Our Boys:
Go further
Maximise every opportunity
Open new horizons
Reach higher to achieve more
Set goals and stretch them
Maintain traditions with pride
Set an outward vision for the future
inspiring excellence
Over the years we have proudly maintained our traditions whilst developing an outward vision for the future of the College and its students.

Is it any wonder that we have gained such a highly regarded reputation within South Australia and internationally?

Encapsulating a strong academic, sporting and co-curricular life, Prince Alfred College supports an education that is outside the normal boundaries.

We invite you to travel beyond and discover where Prince Alfred College can take your son.

Take your expectations for what a school can offer your son even further through a diverse and progressive education.
expectation
In a world filled with challenges and rapid change, we focus on what we do well. We nurture, develop and educate boys in the ways that boys learn best.

We have spent over 145 years understanding and researching the effectiveness of single sex schooling. We know what makes boys tick, how to mentor them effectively, how to motivate them academically and importantly, we understand their specific needs both in and out of the classroom.

- Boys mature later than girls
- Boys prefer an active approach to learning
- Boys can struggle with literacy
- Boys respond well to incentives
- Boys have boundless physical energy
- Boys are essentially disorganised
- Boys are great leaders
- Boys are risk takers
- Boys need role models
- Boys are humorous

As an all boys school, we focus entirely on the needs of boys and celebrate their every success.

We develop unique curriculum to inspire boys to do their very best.
beyond
I am proud to be Headmaster of Prince Alfred College, a school with fine traditions and heritage, high quality programs and an exciting future.

We recognise that we are educating our students for a changing, and increasingly globalised, world, in which the skills and values that they learn during their school years will be as important as the knowledge they have acquired.

Above all else, Prince Alfred College is a school for boys, dedicated to enabling them to achieve their best in all fields. Given the increasing evidence that boys have unique educational needs, we believe that we are well-placed to assist them on their journey.

We have a strong sense of who we are and also of our objectives in the education of the young men in our care. We aim to develop the Princes Man, a well-educated individual who will pursue his pathway in life with confidence and compassion.

Our message for our students is 'Work hard; be kind'. We expect our students to commit themselves fully to what they do in all areas and to exercise compassion and care in their relations with others.

Our school motto is 'Fac fortia et patere', which translates as 'Do brave deeds and endure'. We want our students to show courage in the decisions they make, and in their approach to life generally. But we also want them to understand that they will only achieve their potential through persistence and perseverance.

Bradley Fenner, Headmaster
Early Learning Centre

The journey starts in the early years, giving your child a solid grounding for what lies ahead and the sense of belonging to a larger school community.

We embrace everything special and unique about young children – their sense of inquiry, creativity, curiosity and imagination.

As part of this we offer two distinct educational philosophies, the progressive Reggio Emilia approach to learning and the Primary Years Program (PYP) developed by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO).
Preparatory School
Starting school can be a huge step for any child. Wearing a new uniform, understanding boundaries, responding to stimuli are all part of the educational process.

The appetite for learning is voracious at this age – as is the need for understanding young boys and steering them in the right direction. The concept of nurturing becomes all-important and in the Preparatory School we pride ourselves in building solid foundations for life long learning.

The IB Primary Years Program (PYP) guides the teaching and learning from Reception to Year 6.

Our classes in the early years are structured so that individual needs are easily met. Specialists in Art, Music, Physical Education, French, Chinese, a modern Library and Technology Studies broaden and enrich boys’ skills.

In addition, comprehensive Before and After School Hours Care and Vacation Programs are offered for students.

Middle School
In the middle years, boys become young men and start expanding their own boundaries. We take their education further, developing their understanding of who and what they can become in life.

Our approach to teaching and learning transcends the focus of traditional school subjects and focuses on a more holistic view of knowledge. Students literally think beyond their school experience through independent study and thinking to achieve their personal best and individual success.

Through years 7-9 we offer the IB Middle Years Program (MYP) designed to suit adolescent boys. We take boys out of the classroom for eduKart, eduCook and the Wambana Extended Stay Program to introduce them to the wider classroom of life.

Senior School
The senior years are the ones that truly shape the character of a man. The experiences we offer all our young men are diverse and go well beyond the normal educational curriculum.

Our Senior School curriculum for years 10-12 set the highest standards, and we offer a diverse range of subjects and courses that help develop the individual and his scholastic directions.

We offer the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) and Vocational Education and Training (VET) balanced through leadership development, community service, music and sporting programs.

Our dedicated Careers Counsellor works with the boys and their parents to maximise all future opportunities beyond PAC.
We teach our students to question what lies ahead of them and to think creatively. Our core curriculum is a unique combination of traditional values and progressive thinking. As part of this teaching, our curriculum offers a full range of opportunities in as many fields as possible and a choice of educational pathways.

seize the day
South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)
Students who successfully complete their senior secondary education are awarded the South Australian Certificate of Education, which is a nationally recognised credential. Study is completed over two years, usually Years 11 and 12, awarding students an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) for entry into universities throughout Australia.

International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB)
The IB Diploma is recognised globally by universities, offering students a choice in study and providing direct access to some of the most prestigious universities in the world.

Students who undertake the IB Diploma study a broad range of subjects and are required to complete additional work in Community, Action and Service (CAS), undertake the Theory of Knowledge course and submit an Extended Essay.

Vocational Education and Training (VET)
Students seeking direct entry into the workforce or tertiary studies may select a Vocational Education and Training course.

This two-year program sits alongside the SACE with students receiving an industry-approved certificate in their chosen study as eligibility to TAFE.

A selection of VET courses offered to students includes Agriculture, Building and Construction, Commercial Cookery, Design, Engineering and Electronics, Hospitality, Information Technology and Sport and Recreation.
How much further can your son go?

We provide an environment of creativity, exploration and challenge to help your son to flourish.

We offer our students the opportunity to explore innovative programs in music, digital video production, expressive arts and outdoor education. We literally open a new world of life and learning to our students and make it an exciting journey along the way.

Regular student exhibitions allow boys to demonstrate their artistic talents. Drama is also encouraged through the annual Senior Drama Production and Musical where students flex their acting skills both on and off the stage.

Our extensive music program offers individual and group performance opportunities through participation in ensembles, bands, choirs and orchestras at music festivals and school events. Your son’s creative talents can be developed through individual vocal or instrumental tuition.

Activities such as public speaking, debating and chess are provided to further your son’s mind and outlook.

We cater for the boundless energy of boys through a range of sporting pursuits including athletics, badminton, cricket, soccer, tennis, rowing, Australian football, swimming, water polo, squash, rugby, table tennis and hockey.

Students are given the opportunity to take part in a number of international sporting tours. Our cricketers have toured England, and basketball, tennis and hockey teams have enjoyed overseas match experiences.

Just being a part of the team has its rewards. Striving to achieve a personal best will take your son even further.

Have you seen the Red Centre? Outstanding facilities and first class coaching programs enable our boys to achieve excellence locally, nationally and internationally.
Student Life
At Prince Alfred College we nurture and care for all of our students so that they become well rounded members of our community with a strong sense of their own self worth and high regard for others.

We encourage the principles of citizenship where conflict resolution, tolerance, forgiveness and the appreciation and understanding of others are paramount.

Facing challenges positively through task orientation, goal setting and accountability, along with a strong sense of self-awareness, are all part of our guiding principles for pastoral care.

Spiritual growth through a strong foundation in Christian beliefs and values forms the backbone of pastoral care.

Student Well-Being
We like to think of ourselves as a small community. We have an Educational Psychologist on staff, a number of mentors and student counsellors that are equipped to deal with the many challenges facing the youth of today. We face up to the realities of modern schooling with healthy and open discussion on issues like bullying, drugs and alcohol. All of our students are given the opportunity to take a larger role within the school and the wider community through leadership programs and our house system.

Student Success Programs
We support all learners and provide specialist curriculum and learning programs that offer students stimulating, interesting and like-minded environments that extend well beyond the classroom.

For those students finding academic demands more challenging, we offer specific learning support programs tailored to their individual needs.

Planning for the Future
With so many changes, opportunities and challenges in today’s society, career guidance is an essential part of an individual’s life planning process.

Our dedicated Careers Counsellor works with tertiary institutions both nationally and internationally to provide comprehensive advice to boys and their families on future pathways.

In addition we assist boys in their applications for university scholarships, job applications and interviews.

Community and Service
With a privileged education comes responsibility.

We believe that the Princes Man is a man of confidence and compassion who is prepared to make a difference in the world. We believe we live by these values.

Our staff currently sponsor the education of young men from the Sunrise Children’s Orphanage in Cambodia. The Foundation Scholarship Fund provides opportunities to a wide range of boys to benefit from a Princes education.

All boys from early learners to those in their final year are expected to participate in community and service programs as part of their education at Princes.
A Broader Outlook
What makes for a truly international school? Worldly places and worldly minds. A mix of cultures, identities and backgrounds. Student exchanges and international tours.

Prince Alfred College encapsulates and encourages all of these things.

Our College comprises a truly cosmopolitan and culturally diverse community with students from regional areas and international students from all over the globe offering a broadening perspective.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School we believe that students benefit from opportunities to expand their horizons. Experience of other cultures enables them to think globally while acting locally.

International culture and sporting tours create wonderful opportunities for students to grow and learn outside the boundaries of their everyday experience.

Home and Away
Prince Alfred College offers home-like boarding facilities for students in Years 7-12. Regional Australian and international boys have the opportunity to mix with day students, making their home away from home an even warmer experience. There is a great spirit of camaraderie and school life.

We encourage a family atmosphere with older boys giving support to younger boys with Senior Residential Assistants on hand at all times. Our boarders also enjoy an extensive range of sports and recreational activities that extend beyond their normal home life.

Our International Students are well cared for as they integrate with students from all over regional South Australia and beyond. We seek to provide every student with opportunities to develop leadership skills, resilience and persistence and to be exposed to a challenging, differentiated educational experience that will help them realise their full potential.
Beyond the Classroom
We understand that boys learn best when they are engaged in their learning.

We take our students out of their everyday environment to face challenges beyond the ordinary.

Each year, students from Years 4-8 spend time at the Scotts Creek Outdoor Centre on the Murray River. With a focus on eco-education, students get a first hand taste of living outside their daily routine through activities such as camping and canoeing.

Younger students visit Victor Harbor where they learn about coastal ecology, surf skills and beach safety.

Year 9 students enjoy a five week extended stay experience at our Wambana Campus on the Yorke Peninsula.

The College also offers opportunities to experience outdoor education within our State, regional Australia and overseas.

You’ll be surprised how far your son will extend his outlook and thinking and go well beyond his personal limits.
The Prince Alfred Old Collegians Association

Being a part of Prince Alfred College doesn’t end at the school gates.

Our graduates are Princes Men for life. Old Reds are welcomed to the Prince Alfred Old Collegians Association where they maintain their connection to the College through national and international networking, sporting events, dinners and reunions.

Is it any wonder that so many are proud to see their own sons and grandsons wear the maroon blazer and become a part of the College that literally took them further?

Our Princes Men Gallery has been developed to acknowledge and applaud some of our more successful past students. Men who have achieved in different facets of business, science and the community, are a true inspiration to both present and future students.

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The Prince Alfred College Foundation

Since 1974 the Prince Alfred College Foundation has played an active role in developing the College and its facilities.

Our students benefit from The Scotts Creek Outdoor Centre, the Preparatory School redevelopment, the laboratories in the Arrowcrest Science Centre, and the Early Learning Centre, the John Dunning Sports Centre, the Frederic Chapple Library and the Red Centre. This has been made possible with the support of the school community through the Prince Alfred College Foundation.

Membership of the Foundation provides opportunities to participate in the life of the school and to meet fellow supporters of Prince Alfred College.

Your support and participation in the Prince Alfred College Foundation is welcome.