

For other uses, see Immanuel College (disambiguation).

Immanuel College is a Lutheran school in Novar Gardens, Adelaide, South Australia – a co-educational day and boarding school from Year 7 to 12, offering the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Established in 1895, the College is a school of the Lutheran Church of Australia. It is the only Lutheran college in Adelaide that has boarders. Its sister schools include Johann-Sebastian-Bach-Gymnasium in Windsbach, Germany and Kyushu Lutheran College in Kumamoto, Japan.

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History[edit]

Immanuel College was founded in 1895 at Point Pass (north of Eudunda, east of the Clare Valley[3]), before its subsequent move to North Adelaide in 1921. The founder was Pastor Georg Leidig and his eldest son Paul (correspondence in referenced book) taught there from 1950 until 1956.[4] During WWII, the buildings were required by the Air Force, and the college was forced to temporarily move to North Walkerville for the period 1942–1946. In 1949, land at Novar Gardens was acquired from the Morphett family property 'Cummins', and the school was eventually established there in 1957.[2] Cummins House was sold to the State Government in 1977, and Immanuel College leased that property for 5 years from 1982 to 1987.[5][6]

Sport[edit]

Immanuel College is a member of the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS), and the Independent Girls Schools Sports Association (IGSSA).

Sports centre[edit]

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Novar Gardens campus, Immanuel College upgraded the school gymnasium. The sports centre includes a heated 25-metre 10-lane indoor swimming pool, a heated 15-metre by 6-metre hydrotherapy and learners pool, 3 indoor courts and a dance studio. A primary school oval was converted into the indoor basketball courts, and an existing auditorium and a new dance classroom were integrated into the new centre. Completed in 2008, the centre operates as an educational facility during the day,[7] and as a community sports centre after hours.

IGSSA premierships[edit]

Immanuel College has won the following IGSSA premierships.[8]

Athletics (3) - 2009, 2010, 2015

Badminton (3) - 1995, 2016, 2017

Basketball (15) - 1995, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Football (2) - 2017, 2018

Netball (12) - 1998, 1999, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Soccer (5) - 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Swimming (4) - 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015

Tennis - 2020

Volleyball (3) - 1998, 2000, 2004

The Margaret Ames Centre[edit]

The Margaret Ames Centre, named after an old scholar and ex-teacher, was opened in 2015 as the senior school for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. It includes classrooms, study areas, a cafe called "Wings Cafe" (based on the Immanuel logo of a dove), and a university style theatre called "The Otto Theatre". It has library access and has 4 floors. It is a modern looking building unattached from the old style of the middle school. The Margaret Ames Centre cost \$14.9m AUD at the time of construction.[9]

Boarding[edit]

Immanuel has a long history of boarding, commencing with its inception as an exclusively boarding school at Point Pass in 1895. In the 21st century, Immanuel has boarding facilities for both males and females. In 2019 the College has beds for 170 students, accommodation is in a main double storey building, self-contained units and eight fully equipped houses. The houses are named after the word for "Peace" in various languages – Heiwa, Pengon, Tangokorro, Frieden, Shalom, Koinonia, Sama and Rahu. [3]

Notable alumni[edit]

Sports[edit]

Anna Rawson - Golf

Cameron Borgas and Jason Borgas - Cricketers

Kyle Chalmers, Swimmer – Olympic Gold medalist[10]

Emma Checker – Football (soccer)

Curtly Hampton, Footballer[11]

Lleyton Hewitt, Tennis player[12]

Sarah Klau – Netballer[13]

Cody Lange-netballer[14]

Don Lindner – Footballer[15]

Jordan McMahon – Footballer

Kieran Modra – Paralympian Cyclist, Swimmer and Athlete – multiple medal winner[16]

Tania Modra, Paralympic tandem cycling pilot and gold medallist – Kieran's sister[16][17]*Brad Ottens, Footballer[18]

Maisie Nankivell-netballer/footballer[19]

Lauren Nourse – Netballer

Hannah Petty-netballer[20]

Shaun Rehn, Footballer[21]
Matthew Scharenberg, Footballer[22]
Billy Stretch, Footballer[23]
Luke Partington, Footballer, 2019 Magarey Medalist
Laura[24] and Natalie von Bertouch,[25] Netballers
Samuel Von Einem – Paralympian Table Tennis Player
Jenny Williams (sports person) – Australian Sports person, Lacrosse and Football[26]
Mark[27] and Stephen Williams,[28] Footballers
Politicians and business[edit]
Martin Albrecht (businessman) – Companion of the Order of Australia. Centenary Medal.
Former CEO Thiess Pty Ltd.[29]
Karl Hampton – Former Member of NT Legislative Council. CEO Central Australia Aboriginal
Media Association[30]
Condor Laucke – Former President of the Australian Senate. Former Lieutenant Governor of
South Australia[31]
Peter Lehmann (winemaker)[32]
Steven Marshall – 46th Premier of South Australia[33]
Bronwyn Pike – Former Victorian Minister. Chair of the Board Uniting Care Australia.[34]
Berthold Teusner – Former SA House of Assembly Member. Former Speaker of the SA
House of Assembly.
Matt Williams (Australian politician)[35]
Arts and media[edit]
Alex Carapetis – Musician, professional drummer
Niki Vasilakis – Violinist[36]
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List of Lutheran schools in Australia