



# ST HURMIZD

ASSYRIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcome to Our School

**At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School we aim to create a safe, nurturing and challenging environment which is built on Christian values, positive relationships and developing the whole student.**

At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, we train each child to grow up committed to their faith, heritage and education, allowing them to make a difference in the world.

It is an honour to be entrusted with the education of some of the brightest and most promising children of our community. St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School has grown in strength each year creating a stimulating and dynamic environment allowing our children to become tomorrows leaders.

At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School educational excellence matters, each student's holistic development is our central concern. Through the work of our dedicated staff, we aim to build each child's confidence, knowledge and commitment to learning.

We thrive on making a difference in the lives of our students as this is the forefront of everything we do; we have created an atmosphere which fosters a passion for learning and providing students with the opportunities to achieve their full academic potential while always integrating our three pillars of Faith, Heritage and Education in everything they do.

As a parent, you are part of our community we partner together to lead your child towards a future filled with endless opportunities. Let's begin this journey together.



Mr Benjamin Khoshabeh  
Principal







## **Our Vision**

**We foster the heritage and Christian values of the Assyrian Church of the East, developing individuals who strive for excellence, are life-long learners and live their faith.**

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## **Our Mission**

**We provide students of any background a unique education based on 21st century pedagogy in order to equip them with necessary skills so that they will be active Australian citizens, reflecting the faith, heritage, language and culture of the Assyrian Church of the East.**



## Our Journey

**Providing an exceptional education delivered by our passionate staff in a dynamic environment.**

The first stage of St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School was opened on Sunday 20th January 2002 by His Beatitude Mar Meelis Zaia. Towards the end of his opening speech His Beatitude said "...a school, in which our people from all denominations will have pride in knowing that they have accomplished their national obligations upon which rely all the coming generations. May the blessings of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ be upon all of you."

Our school commenced its first term of teaching on Wednesday 30th January 2002 with 86 students.

**Our school's motto is:** Haimanoota, Yartoota and Yulpana which translates into: Faith, Heritage and Education.

Currently St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School is providing educational service to over 700 students including religious studies, Assyrian Language and all NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Key Learning Areas.

His Beatitude's vision did not stop here. He also envisaged the development of a secondary education institution and it became a reality with the establishment of

St Narsai Assyrian College, St Hurmizd Early Learning Centre & Grace Child Care Centre.

Members of our Assyrian community in Australia are proud of these achievements and thankful that future generations of Assyrians living in Australia will have the opportunity to learn about their faith, history, language and culture.

### **Our Educational Philosophy**

At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, we're committed to developing a child who is equipped to become a life-long learner. We want our students to acquire skills, be creative and solve problems. We nurture a learning culture that celebrates creativity, engagement and critical thinking. Our professional standards are deeply embedded in worldwide research and best practice. We actively seek to share our expertise, facilities and resources to create a vibrant global educational community.

We provide our students with a balanced education through extensive academic and co-curricular opportunities. Students are supported and encouraged to explore a wide range of programs as they develop their skills in an environment of dynamic, engaged learning.

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**Our Teachers**

To know your child is to understand them as an individual with unique strengths, interests, talents and desires. Your child delights in their life at St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School because they are known, nurtured and respected for who they are. In response, their wonder and joy of learning know no bounds. Our teachers will carefully and individually guide your child, celebrating their creativity and engaging their natural desire to learn. Our school, with its teaching practices embedded in worldwide research, will nurture your child in facilities deliberately designed to create a learning environment ideal for each stage of their development.

**Our Student Wellbeing Program**

Our school Behaviour Management Policy takes into account the Anti Bullying and Discipline Policies.

We adhere to a whole school approach to promote positive behaviour. This approach has a strong emphasis on teaching

appropriate behaviours and providing systems of support to bring about these positive behaviours. Our school provides a safe and supportive environment in which learning takes place.

Student discipline practices are based on restorative principles and are respectful of the dignity, rights and fundamental freedom of individual students, and at the same time are focused on the effective running of the school for the benefit of all.

**We recognise the importance of:**

- Fostering the Christian values of justice, love and respect
- Encouraging collaboration between home and school
- Supporting student well-being
- Each child's stage of development
- Care for self and others
- Maintaining a safe environment
- Awareness and respect for other cultures
- Restorative justice principles

**Faith**

We seek to cultivate in our students a deep appreciation of Christian values within the faith of the Assyrian Church of the East.

**Heritage**

We integrate the noble heritage of the Assyrian people into a living curriculum that allows for an appreciation of the past, an understanding of the present and a mission for the future.

**Education**

We foster excellence in education through an exceptional faculty of highly skilled leaders and educators who challenge our students to reach their full academic potential.



# Student Learning

**Inspiring each child to achieve their personal best.**

At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, our focus on the individual ensures that every student is educated to their full potential at every stage of their learning journey.

**The K- 6 curriculum integrates the six Key Learning Areas (KLA):**

- English
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Human Society and its Environment (HSIE – History and Geography)
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Creative Arts

The school model involves the core subjects of Literacy (English), Numeracy (Mathematics), Science and Technology, History and Geography (HSIE). These are differentiated and integrated to cater for the needs of each student by modifying the pace, level and content of teaching, learning and assessment activities.

**Specialist teachers provide expertise in:**

- Language - Assyrian
- Religious Education - Assyrian Church of the East

## **Assyrian Language**

Language is one of the most significant gifts human beings possess. It not only serves as a means of communication in our interaction with other people but it is also the vehicle

through which we rationalise and express our emotions and feelings. Our capacity to verbalise a range of emotions, thought processes, abstract concepts, even our sense of humour is dependent on our acquisition of competent language skills so that we develop the ability to express ourselves and communicate with other individuals.

Children enjoy exploring different ways of expressing themselves through the vehicle of language. At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, students have the opportunity to learn Assyrian and appreciate it as one of the most beautiful and important languages in the world that gave voice to civilisation!

Assyrian is taught as a second or foreign language to all students at St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School and is compulsory. Our program aims to inspire and motivate our young learners to develop language skills that are both relevant and useful. We provide the students with a diverse range of engaging activities to further their understanding of the Assyrian language. The fully qualified, specialist Assyrian teachers utilise a variety of educational technologies, as part of their daily lessons to bring the Assyrian language to life in our classrooms.

In infants, students receive two hours of Assyrian language instruction every week and this increases to three hours in the primary years. Classes in Years K– 6 are grouped according to ability levels.



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“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” PROVERBS 22:6



## Spiritual Life

Guiding our students to grow and reflect in their Christian Faith.



At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, we believe it is important to develop good values and positive character traits in our students. We endeavour to equip students to be:

- Honourable
- Thoughtful
- Open-minded
- Well-adjusted
- Reflective
- Inquirers
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Risk-takers
- Informed

Students of St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School are also expected to learn about and to follow the broader school values of Faith, Heritage and Education.

### Spiritual Program

Christian Studies at St Hurmizd Primary School, is at the heart of teaching and learning. The program is based on the faith, traditions, teachings and doctrines of the Assyrian Church of the East. Through living and teaching our Christian faith, we aim to pass on to the students an understanding and love of Jesus Christ, a respect for themselves and others as people of God.

Our Christian Studies program allows students to develop skills, values and attitudes that will help them to be active members of our faith community.



# Beyond the Classroom

Providing expectational co-curriculum activities which allow each student to flourish and explore their unique talents.

St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School offers a wide range of co-curricular activities for students wishing to enrich their learning in various ways and to cater for special talents and abilities. These include:

- Choir
- Dance
- Public Speaking
- Gardening
- Coding
- ICAS academic competitions
- Art Club
- Games Club
- Book Club
- Debating
- Gala Sport Days
- Gymnastics
- Swimming
- Music
- CSSA Soccer
- Chess
- CSSA Oz-Tag
- School Band

## Our enrichment and extension programs

At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, we believe that high potential learners including gifted students are entitled to rigorous, relevant and engaging learning opportunities that acknowledge their learning needs, strengths, interests and goals. The enrichment and extension opportunities offered endeavour to ensure the needs of all students are met. Our Enrichment Program is designed to identify, support and extend learners of high potential within a challenging, creative and nurturing environment.

**Enrichment** St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School recognises that all students deserve to have their academic needs met. The school aims to provide quality whole school enrichment for students of all ability levels through varied and rigorous classroom and co-curricular experiences.

**Extension** We also recognise that high potential learners, including gifted students, have specific learning needs and through the Extension Program we cater for these students. The program is designed to ensure the particular intellectual, social and emotional needs of our high potential learners are identified and supported throughout their time at St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School.



“ St Hurmizd caters to each students’ strengths, be they, academic, sporting, music, art or technology. This allows each student to explore their interests and achieve their goals. PARENT ”







## Student Leadership

Today's students, tomorrow's leaders.



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At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School we believe that the development of strong leadership skills begins in the early years.

St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School's guiding principles of Faith, Heritage and Education provide positive leadership behaviour in all students.

**In K-2**, students are encouraged to become responsible organisers and positive role

models, with class leadership roles shared to ensure an inclusive culture.

**In Years 3-6**, students are presented with a wide range of leadership opportunities. Each class elects a Class Captain every term and a SRC (Student Representative Council) member each year.

**In Year 6**, students have the opportunity to take on more complex leadership roles. These include Sports Team and House Captains.







# Beyond St Hurmizd

Transforming our school into a community  
because we are better together.



The strength of St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School lies in the fact that it is a friendly community that warmly welcomes parents as well as its students. At the heart of this community are many active parent groups who are working to support the school and to provide care to nurture families through their school years and beyond.

We don't just enrol students at St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, we enrol families.



The St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School Parents and Friends Association helps foster a strong sense of membership within the school community. Parents are often represented on the school's various governing and fundraising committees. Seldom would a week go by without there being some opportunity for parents and friends of the school to be engaged in some activity at St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School. We love this involvement. It transforms our school into a community.



“ They have within them a whole world of possibilities. Their earliest experiences, with wise guidance, will determine their potential. Their journey begins here. A place of noble history. A place of belonging. ”







# Joining Us

**Thank you for considering St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School for your child’s education. Your family’s journey starts here.**

Now you have read about all of the opportunities that await your child at St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, we invite you and your family to visit and experience our learning environment for yourself.

At St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School our enrolment procedures are focused on providing guidance to parents wishing to enrol students of all year levels. We aim to ensure that the school’s policies are upheld and all enrolment procedures followed to help maintain a smooth transition into primary education. All applications are considered on their merit.

**Registration**

Entry points are Pre-Kindergarten (4 year olds) and Kindergarten. Casual vacancies, however, can occur in intervening year levels. Families are encouraged to discuss potential vacancies with the school at any year level. Enquiries can be directed to the school’s front office.

Prospective parents are invited to register their interest by submitting an Application for Registration Form, which can be downloaded from the school website. Applications must address the criteria listed on the enrolment form, including payment of the appropriate non-refundable admission fee. All applications must be accompanied by a copy of your child’s Birth and Baptism certificates and Immunisation History Statement.

We look forward to partnering with you in developing your child’s potential, expanding their horizons and turning them into outstanding young people.

For all enrolment enquires at St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School, contact us on the following:

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