Pedare Christian College is a joint Independent, junior, middle and senior school in South Australia. [where?] The junior school comprises reception to year 5, the middle school years 6 to 9, and the senior school years 10 to 12.

This school is a member of the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia, the Anglican Schools Heads Group, the Uniting Church Educational Ministries Commission, the Junior School Heads Association of Australia and the South Australian Christian Schools Association.[2]

The Surrey Farm campus shares facilities with Gleeson College and Golden Grove High School, resulting in an extended curriculum and extra resources. Pedare Christian College is governed by a college board containing members elected from the college community, and representatives from the Anglican and Uniting churches.[2]

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History[edit]

The name "Pedare" originally came from a vineyard on Ladywood Road, Modbury Heights, owned by Leonard Tolley. It was formed from the names of his sons, Peter, David, and Reginald. The joint campus was originally going to be on this location but it was decided otherwise.[3] That location is now The Heights School.

The founders decided to use the name "Pedare" to recognise the past pioneers. The names of the five communities, or houses, of the school also came from surrounding areas. Eldergreen, from Elder Green Farm, Brooklyn, from Brooklyn Villa Farm, Greenwith, from Greenwith Farm, Surrey, from Surrey Farm and Hillcott, from Hillcott Farm.[3] In 1984 Delfin Management Services were developing land in Golden Grove, along with Urban Land Trust. They came up with the idea to make a joint school, and contacted the Pedare foundation planning committee to see if they wanted to join this scheme, saying two of the joint schools would be a Catholic College, and a Government High School. Pedare agreed. Pedare Christian College had its first official school day in 1986. There were 90 students, spread through Years 7 and 8. By 1990 Pedare had enrolments in all Secondary School levels, Years 8 to 12. In 1991 the school board decided to form a Primary school, and located it at nearby Bicentennial Drive.[3]

Today, [when?] Pedare is a successful college with over 900 students. In 2005 Years 6 to 9 were relocated to the Surrey Farm Campus, forming a middle school.

Location[edit]

The Junior, Middle and Senior Schools are now all on the same campus. All campuses are located in Golden Grove, South Australia, off Surrey Farm Drive.

Student Leadership[edit]

Captains

All student captains are elected then voted upon and chosen by the school leadership. Year

12 Captains

**College Captains** 

**Academic Captains** 

**Sports Captains** 

Arts Captains

**Brooklyn Community Captains** 

**Eldergreen Community Captains** 

**Greenwith Community Captains** 

**Hillcott Community Captains** 

Surrey Community Captains

Year 9 Captains

Middle School Captains

**Brooklyn Community Captains** 

**Eldergreen Community Captains** 

**Greenwith Community Captains** 

**Hillcott Community Captains** 

Surrey Community Captains

Year 5 Captains

**Junior School Captains** 

**Brooklyn Community Captains** 

**Eldergreen Community Captains** 

**Greenwith Community Captains** 

**Hillcott Community Captains** 

Surrey Community Captains

Other notable leadership roles

Year 12 Leaders

**Student Voice Coordinators** 

Year 9 Leaders

**Student Voice Coordinators** 

Events[edit]

**Swimming Carnival** 

Athletics Carnival

Spring Carnival/Spring Challenge (known as 'Foundation Day' in 2015 to celebrate 30 years of the college)

**Cross Country** 

Colour Run (one time)

Notable alumni[edit]

Stuart Cochrane (1991–1995) – Australian rules football for the North Melbourne Football Club and Port Adelaide.

Mark Ormrod (1996–2001) – Olympic medallist (2004 Olympics, 4 × 400 metres relay).

Trent Dumont - Australian rules football for the North Melbourne Football Club.

See also[edit]
List of schools in South Australia