

CARMEL SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



Carmel School
FAITH & KNOWLEDGE

SHALOM

Welcome to Carmel School - a modern, Orthodox, Zionist, co-educational, Jewish day school situated in the heart of Perth, Western Australia.

At Carmel, our professional, expert teachers build a safe and nurturing culture of learning in which students thrive. Our small classes enable personalised education, meaning students are known by their teachers and develop strong working relationships with them, optimising their chances for success.

Carmel School provides an unashamedly academically rigorous education. Students understand the importance of working hard and doing their best. They work collaboratively, striving for excellence and reaching their goals. Teachers support student wellbeing and develop independence, providing regular and constructive feedback.

We foster a love of learning in our students, who benefit from a very strong sense of belonging. They develop a sound understanding of their social responsibility and explore what it means to be Jewish.

Our aim is that Carmel students graduate as young women and men who know right from wrong, love learning and are courageous enough to live by a set of carefully thought-out values. We want them to have discovered their passion, to be sufficiently resilient to thrive in their post-school lives and to be ready to make a difference in their community and the world.

We are a small enough school that your son or daughter will be known and cared for; large enough to provide excellent opportunities for our students.

We warmly invite you to come and visit our campus, experience a Carmel welcome and see our teachers and students in action.

DR JULIE HARRIS

Principal



OUR SCHOOL



MOTTO

Faith and Knowledge.

VISION

We uphold the vision of Am Yisrael Chai; the eternal nation and Jewish continuity.

MISSION

To promote Jewish continuity through the knowledge, identification and connectedness that are taught and modelled in the School.

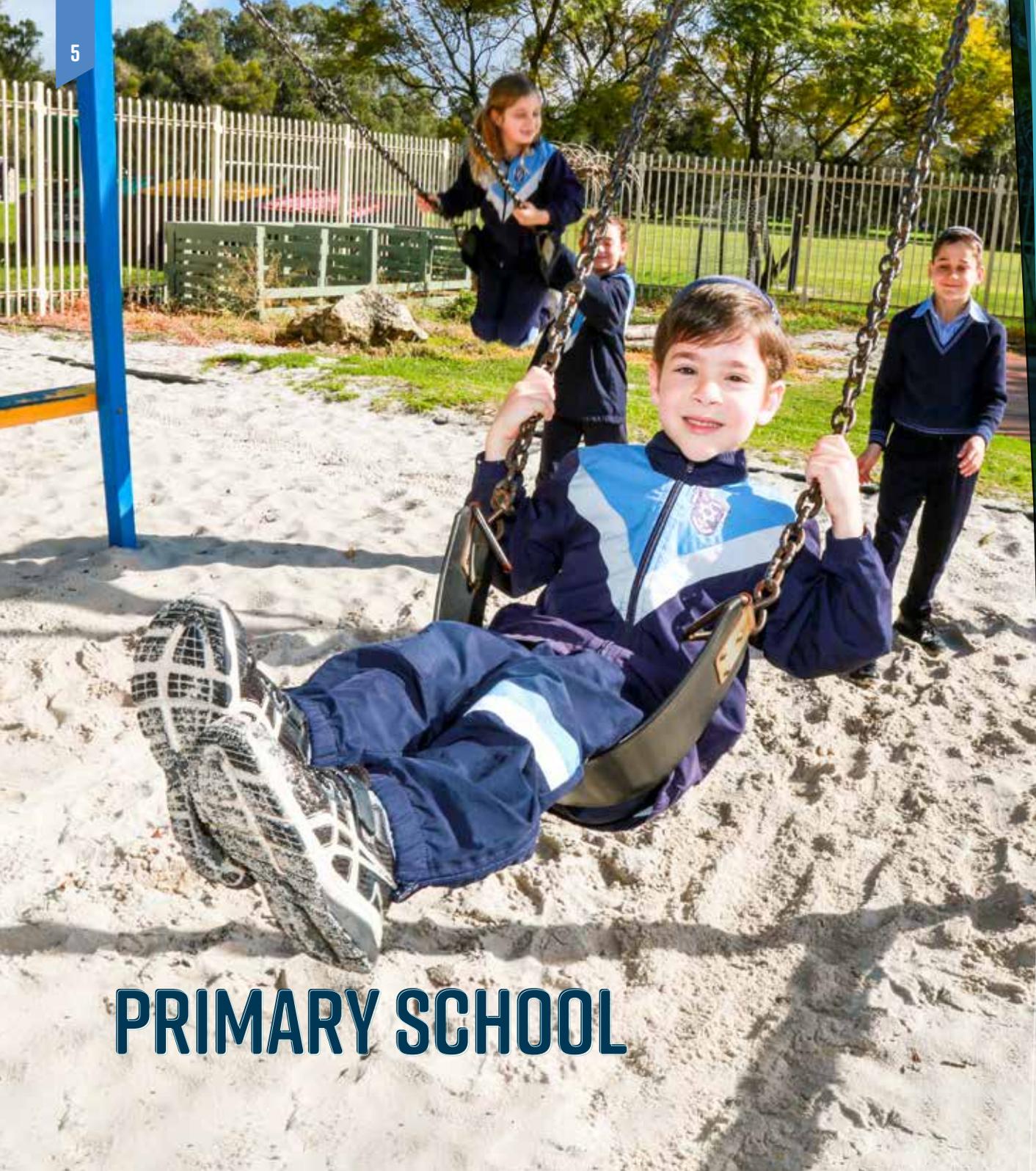
THE CARMEL SPIRIT

Our School spirit enlivens our campus.

Celebrating Jewish faith and culture is a significant feature of the Carmel experience, as well as being at the heart of our School spirit. Our School spirit, or ruach, is a visible, tangible force, unique to Carmel that adds life to our campus and community. Our School spirit

extends beyond the gates as we provide opportunities for the broader Jewish community to interact and be involved in celebrations, commemorations and significant events. This central role played by Carmel School enables our community to flourish.





PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Carmel, the early childhood and primary school years are the foundation of our unique educational experience.

Our Primary School is a vibrant campus that includes the Ashley Schaffer Early Learning Centre, nature and age-specific play spaces, a library, sports oval and hall, eco-centre and garden plus classrooms with breakout spaces that encourage collaboration, investigation and the ability to provide targeted teaching in small groups.

During their primary school years, our students engage with the Western Australian Curriculum which is delivered using developmentally appropriate pedagogy and well-researched learning and teaching methodologies. We offer a broad range of opportunities to students of all abilities and are well known for delivering programs based on differentiated needs.

Data is used purposefully to form learning groups so that each child is working within their zone of proximal development. There is the LEAP (Learning Enrichment) program for those children requiring academic extension in Years 4-6 and small group support provided by a range of staff to deliver explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy skills.

The dynamic and engaging Jewish Studies curriculum cultivates and further develops the identity of our students.

They are provided with a sense of security and a depth of knowledge about who they are and where they belong.

A large selection of free extra-curricular activities is offered and facilitated by staff, ranging from dance, visual arts, coding and sports to chess, nature play and opportunities to volunteer at associated charities. We are active in Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) events that include public speaking, multiple sporting opportunities and engagement with the arts.

Our Primary School prides itself on its strategic and informed approach to mapping and facilitating the appropriate learning journey for each of our children. We prioritise building strong, respectful and trusting relationships with every student. We value parents as partners in their child's educational journey and know that communicating regularly and clearly about social, emotional and academic progress creates a supportive space for our students to grow and develop.

Carmel Primary School is a caring and nurturing environment where we see our students thrive.

HIGH SCHOOL

Our High School is dedicated to encouraging our young people to find their passion and fulfil their potential.

Unashamedly academic, our students' achievements are a testament to the strong learning culture that permeates our School. Our students join an academic culture of personal excellence, adding practice and skills as they move through high school to help realise the best version of themselves. Expert teaching staff are dedicated and supportive, helping students to achieve their educational goals. Small classes mean that students benefit from personalised learning experiences, which suit their individual skills and interests. A range of subjects at ATAR and General level as well as the opportunity to study VET subjects through our association with TAFE, enables Year 11 and 12 students to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) through a variety of different pathways.

Within our high-performing environment, wellbeing is of the utmost importance.

Students are placed into vertical house groups, encouraging authentic interaction between the year levels and enabling older students to act as mentors and leaders to our younger students. Students are given many leadership opportunities throughout high school in the areas of sports, culture, community service and Jewish life.

Many extra-curricular opportunities are available to students each year. Carmel competes against other independent schools in summer and winter sports tournaments and our supervised clubs include debating, mock trials, robotics and chess, as well as a daily homework club. Camps and excursions provide further opportunities for students to learn more about themselves and build friendships with their peers.



We embrace technology as a tool for learning, with resources and feedback on performance readily available through our learning management system. Learning spaces in the High School are flexible and allow for small group collaboration as well as whole class tuition. Carmel School has a fully functional performance space, well-equipped science labs, a dedicated Visual and Performing Arts department, a kosher Food Technology Centre, gymnasium

and an area dedicated to the study of entrepreneurship.

The majority of Carmel graduates go on to careers of purpose, in areas where they have skills and interest. Our students undertake career guidance in Year 10, assisting them to choose subjects preparing them for Years 11, 12 and beyond. Many spend a year overseas in Israel before commencing tertiary studies at leading Australian universities.

JEWISH STUDIES

Our Jewish Studies program is at the heart of our learning experience. The program provides students with the fundamental knowledge of their Jewish heritage and a positive sense of self-identity.

We cater for students from a diverse range of backgrounds and religious observances, with the objective being that every student, regardless of background, should receive a meaningful, satisfying and relevant Jewish education. From their earliest years, students embark on a very successful Hebrew language program. Their Hebrew skills are further utilised in their Jewish Studies classes on Torah, parsha (the weekly portion) and chagim (holidays and festivals).

In High School these courses evolve into Yahadut (Judaic Studies), Tanach (scripture) and Jewish History. Senior students in Years 11 and 12 have the option of continuing with their Hebrew language studies or studying Religion and Life to WACE level.

The pinnacle experience for students is Shorashim, a journey to Israel that takes place in Year 10 and provides the opportunity

for students to connect with their spiritual and cultural homeland. This life-changing pilgrimage has a long-lasting impact on students' lives and fosters a special and permanent link with Israel.

The Jewish Studies curriculum is supplemented by an array of informal educational activities. These include guest speakers, seminars, school camps, festival celebrations and Shabbatonim, all of which contribute to an enriched Jewish atmosphere at Carmel School. It is also bolstered by the daily participation in the morning tefillah, which allows our students to become familiar with Jewish liturgy and the value of personal prayer.

From Kindergarten through to Year 12 our students are immersed in Jewish communal life. The School is closely affiliated with the various synagogues, the Maurice Zeffert Centre for the Aged, and other Jewish community organisations. Our staff and students work closely with youth movements, support Tzedakah and G'Milut Chassadim programs and nurture a strong sense of community through representation and participation in communal functions and celebrations.





OUR GRADUATES

We are proud of our Carmel graduates and committed to developing young women and men of outstanding character.

Our aim is that all students will graduate from Carmel School with a love of learning, a sound understanding of themselves, the way they learn and the difference that they can make in the local and global communities.

Community service opportunities are woven into the school experience throughout the years,

with students regularly engaging with and bringing joy to the residents in the local retirement home. Students also raise money for meaningful causes, with fundraising recipients including the Jewish National Fund (JNF), Menora Charity, Oz Harvest, the Black Dog Foundation and countless others.



FEES AND ADMISSIONS

We welcome applications from families of all backgrounds and religious observances who wish to embrace the Carmel School experience.

Within our school population, a diverse range of backgrounds is represented. All of our families have one thing in common; the belief that with a Carmel education their children will be well-equipped for a future of purpose.



There is a range of events and activities that prospective families can get involved in to understand more about Carmel School.

We encourage families to register interest in the school on our website, carmel.wa.edu.au, which is also where families can apply to enrol.

Our fees commitment is that families will receive a high standard of Jewish education at a cost that is both representative of the value of this experience and affordable for families.

Carmel offers a Fee Assistance program to eligible families in appropriate cases, on application. This process is dealt with in the strictest confidence by our Chief Financial Officer.

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