

FAQ: Leading

What does the leadership of Galilee look like for 2021?

The principal of Cardijn College Galilee is Dr Paul Rijken who will be supported by the Head of Campus Mr Nick Wright, Deputy Head of Campus Ms Kerri Gould, Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission Ms Sharon Doyle and the Inclusive Education Coordinator Ms Karen Edwards.

Can you tell us a bit about Dr Paul Rijken's background?

Paul grew up in the Southern Vales as a teenager completing Year 12 at Christies Beach High School Western Section now known as Marcellin Campus of Cardijn College. He completed his training as a PE/Mathematics teacher at Flinders University and held his first teaching position at Thomas More College, Salisbury. He was appointed as a teacher at Cardijn College when it opened in 1984 and went on to become the first House Leader of MacKillop House and thereafter a Senior Teacher in charge of the SACE and Careers Education. In 1997, he was appointed as the Deputy Principal Curriculum at St Aloysius College, an R-12 all-girls school in Adelaide before being appointed Principal of Cardijn College in 2005. Paul has a PhD in Mathematics and Science Education and currently holds a Visiting Adjunct Research Fellow position at Curtin University WA. Paul is also working with Catholic Education to develop school improvement tools to support the Living Learning Leading framework being implemented across Catholic Schools. Paul has presented his research on improving learning environments extensively at international conferences in the USA over the last six years. Paul has been acknowledged for his leadership and professional learning by the Australian Council of Educational Leaders (Fellowship and Educational Leadership Medal), Principals Australia Institute John Laing Award for professional learning and most recently the Mary MacKillop Medal by the Australian College of Educators.

Will the principal be present at Galilee?

The principal of Cardijn College will devote commensurate time at each of the three campuses in 2021. He intends to spend additional time at Galilee during 2021 to get to know the community better and he will attempt to attend all key events. The Head of Campus is the principal's delegate.

If I want to speak to the principal how do I do that?

The principal will try to be present at the start or end of the day on several days of the week. If that is not convenient, a phone call to his EA Ms Anita Patton on 8392 9524 is always possible to arrange a suitable time. Naturally, we would ask families to approach the Head of Campus first, but the principal is always accessible to you if you wish to speak to him.

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Will Galilee look more and more like Cardijn?

There will always be multiple opinions about this, however there are a few facts which are very clear. The school will be known as Cardijn College Galilee and its school motto is “See, Judge, Act”. Signage across the site and in the community will reflect this. On the other hand, the heart and soul of the school will always be in its roots as Galilee and based on its current logo but into the future it may look a bit different as the community makes decisions about many aspects such as uniform, school and community activities as well as the learning program. The Eco-Literacy focus is something the community has valued deeply and is fundamental to Galilee’s identity. Much can be learnt from this approach by Cardijn College into the future. Some things will look different but Galilee will always be unique as the other campuses of Cardijn are unique.

How are decisions made in this new governance model with Cardijn College?

The principal is the ultimate decision maker at Cardijn College. He has been given that delegation by the Director of Catholic Education SA. The principal is supported by an Advisory Board which meets twice a term and is made up of appointed parents, appointed members from Marist Schools Australia, CESA, Industry and Higher Education. Each member brings a special skill set in areas such as governance, policy, finance, risk management, building, marketing, HR and jobs & training. The Board will have several sub-committees to support them and will provide strategic guidance to the principal. Site operational decisions are made by the leadership teams at each campus chaired by the Head of Campus at each site.

FAQ: Learning

Will the Reggio Emilia focus at Galilee change?

The Reggio Emilia approach founded in Italy is an educational philosophy and pedagogy focus on preschool and early primary education. It has been a core focus of the learning experience at Galilee and deeply valued by the community. Every educational philosophy and pedagogy must however be effective and lead to excellence in learning. Cardijn College welcomes the opportunity to learn more about Reggio Emilia and its impact on learning. Many schools across Australia have adopted this philosophy in the Early Learning development of the child which has been most effective. Very little research has been completed on the effectiveness of this approach for upper primary and middle school students. At Cardijn College we have developed an effective integrated curriculum approach for Year 7 and Year 8, many of the core principles of Reggio Emilia can be found in the pedagogy at these year levels, however our primary focus is on student outcomes and academic excellence.

Galilee has a primary focus on Eco Literacy will that still be important next year?

The Galilee community has valued Eco Literacy as a foundation of the learning at Galilee. Cardijn College is excited to learn more about Eco Literacy and how it is integrated into the curriculum. The current learning environments both inside and outside are considered a hallmark and real point of difference for the learning at Galilee. In the Masterplan we are looking at developing the wetlands, building a boardwalk and establishing an interpretive centre for Eco-learning.

Will there be a dedicated special education presence at Galilee?

Through the establishment of new learning enrichment programs and facilities, special education will continue to be an important focus of the learning program at Galilee. If you wish to discuss the individual learning requirements of your child, please contact Cardijn on 8392 9500.

What is happening with sport?

We have appointed a dedicated PE teacher who in addition to teaching PE and Health will coordinate after school sport opportunities for students.

Learning: Galilee Middle school

When does the Cardijn College Galilee middle school open?

Cardijn College Galilee officially opens from Term 1 2021 with Year 7 becoming the first intake of students into the middle school. Year 8 will be introduced from 2022 followed by Year 9 in 2023.

Where will the Galilee middle school be located?

Cardijn College Galilee will be located on the current site of Galilee Catholic School on the corner of Quinliven and How Roads, Aldinga. Work is underway on establishing a dedicated learning space designed to foster middle school learning and inquiry.

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Will there be a dedicated middle school space and new buildings?

A masterplan is currently in development which includes new buildings, outdoor learning spaces as well as upgrades to the current facilities at Galilee. The proposed masterplan is currently on display in the Galilee foyer. You can keep up to date with the development plans and view a fly-through animation of Stage 1 on our website.

What is the Cardijn College House system and how will this be applied at Galilee middle school?

The Cardijn House system provides opportunities for students to feel a sense of belonging and to enjoy the camaraderie and friendly competition that comes with representing one of seven Houses. The House system will be implemented at Galilee, allowing for students can be integrated into their House when attending special events at Cardijn College, such as Sports Day.

Other House activities Galilee students can become involved with include House sports competitions, House liturgies and Patron day celebrations, charity fundraising and Rijken Cup challenges.

What will be on offer for my child at Galilee middle school?

Students at Galilee will be nurtured and supported to develop their individual capabilities through specialist teachers, a tailored and dynamic curriculum and dedicated facilities.

As foundation students at the Galilee middle school, these students will have the unique opportunity to shape the future of the school and contribute to the culture and learning environment of this brand new facility.

Some of the benefits for students in the middle school include:

- 1:1 laptops
- Dedicated facilities and study spaces
- Library service – online and on campus
- Opportunities for cross campus travel and networking
- Student leadership opportunities
- Increased independence and responsibilities (ie lockers, lunch order service, homework club)

What will the middle school curriculum look like?

Months of planning and preparation have gone into ensuring the curriculum offering is suitable for the students at Cardijn College Galilee. Our capability-focussed curriculum is unique to Cardijn with interdisciplinary style learning in subjects such as:

Future Thinking which encompasses Mathematics and Science, with elements of Design & Technology and Digital Technologies

Global Perspectives which integrates the subjects of Religion, English, Humanities and Social Sciences

Healthy Lifestyles which incorporates Physical Education, Health and Personal Development.

Languages - Indonesian and Italian are both studied at Year 7, with students able to make a choice between them at Year 8 and beyond.

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What electives will be on offer for middle school students?

The elective program offered at Year 7 is designed to enhance the middle school experience and allow students to try a variety of subjects in different disciplines.

Electives subject choices at Year 7 span the Creative Arts, Music, Drama and Technology, including robotics and textiles.

Increased elective opportunities will be offered at Year 8 and 9 including food technology, specialist sports and music programs for students to further develop their individual passions and interests.

Will the middle school consist of composite classes or straight year levels?

Our priority is to ensure that enrolment numbers can facilitate a straight year level model in the middle school. However, the curriculum has been developed to ensure it can be delivered effectively to students regardless of whether they are learning in a straight year level or hybrid environment.

In 2021, the Year 7 class of Foundation Students will be delivered as a straight year level.

Will the curriculum at Year 6 be different in 2021?

Over the last six months the transition team has worked hard to create a point of difference in the learning for our Year 6 students. The aim is to create a program that provides a “Step Up” to middle school. The curriculum will be the Year 6 Australian curriculum, but the structure of lessons and subjects will be like what is offered at Year 7. The idea of “Step Up” is to give Year 6 students a head start in their transition to middle school by providing more opportunities to access middle school learning and activities. Galilee will continue to build outstanding and effective programs for its students as a point of difference to other schools.

What are the opportunities for my child beyond Year 9?

One of the highest priorities of the Galilee middle school will be providing a seamless transition process for students into Year 10 and beyond. Students will have the option to continue their academic studies at Cardijn’s main site at Noarlunga Downs or enter Marcellin at Christie Downs to undertake a specialised trade or vocational program. Students at Marcellin are prepared to undertake a school-based apprenticeship while still achieving the SACE in a highly specialised training environment.

FAQ: Living

What will the school fees be for Galilee in 2021?

The 2021 financial information for Galilee is as follows

Year Level	Tuition Fee	Composite Fee	Total
Rec – Year 7	\$1880	\$870	\$2,750

More detailed financial information has been sent to families in late 2020. Please contact Galilee should you require any more information.

Will Galilee remain an Apple school for technology?

An Apple solution has been the strategy at Galilee since its inception. There are many great advantages of having an Apple solution for technology. Understandably it does however come at a significant cost to the community in terms of the price for each laptop and its infrastructure. We have agreed to remain with the Apple solution for staff and students in R-6 primary but for staff and students in the middle school (7-9) we will adopt the Lenovo PC solution which is similar to what is used across both campuses of Cardijn at the moment. This provides an affordable option for families as well as a seamless integration for students when they visit the Cardijn College main campus.

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What is the laptop lease program?

As part of our learning environment, all middle school students are expected to utilise a laptop within their subjects. Whilst students are welcome to bring their own device, Cardijn College offers a Laptop Lease Program.

The Laptop Lease program enables Year 7 families to lease a Lenovo ThinkPad X13 Laptop with the licensed College software. This laptop has a RRP of \$1,999 excluding software, and we aim to provide a robust and proven college laptop to your son/daughter. We leverage the College's buying power and offer you the ability to pay it off over three years through our lease arrangement. The laptop remains the property of the college until the lease is finalised, but is able to be utilised by students at home, on the weekends and throughout the school holidays. At the end of the 3-year lease cycle the laptop ownership transfers to your son/daughter.

If you would like to enter the Laptop Lease Program at the beginning of Year 7, please complete and return a Laptop Agreement Form available from the College. Following the receipt of this form, the College will begin our process of laptop allocation.

Should you have any questions regarding the laptop program or the Terms of Use document please contact our ICT Manager, Mr Tony Sayce, on 8392 9500.

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Will before and after school care be available for middle school students?

OSHC will not be offered to middle school students however Homework Club will run one night per week to cater for students who require supervision after school hours.

What uniform will students in Years 7-9 wear?

Middle school students will wear the Cardijn College PE uniform when they have lessons in PE, sport and health and when they attend their elective lessons at Cardijn. At other times they will wear the current Galilee school uniform during this transition phase. The Cardijn sports uniform can be purchased from LOWES at Colonnades Shopping Centre and second-hand uniforms are available from Cardijn College.

Will travel be required between Galilee and Cardijn College?

As we endeavour to provide enriching co-curricula and extra-curricular opportunities for Galilee students, this will require some travel between Cardijn's sites.

The College will facilitate this through the establishment of a dedicated bus service with the aim of providing the best possible middle-school experience for our students.

Will Galilee middle school students have opportunities to connect with Cardijn students?

There will be many opportunities for Galilee middle school students to connect both virtually and in person with their Cardijn counterparts. From House sport and whole school events to specialist subjects and extra-curricular activities, there will be several opportunities throughout the year for Galilee students to make new friends and reconnect with familiar faces at Cardijn.