

# Junior School

## Additional Benefits

### Small Class

2022 saw the launch of our inaugural Small Class as part of the suite of educational offerings at Tyndale Christian School – Strathalbyn.

The Small Class is designed to cater for students with a mild intellectual disability and/or complex learning needs. Our Small Class sizes will be a maximum of 12 and will cater for students in Reception to Year 3 in the first year and growing after that. There will be a designated Small Class Teacher and two Education Support Officers for 12 students with the required ratio of educator to students being 1:4.

Students will have access to the Australian Curriculum. They will attend specialist subjects, assemblies, camps, sports days, swimming carnivals, school incursions and excursions with their mainstream class, along with ESO support, where practical.

The Small Class will offer a withdrawal area and frequent breaks to support cognitive load. Reduced numbers will allow for minimal sensory input in order for students to cope to the best of their ability. Yard supervision will also be provided, if necessary.

Students in the Small Class will have Individual Education Plans, working continuously through set goals. Communication with parents and Allied Health Specialists will be part of the planning process to provide the most relevant and beneficial programs and strategies for each child.

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We see this as an opportunity to serve our community and current students and families better by catering for those who may learn best in a highly supported learning environment. Our aim is to see all Tyndale students achieve their God-given potential; academically, socially and physically. We believe that each student has valuable contributions to make to their community, and God's purpose for their lives is to see them flourish.

We are excited about this initiative for our school community and the wider Strathalbyn Town. It puts us in the unique space of being able to cater for whole families with a wide range of educational needs for their children.

To find out more about our Small Class please contact our Learning Support Leader - Emma Jones on 8536 5400 or via email [EmmaJones@tyndale.sa.edu.au](mailto:EmmaJones@tyndale.sa.edu.au)