



**IGNITE | WONDER | GROW**

**RECEPTION TO YEAR 6**



**OUR LADY OF  
GRACE SCHOOL**

# Welcome

Welcome to Our Lady of Grace School (OLOG), in the heart of Glengowrie.

Our commitment is to provide a quality education, in partnership with parents and families.

A Reception to Year 6 school, OLOG prides itself on delivering learning that is innovative, creative and informed, as well as offering a welcoming, respectful, safe and healthy environment for all our community. We encourage and support our students to be Brave, be Respectful, be Supportive, in a Christlike manner.

Our teaching staff are dedicated to the growth of every student. We create a happy and caring environment where all students are valued and encouraged to succeed, whatever their individual needs. We assist students to become independent, confident and resilient learners through a range of exciting opportunities.

We offer an extensive curriculum along with a wide range of co-curricular opportunities from sport to the arts. We encourage and support students to engage in all aspects of school life. Playgroup is offered each week facilitated by our experienced Early Years educator on site.

We believe that student wellbeing complements academic success. Our focus is on developing each student's skills and attributes, using creative and critical thinking to help them thrive in an increasingly complex world. We want students to be adventurous beyond the curriculum, inspired to achieve more than they thought possible.

I welcome you to join me for one of our school tours, to experience our nurturing teaching and learning environment firsthand, connect with our OLOG story and discover all the wonderful, rich experiences and opportunities for your child.

**Josette Charles**  
Principal

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## Mission Statement

In the Dominican tradition, we commit to providing a welcoming, inclusive and supportive learning community, where all children are challenged and achievements recognised and celebrated.

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## Our Vision

To educate young people to value truth, achieve personal excellence, act with compassion, and make a difference in our changing world.

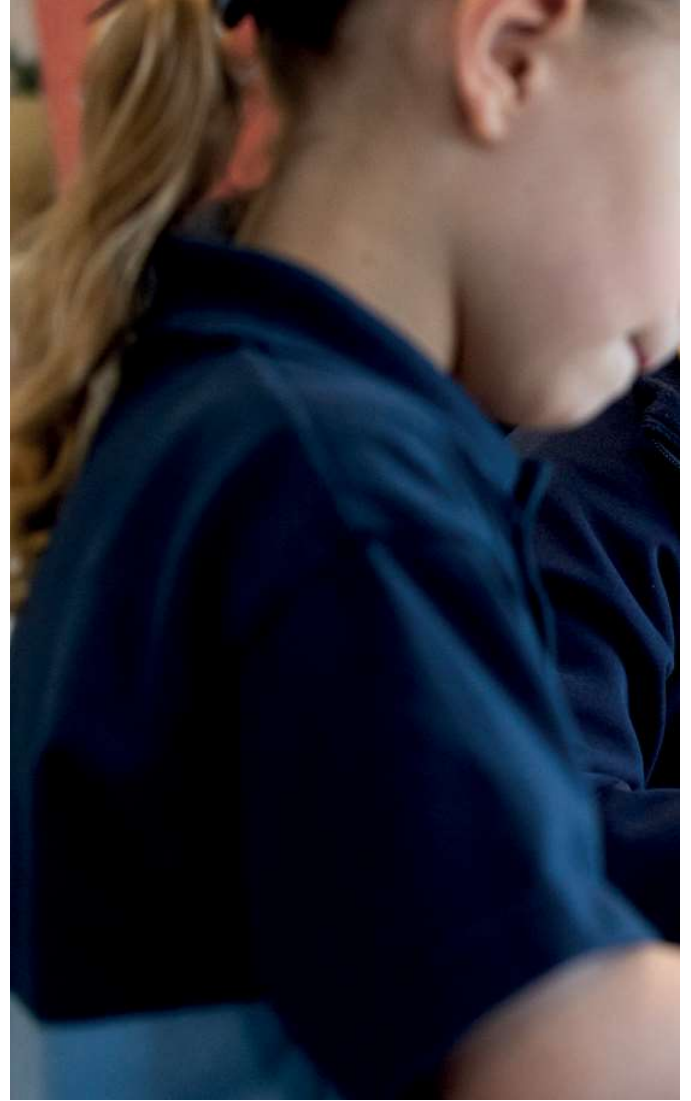


## FAITH & THE DOMINICAN TRADITION

OLOG offers excellence in teaching and learning in the Catholic Tradition. We strive to nurture and develop the unique gifts of every student, to guide them in search of truth, and to empower them to create a better world that God desires.

OLOG school began in 1954 founded and led by the Dominican Sisters. The school began in the Church with three classes. Today OLOG has expanded and we are continually inspired and shaped by our Dominican heritage.

We invite children towards a deeper relationship with God and with one another. Our daily routines include time for prayer, service to others and care for our environment. We are motivated to provide meaningful faith experiences for every child that are in connection with contemporary world views and our Catholic faith and tradition. We aspire to build a caring and supportive community through our buddy program and social justice programs. Our aim is to Ignite the whole person, search for greater truth and justice, Wonder what is possible and Grow and make a difference.



The Dominican ideal is characterised by a commitment to truth explored in dialogue, a vibrant preaching of the Gospel, a critical appreciation of culture and cultures, and a love of the beautiful. Our goal in each of our educational ministries is to foster these values, together with a spirit of prayer and contemplation, respect for the dignity and uniqueness of each individual and the pursuit of excellence.

***Dominican Education Australia***





OLOG where a lifetime of possibilities and love of learning begins.

## LEARNING

Students are at the centre of all that we do at OLOG.

We understand that your child's relationships, identity, belonging and learning are essential to their happiness and success at school. We offer a supportive and nurturing environment that fosters enquiry and a love of learning. We encourage your child to be confident and excited about learning from the start of their school life. OLOG students are encouraged and supported to accept challenges, take risks and explore aspects of their learning to achieve their best.

Each student is unique and we understand the importance of personalised learning to cater for the different learning needs of all students, no matter what stage of development. We guide and support students to engage in learning that is rigorous and challenging and we use an evidence-based approach. Engagement between teachers and parents is vital and supported.

OLOG teachers are highly skilled and passionate educators. Our teachers commit to high standards of teaching and the development of each and every child under their care. We provide an inclusive learning environment with high expectations and high levels of support.

OLOG learning spaces are contemporary, flexible, innovative and well resourced. We offer excellent facilities and support a 1:1 ratio of student personal learning devices. OLOG is committed to the continual enhancement of its facilities, grounds and curriculum development.

OLOG students also have many extracurricular opportunities, which enhance their skills, leadership, wellbeing and relationships.

# COMMUNITY, CONNECTION, BELONGING

OLOG has a strong sense of community both past and present, for many families these are lifelong connections.

Parents play an integral role in school life at OLOG and contribute in many positive ways. When children see their parents and teachers sharing common beliefs, attitudes and goals, they feel more secure and demonstrate a greater sense of self-worth.

Parents are involved at OLOG:

- as parent helpers in the classroom, particularly in areas such as literacy activities, art and craft and school sports.
- as volunteer helpers for various activities like excursions.
- as members of the Parents and Friends Group. The P & F provide many opportunities for parents to get to know each other by supporting various social functions and fund-raising activities held throughout the school year e.g., Spring Fair
- as members of the OLOG School Board.

We engage and invite parents to commit to an active participation in the life of the school.

OLOG is not just a school, we are a community. This spirit unites students, families and staff. Together we can teach our students to be well grounded in their faith, independent and able to make wise decisions based on Catholic values.

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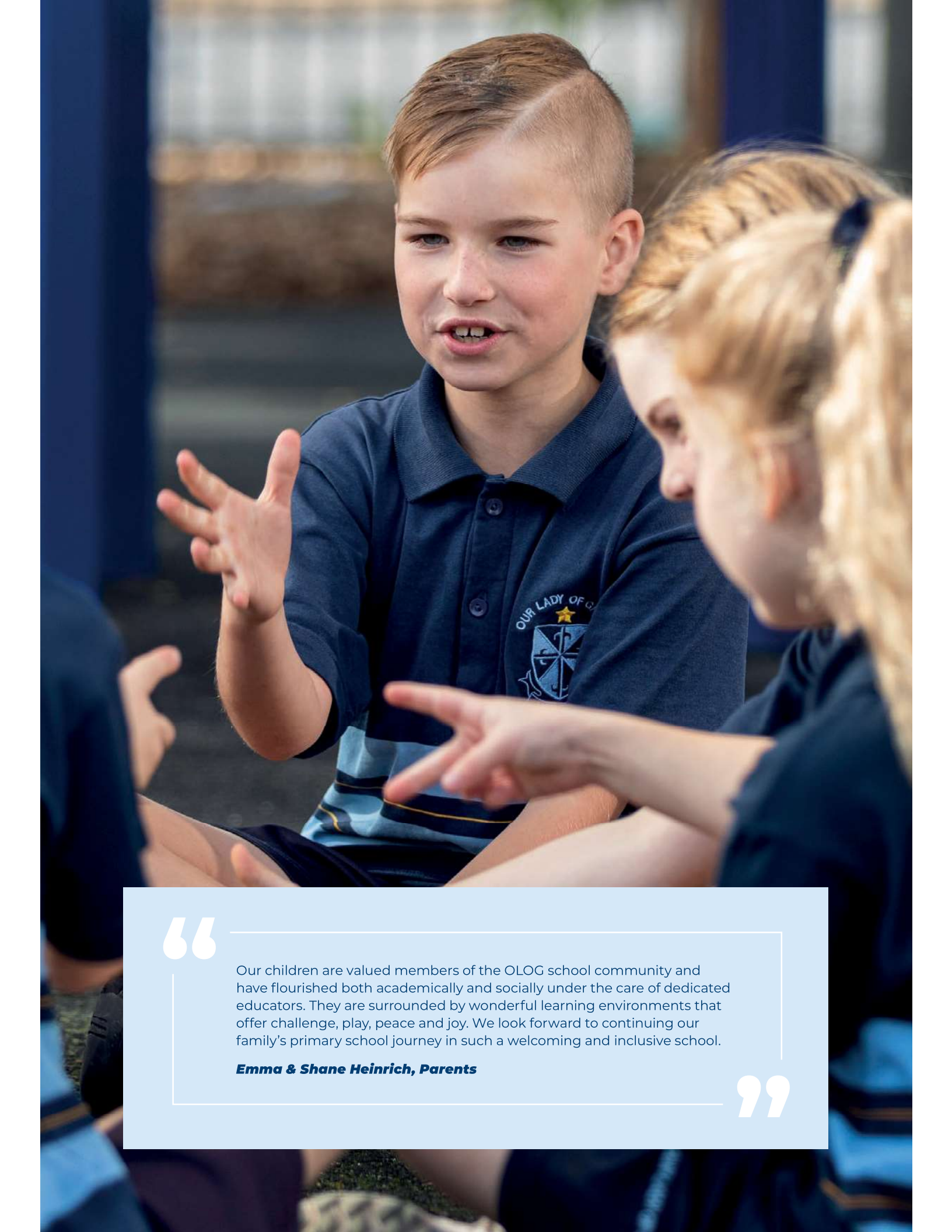
My wife and I have been part of the OLOG community for nine years now with our daughter graduating from the school in 2019 and our son currently completing Year 5. To us, OLOG has allowed our family to connect and engage with a beautiful, diverse and supportive community. Our two children have thrived in the intimate, safe and contemporary learning environment where they have both developed life long learning skills. In addition, they have experienced an array of extracurricular activities which they have thoroughly enjoyed while also developing their catholic identity.

**Andrew & Sarah Taylor, Parents**

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Our children are valued members of the OLOG school community and have flourished both academically and socially under the care of dedicated educators. They are surrounded by wonderful learning environments that offer challenge, play, peace and joy. We look forward to continuing our family's primary school journey in such a welcoming and inclusive school.

**Emma & Shane Heinrich, Parents**

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# YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Thank you for considering Our Lady of Grace School for your child's education.

OLOG welcomes applications from all families seeking a Catholic education for their child.

Our main intake point is Reception and we offer a Term 1 and Term 3 intake (dependent on age). We also welcome applications for other year levels at any time. In all cases, places will be dependent upon vacancies.

We encourage you to visit us and discover first-hand what OLOG has to offer. Our Principal's tours provide a perfect opportunity to see the school in action and to talk with staff and students. If you are unable to make a scheduled tour date, please contact our Enrolment Coordinator for alternative options.

## The enrolment process:

### Step 1 Enquiry

Find out more about OLOG by visiting our website, attending a Principals Tour or contact our Enrolment Coordinator.

### Step 2 Enrolment Application

Send applications to our Enrolment Coordinator as soon as possible. The enrolment application form can be found within this pack or on our OLOG website.

### Step 3 Interview

We encourage families to meet with our Principal so that we can better understand your child's needs and begin our relationship with you and your child.

### Step 4 Enrolment Acceptance

Offers of enrolment are made once the interview process has been successfully completed and subject to availability.

For further information please contact our Enrolment Coordinator on 8177 9100 or email [olog@olog.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olog@olog.catholic.edu.au)



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