



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

Excellence in education for children with intellectual disabilities

MISSION STATEMENT

St Lucy's School is a Catholic primary school in the Dominican tradition for students with disabilities. We provide excellence in education that empowers students with the values, knowledge, attitudes and skills to flourish and participate fully in society.

ABOUT ST LUCY'S

St Lucy's caters to primary-aged children from all religious backgrounds. We have an enrolment of approximately 140 students with our main campus in Wahroonga, Sydney and satellite classes on the Northern Beaches. At St Lucy's, we view each child individually in order to unlock their unique potential and to encourage them to become independent. We provide a holistic education, offering outstanding academic programs taught by special educators. Access to the programs is supported through the involvement of the Therapy Team. It is part of our mission to raise awareness of issues pertaining to disability in the wider community.

St Lucy's supports students in their pathway to other educational settings when they are ready or as they move to high school.





ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

Excellence in education for children with intellectual disabilities

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

St Lucy's is a registered primary school with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES). Students at St Lucy's undertake a breadth of learning across the Curriculum in the Key Learning Areas of English, Mathematics, Creative and Practical Arts, Human Society and its Environment, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, and Science and Technology.

We believe that students learn best by doing and utilise a range of teaching methods to motivate and engage them in their learning.

Spirituality is encompassed in all that we do. The students come together as a community to pray, celebrate and sing. Spiritual learning is provided in class and a Sacramental Program is available.

Creative Arts is a central part of the St Lucy's curriculum. Specialist staff in the areas of Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Arts guide the children to find new ways to express their ideas and build their technical skills to communicate what they learn, think and wonder.



The children also enjoy an expansive Physical Education curriculum including swimming, athletics, ball skills and bike riding taught by a trained Physical Education teacher.

It is through our broad approach to education that students find and develop their individual interests, passions and gifts and acquire essential skills and knowledge for life.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

In addition to our in-class academic programs, St Lucy's provides other opportunities for learning including:

- Support Services designed to support staff and students and delivered by our expert Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, and School Psychologist
- Individual Reading and Mathematics programs coordinated by our expert Literacy and Numeracy teacher
- Extra-curricular Creative Arts programs including All Abilities Dance, Art and Theatre Projects, and Holiday programs
- Opportunities for play with mainstream peers through a range of play programs including the Buddy Program
- Support for families through our Pastoral Care Team, OASIS group and workshops
- Positive Behaviour Support led by a Positive Behaviour Support Team

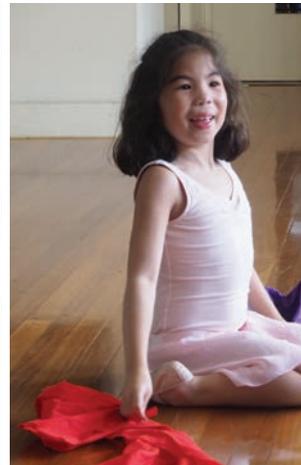
INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (IEPS)

We work collaboratively with families including bi-annual meetings to develop individual goals for students which form the priority for their learning. Progress on these goals is monitored through careful and detailed assessment and is reported twice yearly in school reports. A student's progress over the course of their time at St Lucy's is tracked using a range of published and school developed diagnostic assessments.



FACILITIES

St Lucy's has state of the art facilities that include a large, imaginative and challenging playground, a Creative Arts Centre which includes studios that are supported by the latest in sound and technology equipment, an indoor gym, a ball court, a stimulating library and computer centre and light, airy classrooms equipped with the latest learning technologies. We also have a heated swimming pool for Physical Education.



St Lucy's School

21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga 2076 Australia • Tel +61 2 9487 1277 • www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au
Part of the mission of the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands

SATELLITE CLASS PROGRAMS

In addition to our main campus at Wahroonga, we have three satellite classes – two classes of 10 (Kindergarten - Year 1) at St Joseph's in Narrabeen for students starting school and one class at St John's, Narraweena for years five and six students preparing for high school.

Start Right

The Start Right program is based at St Joseph's in Narrabeen and taught by St Lucy's specialist teachers. Start Right is typically a two year program and focuses on preparing students for their next school setting. Most students from this program will successfully transition to a mainstream school.

Students who show signs of readiness will transition to their new school earlier. The Start Right program assists students to establish the classroom and social skills required for school and to acquire academic foundations for Literacy and Numeracy. Students have opportunities to engage with their mainstream peers at school events such as Mass and Assembly and in the playground at morning tea and lunch. Specialist St Lucy's staff deliver Creative Arts and Physical Education lessons.

Aim High

The Aim High program is based at St John the Apostle in Narraweena and is focused on preparing students for high school in an inclusive setting. Students in the upper years of primary get intensive instruction from St Lucy's specialist teachers while having opportunities to integrate with their mainstream peers in the playground, at school events and on regular excursions including a yearly camp.

Students are equipped with leadership skills and the confidence and competence for a successful transition to High School. Specialist St Lucy's staff deliver Creative Arts and Physical Education lessons.



St Lucy's School

21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga 2076 Australia • Tel +61 2 9487 1277 • www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au