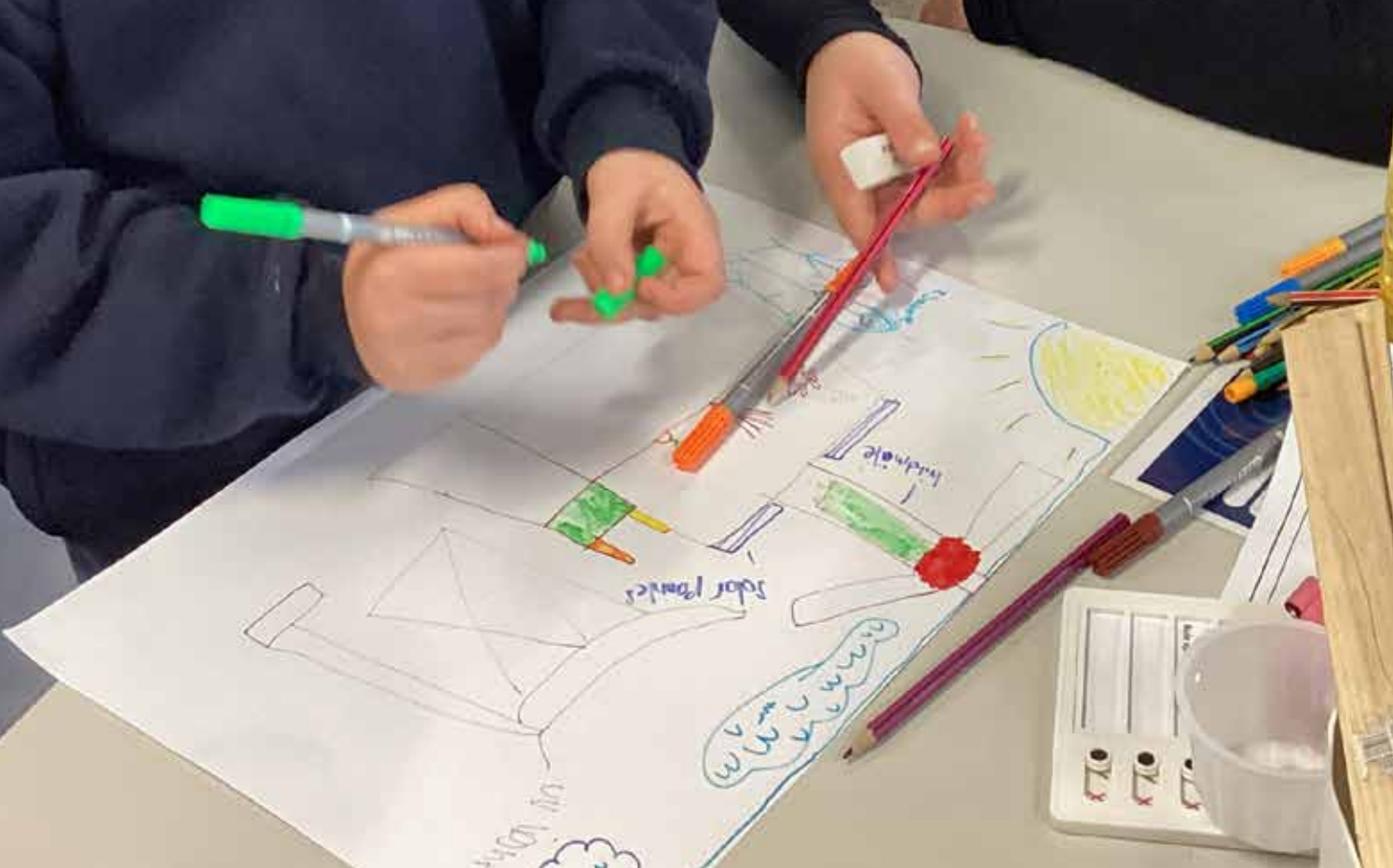


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# Welcome to **OAKBANK SCHOOL**

## Reception - Year 12

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*At Oakbank School we see and value every child.*

*We empower our students to thrive by connecting them with real-world learning experiences, enhancing their personal character, intellectual curiosity and academic confidence.*

*We provide a foundation for all students to achieve a fulfilling and purpose-driven future.*

*When Oakbank students thrive, so does our community!*

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### In the Heart of the Hills

Nestled in the heart of the Adelaide Hills, between Oakbank and Balhannah, Oakbank School has stood for over 85 years. We are surrounded by centuries old majestic gums, as well as fields of orchards and livestock.



### Nurturing the Future

Whether your child takes their first steps into Reception or embarks on the exhilarating high school journey, starting at Year 7, we promise a personalised and powerful learning experience.

We know and value every child and young person at our school.

Our educational environment is future focussed. We foster curiosity, ignite passion, and invite exploration.

Our families choose Oakbank School for our rich real-world learning experiences and diverse vocational pathways, alongside the strong sense of connection and belonging we create.

**\$16 million**

State Government  
\$16 Million  
infrastructure &  
targeted uplift  
funding for  
Oakbank School  
2025-2027

# ACTIVATING Curiosity



## Activating Curiosity, Inspiring Growth

At Oakbank, building intellectual curiosity, academic confidence and personal character is central to our purpose. We do this in a way that celebrates the kaleidoscope of talents, backgrounds, and dreams in every student.

We see in every child their brilliance and their uniqueness, and we nurture it. Their journey here isn't just about education; it's about connection. Connection to each other, to the land, and to the boundless possibilities that await beyond school.

As Principal, I am proud to lead this dynamic and inclusive school community. We provide the foundation for all students to achieve a fulfilling and purpose-driven future.

We invite you to step inside and discover how we can guide and inspire your child to thrive, because when Oakbank students thrive, so does our community!

**Lee Knight**  
Principal



## At Oakbank School, our students are "Ready to Learn"

Our "Ready to Learn" program affirms student identity, behaviour and interactions by fostering connection, respect and responsibility.

# Ready to Learn



- I can communicate with care.
- I build positive relationships.
- I learn and collaborate with others.
- We all have the right to learn and achieve.
- I value different ideas and opinions.
- I respect where I am and who I'm with.
- I am responsible for my choices.
- I am responsible for my learning and growth.
- I am punctual and prepared.

## Connection

## Respect

## Responsibility

# INSPIRING Growth



## Agriculture Reception to Year 12

Our Agriculture program begins in Reception, where wonder and curiosity lead the way. Our young learners explore food systems, experience caring for small animals and begin to understand their connection to land, people and community. Learning is hands-on, joyful and grounded in real experiences.

As students move through the years, that curiosity deepens into knowledge and capability. They explore vineyard and orchard management, livestock systems, soil science, sustainability and enterprise. They learn not just what to do, but why it matters — building problem-solving skills, critical thinking and confidence along the way.

By the senior years, students are working with authentic industry practices. They analyse real data, manage projects, solve genuine agricultural challenges and explore pathways into agriculture, wine, science and environmental industries. They graduate with practical skills, leadership experience and a clear sense of direction.

Across Reception to Year 12, our Agriculture program reflects our core values of connection, respect and responsibility. Students learn to care for the land, contribute to their community and understand their role in shaping a sustainable future.

At Oakbank School, Agriculture grows confident, capable young people ready to make a meaningful contribution to the Adelaide Hills and beyond.

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*At Oakbank School, Agriculture isn't just a subject — it's a journey of discovery that grows with your child.*

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# Primary School Reception to Year 6

## The foundations for life-long learning

Primary school is where our youngest students begin to engage with formal education. It's during these early years that good learning and social habits are established, as they start to explore ideas about their community and their relationship with it. Here, the first seeds of the curriculum are sown, with students being introduced to the subjects and skills that form the foundation of learning, enquiry, problem-solving and academic discipline, in a fun, supportive, challenging and inspiring environment.

Being a Reception - Year 12 school allows our primary students to benefit from the expertise of specialist teachers as well as providing access to specialised facilities.

Students have access to specialist teachers and facilities from Reception in;

- Agriculture
- Performing Arts
- Japanese
- Health & Physical Education

## Curriculum

At Oakbank School, we are committed to fostering a supportive and vibrant learning environment where every student can thrive and prosper. The South Australian curriculum prioritises growing student character, skills and knowledge of the world through the dispositions and capabilities a learner will need to succeed and achieve in all facets of their lives.

We proudly integrate the Department for Education's new phonics and morphology programs, ensuring strong foundational literacy skills for every child. Our teachers utilise the Brightpath writing tool to deliver targeted feedback, enabling students to develop confidence and proficiency in their written communication. The Berry Street Education Model further enhances student wellbeing and engagement, equipping learners with resilience and emotional literacy.

Our focus on targeted intervention and individualised learning ensures that each student receives the support and challenge

they need to reach their full potential. Beyond academic growth, we emphasise skills for lifelong learning, preparing students to adapt, succeed and contribute positively to their communities.

## Curriculum Reception to Year 6

Students from Reception to Year 6 study the SA Curriculum, which includes:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science, including agriculture
- Humanities and Social Sciences, including history, geography, civics and citizenship, and economics
- Japanese
- Health and Physical Education
- Technologies, including digital and design technology
- Creative Arts



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*We are small enough to know each member of our school community personally, but large enough to provide our students with the pathways to grow, thrive and follow their dreams.*

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In our school community students will thrive and grow to be and do their best.

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## Secondary School Years 7-9

Broadening outlooks, developing skills, and becoming well-rounded learners

During years 7-9, students build upon the foundations they established in Primary School and begin to expand their interests, ideas and enquiries. While they start to think more globally, they're also encouraged to explore their relationships with the local community to a greater level. It is also in these years that students take their first steps towards considering future pathways in learning, careers and society.

### Curriculum

The SA curriculum is designed to progress learning in the core subjects, as well as introducing new specialties.

Subjects include:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science, including biology, chemistry, physics, earth and space science
- Humanities & Social Sciences, including civics & citizenship, geography, history and business enterprise
- Japanese
- Health & Physical Education
- Creative Arts (Visual Arts & Drama)
- Technologies (Digital, Design, Food & Agriculture)

Students have a 'Connect' teacher who will know them well and will communicate with parents and caregivers. They also have access to specialist teachers and facilities to extend their learning across all areas of the curriculum.



## Secondary School Years 10-12

### Preparation for life beyond the school gates

These three critical years are when our students start to think more intently about their future – from tertiary studies and careers to the expectations they will face as adults. Together with enhanced freedoms in subject choice and planning comes greater responsibility for their own actions, behaviour and time management, but all the while, still fully supported and guided by staff, their peers and the caring, close-knit Oakbank School community.

#### Year 10

Year 10 students are introduced to their SACE journey with the subject Exploring Identities & Futures and are able to provide input into subjects studied in addition to the compulsory core subjects. The year 10 curriculum at Oakbank School includes:

##### **Compulsory subjects:**

- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Exploring Identities and Futures (EIF) @ SACE Level
- Health & Physical Education
- Science, including biology, chemistry, physics, and earth and space sciences

##### **Other subjects (semester or full-year) that may be offered:**

- Agriculture
- Art
- Business Enterprise
- Design Technology
- Digital Technology
- Food Technology
- Physical Education (additional semester)

#### Year 11 and 12

##### – SACE Stage 1 and Stage 2

SACE Stage 1 (Year 11) and Stage 2 (Year 12) sees students tailor their curriculum to their fields of interest and their goals, while continuing to develop their abilities in core subjects. The Oakbank School SACE curriculum recognises that there are many different ways for students to reach their goals – from those wishing to gain essential work qualifications including traineeships and apprenticeships to those students looking to enter university or TAFE courses. Subjects in year 11 and 12 include:

##### **Compulsory subjects:**

- English
- Mathematics
- Activating Identities & Futures (AIF)

##### **Choice subjects that have been offered:**

- Agriculture
- Art – visual, creative or community
- Biology
- Business Tourism
- Chemistry
- Child Studies
- Digital Technologies
- Food and Hospitality
- History
- Material Technologies
- Physics
- Psychology
- Society and Culture
- Workplace Practices
- Physical Education

##### **Open Access**

Students who wish to study subjects that are not offered onsite may be supported through accessing Open Access learning - see page 9 for further details.



## VET & Open Access

### Vocational Education & Training

Oakbank School is a member of the Adelaide Hills Student Pathways (AHSP) group, which provides a number of accredited Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses each year to students and others from within the Adelaide Hills' community.

The successful completion of VET units may be included in a student's SACE units, and a full Certificate III or higher may be used towards an ATAR for University entrance.

Oakbank School, has state of the art VET facilities. Our Cyber Security lab was completed in 2025 and allows students to study in a facility which includes the latest technologies.

Our Agriculture and Animal Care students have access to both our Kelsey Farm and science facilities.

The VET programs offered across the AHSP include:

Run at Oakbank School

- Animal Care & Husbandry
- Information Technology (Cyber Security)

Run by AHSP at other sites:

- Engineering Pathways
- Food Processing (Baking)
- Allied Health Assistance
- Automotive Servicing Technology
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Screen & Media
- Fitness Instructor
- Commerical Cookery
- Construction Pathways
- Electrotechnology (CareerStart)
- Plumbing (Pre-Apprenticeship)

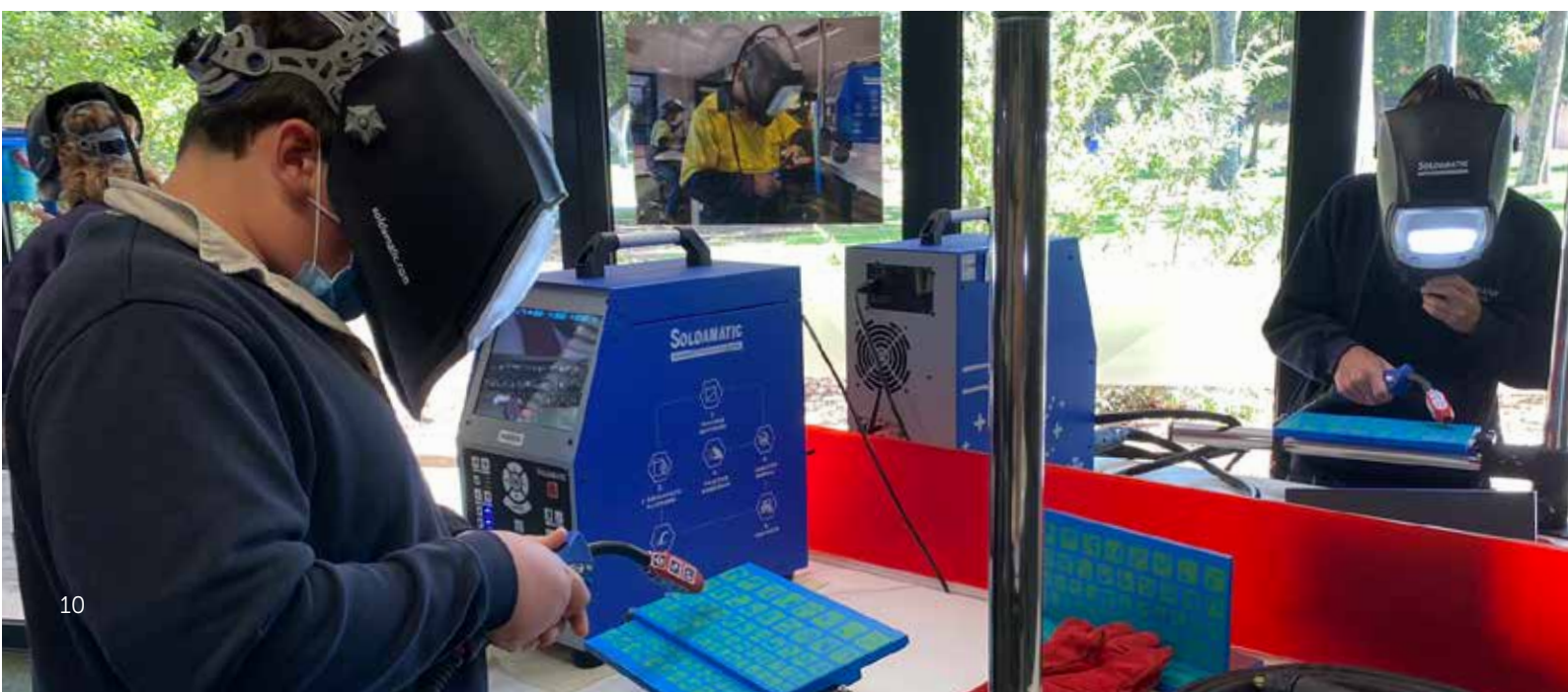
### Open Access

Students who wish to study subjects that are not offered onsite may be supported through accessing Open Access learning. This ensures that students who require a subject for a specific pathway will have access to this.

In recent years students have studied;

- Legal Studies
- Specialist Maths

In order to undertake Open Access studies, students must first demonstrate a need, commitment and ability to study in an online environment.





## Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program Years 7 to 12

All Oakbank School students in our Secondary School (Years 7 to 12) are asked to bring their own laptop to class each day. Our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) model is a “light-touch” or “open” model where students are able to access the school’s wireless network, with their personal laptops during the school day for the purpose of learning. This gives access to our Learning Management System, online applications and resources, filtered internet, printing and enables secure collaborative projects.

Please see our BYOD Handbook or our website for program requirements, purchasing and further details.





## Student Support

### Wellbeing

At Oakbank, wellbeing is about supporting every student's mental, emotional, and physical health; through dedicated wellbeing initiatives and a caring community, we help students build confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of belonging.

Our Wellbeing Team collaborates closely with students, parents and caregivers and staff to provide comprehensive support across a range of areas.

The team assists with personal and relationship concerns, behavioural or attendance issues, harassment, conflict resolution, as well as career planning and pathways. In addition, the Wellbeing Team offers guidance with work experience, study skills, and organisational strategies, ensuring students are equipped for success both at school and beyond. Our team is also able to liaise with students and families to identify needs for additional support, and make referrals to external providers as required.

### Inclusion

At Oakbank School, we are committed to fostering an inclusive learning environment where every student is valued and supported. We recognise and celebrate the diverse abilities, backgrounds, and experiences our students bring to our school community.

Our dedicated staff work collaboratively with students, families, and specialist agencies to ensure all learners have equitable access to the curriculum. We tailor our teaching approaches and utilise evidence-based practices to meet individual learning needs, enabling every student to reach their full potential.

Adjustments and supports are embedded in classroom practice to create a sense of belonging and success for everyone. Through respectful partnerships and open communication, we strive to build resilience, confidence, and a positive school experience for all.

In addition, we provide a range of targeted intervention programs from R-12 designed to support students' literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional development. These programs are tailored to meet individual learning needs, ensuring that students have the opportunity to build essential skills and achieve success.

Wellbeing & Inclusion Leadership Team

- **Assistant Principal, Inclusion & Wellbeing**  
Maddy Eccleston
- **Wellbeing Leader**  
Jasmin Ferraro
- **Intervention & Inclusion Manager**  
Ruth Hughes

### Gifted and Talented

In valuing and promoting students' individual strengths, Oakbank School recognises the needs of gifted and talented students, and supports their unique learning needs by:

Providing opportunities for extension classes in Maths & English.

- Identifying gifted and talented students already within the school
- Accommodating flexible curriculum arrangements, including acceleration where appropriate
- Providing training and development for teachers, to enhance the opportunities for our gifted students



## Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities

Oakbank School's co-curricular and extra-curricular options have been created to give students the chance to explore areas of interest more deeply, challenge themselves in the spirit of competition, and open their eyes to the world beyond our own community. Historically, activities have included:

- Senior Ski Trip
- Career Open Days
- Regional and national sports carnivals
- Camps across years 3-9
- Science Week & Book Week
- Royal Adelaide Show competitions
- Industry visits
- PARTY program at RAH
- Work experience
- Choir
- Music & band experiences



## Student Leadership

The Oakbank Student Leadership Council (SLC) represents the student voice and plays a vital role in shaping our school community. It fosters leadership, encourages student participation in decision-making, and strengthens connections both within the school and the broader community.

The SLC addresses various school related matters, such as improving wellbeing, enhancing school grounds, refining learning experiences, and more. This dedicated group organises activities and events, including clubs, competitions, casual days, and whole-school initiatives like Open Night, with guidance from mentor teachers.

There are many opportunities for student leadership from Reception to Year 12. All students are encouraged to put their name forward to be part of our SLC. Students who join lead by example, promote a positive culture, and embody the school's values.



## Sport and Physical Activity

Physical fitness is strongly linked with good learning outcomes and sound emotional and mental wellbeing. Accordingly, Oakbank School encourages all students to participate in physical activity and we are proud of our sporting achievements.

The school gymnasium is used for a variety of sports within the Physical Education program, for intra-school and inter-school sport and also by the local sporting community. Our Health and Physical Education programs, school events and inter-school sports include:

- Athletics Day (Reception to Year 12)
- Badminton
- Australian Rules Football
- Netball
- SAPSASA sports
- Soccer
- Sports Clinics
- State-level Secondary School athletics carnivals
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
- Basketball





## International Program

Oakbank School enjoys opportunities for students from a variety of global destinations to come and learn and live in the Adelaide Hills. With the support of the International Student Placement team in the Department for Education,

Oakbank plays a significant role in hosting and facilitating a special experience for our visiting international students. Our families also enjoy the chance to host students

and give them an authentic Australian experience that leaves them with memories for a lifetime.

Financial incentives ensure that our families are looked after when hosting an international student. For more information regarding hosting opportunities, contact the school.



## Facilities

Oakbank School provides specialist facilities which include:

- Large, modern Resource Centre, catering for all students from Reception to Year 12
- Cyberspace - cybersecurity lab designed to prepare students for careers in industry
- Makerspace - a focus on programming, 3D printing and robotics
- Buildspace - design & technology workshop areas
- Food & Fibre Technology Hub
- Science laboratories
- Performing Arts facilities
- Visual Arts facilities
- Extensive agriculture grounds, including orchard, vegetable garden and vineyard
- School hall
- Oval, soccer ground and tennis courts
- Gymnasium
- Beach volleyball courts
- Canteen providing a wide range of healthy food and drinks



## General Student Information

### Daily Schedule

The school day begins at 8.45am. All students are expected to be on campus by this time, however, students should not be onsite before 8.30am. Dismissal is at 3.15pm each day except Wednesday which is 2.25pm.

Our Primary students have an eating time in class before breaks for ten minutes.

### Out of School Hours Care

We work in partnership with Woodside OSHC with students accessing this using our school bus service.

**Woodside OSHC**  
David Patrizi 0411 779 529

## 2026 Timetable

			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Connect	8.45am	15m	Connect	Connect	Connect	Connect	Connect
Lesson 1	9.00am	55m	1	4	1	Assembly	5
Lesson 2	9.55am	50m	3	4	1	2	4
Break 1	10.45am	30m					
Lesson 3	11.15am	55m	4	5	2	3	6
Lesson 4	12.10pm	50m	6	5	2	3	6
Break 2	1.00pm	40m					
Lesson 5	1.30pm	55m	2	6	3	1	Activity
Lesson 6	2.25pm	50m	5	Connect	2.25pm Early Dismissal	Health	Activity
Finish	3.15pm						



## Communication

Clear and timely communication is essential to quality education.

### DayMap

The main channel of communication throughout the Oakbank School community is via our Learner Management System, Daymap.

Students and staff use Daymap to keep track of the latest school information and to help manage timetables, appointments, learning resources, and subject requirements including homework and assignments.

Parents and caregivers use Daymap Connect via the web or the Daymap Companion app to access important school information including reports, attendance and student assignments.

Daymap is the first port-of-call for any enquiries.

### Newsletters

Newsletters are published twice each term. They will be emailed to parents and caregivers via DayMap.

Newsletters can also be found on the school website under Latest News.

### Assemblies

Regular school assemblies are held to convey information to the student body, as well as to publicly recognise student achievements. Within the sub-schools, students assist in planning and running assemblies, including:

- Primary School assemblies
- Secondary School assemblies
- Whole-school assemblies
- Special purpose assemblies for guest speakers, performances and student achievement recognition

### Socials

Oakbank School's Facebook & Instagram pages is a more informal news and discussion platform, where photos, activities, information, and announcements of upcoming events are shared with the school and wider community.



## Transport

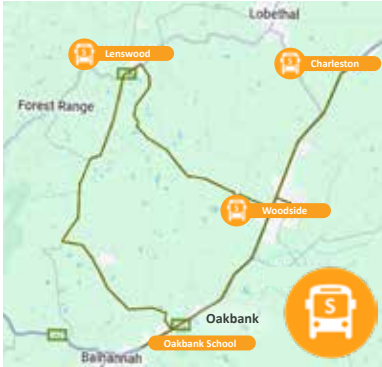
There are a number of ways students can get to and from Oakbank School:

- **Bus:** Department for Education buses depart the school grounds approximately ten minutes after the final bell each day. Travel is free on the department buses and on buses contracted to the department, where Oakbank is the student's school of right and the student lives at least 5km from the school.  
  
Other public school bus services operate and have set fees for school students.  
  
These routes include the 890, 891, 835 and 874.
- **Walking:** Students crossing the Main Road using the pedestrian-operated crossing located near the main gates.
- **Cycling:** Bicycle tracks run along the side of Onkaparinga Valley Road. Bike racks are located on the school campus.
- **Car – driven by parent or caregiver:** Students alight in the gymnasium car park.
- **Car – driven by student:** Before students will be allowed to drive to school and use the designated student car park, they must have approval from the school.



# Department for Education School Buses

- School bus routes outlined below are indicative only.  
Please contact the school on application for eligibility for a detailed route and timetable.



**CHA/LEN ◀▶**  
 Department for Education  
 (Eligible School Bus Service)  
 Charleston /  
 Lenswood  
 (AM+PM Service)



**HAR/WOOD ◀▶**  
 Department for Education  
 (Eligible School Bus Service)  
 Woodside / Inverbrakie /  
 Harrogate  
 (AM+PM Service)



# Adelaide Metro General & School Bus Services

- Visit [adelaidemetro.com.au](http://adelaidemetro.com.au) for full schedules and routes



**835A ▶**  
 Adelaide Metro  
 (Bus Service)  
 Mt Barker to  
 Lobethal  
 (AM Service)



**835 ◀▶**  
 Adelaide Metro  
 (Bus Service)  
 Lobethal to  
 Mt Barker  
 (AM + PM Service)



**874 ▶**  
 Adelaide Metro  
 (School Bus Service)  
 Oakbank School  
 to Lobethal  
 (PM)



**891 ▶**  
 Adelaide Metro  
 (School Bus Service)  
 Oakbank School  
 to Littlehampton  
 (PM)



**890 ◀▶**  
 Adelaide Metro  
 (School Bus Service)  
 Nairne to Oakbank  
 School (AM + PM)



## School Uniform

It is a condition of enrolment that students wear the correct Oakbank School uniform. The uniform serves a number of important roles, including:

- Instilling a sense of pride in the school and in the students themselves.
- Being practical and functional.
- Adding to safety by making it easy to identify visitors who are not members of the student cohort.

As there are different requirements for different year levels and different seasons, the latest uniform guidelines can be found on the Oakbank School website.

### Uniform Provider

Devon Clothing  
Shop 24, Clovercrest Plaza  
429 Montague Road,  
Modbury SA 5092

Bookings essential between October & February. Check website for Mount Barker Pop-up store times

<https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au/shop-by-school/oakbank-school/>

Telephone 8350 7930

Opening times

Monday - Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm  
Saturday: 10.00am to 1.00pm

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*...when others in our community see our students in their Oakbank School uniform, they immediately see our school and what we stand for.*

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## Parent & Caregiver Involvement

Oakbank School has a strong family atmosphere and we are keen to develop and maintain a good partnership between parents and caregivers, teachers and students.

Opportunities to be involved include:

### o Library

Our library volunteers can learn library procedures and develop related computing skills at the same time.

### o Classroom Support

We are always keen to hear from parents, caregivers who have an hour or two spare, to listen to students read, teach craft skills or discover other opportunities.

### o Governing Council

Our Governing Council is made up of parents and caregivers, community members, students and staff, and work with the Principal to provide governance of the site.

### o Parents & Friends Group

Our Parents and Friends (P&F) group plays a vital role in shaping the strong sense of community that defines Oakbank School.

This group provides an opportunity for parents, caregivers and community members to become actively involved in school life through volunteering, supporting events, and contributing to projects that enhance our students' learning experience.

Whether it's lending a hand at school events, assisting with fundraising initiatives, or sharing expertise and resources, P&F members make a meaningful impact. Volunteering through the P&F is a wonderful way to connect with others, support our staff and students, and help create a welcoming and vibrant school environment.

### o Agricultural Support & Sponsorship

As an agricultural school, Oakbank School takes pride in offering students hands-on learning opportunities across a range of agricultural disciplines. Community and industry support are essential in helping us maintain and grow these programs.

Parents, local businesses, and community partners are invited to contribute by providing sponsorship, materials, livestock, or practical expertise. These contributions directly enhance our agricultural facilities and help ensure our students gain valuable, real-world experience in sustainable and innovative farming practices.

Whether through volunteering your time, sharing your knowledge, or providing sponsorship, your involvement helps us continue to deliver high-quality learning experiences that prepare students for future success.



*Legislation requires that all regular volunteers require a Working With Children Check clearance and to complete Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Educational Care Centres training.*

**We would love to hear from you!**  
For more information, or to register interest, please contact our **Business Manager, Louise Spencer** on 8398 7200.



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## *Principal's Tours*

### **Looking for a new school to call home?**

Join us for one of our **Principal's Tours**, book via **QR**, **website** or **phone** us - we'd love the chance to show you why Oakbank School is a great choice to activate and inspire your child's education!



## *Ready to enrol?*

### **Fill out an enrolment enquiry form now!**

Visit [oakbank.sa.edu.au/enrol](http://oakbank.sa.edu.au/enrol) and complete an enquiry form to secure a time to chat with one of our leaders to see how Oakbank School will fit for you!



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