



BACK TO SCHOOL 2025

Welcome to Paralowie R-12 School, where our unique setting allows us to build meaningful connections with each student from Reception to Year 12. This continuity fosters a sense of community and belonging, supports smooth learning transitions, and empowers each individual to reach their full potential.

Our Vision

Paralowie R-12 School empowers students to be resilient, lifelong learners through a culture of high expectations and a commitment to excellence.

Our Vision Statement aligns with South Australia's purpose for public education, highlighting our dedication to nurturing confident, capable learners who are ready to meet life's challenges with resilience and determination. At Paralowie, high expectations and excellence are more than goals — they are guiding principles that inspire every learner to grow, adapt, and pursue their personal best.

Through this vision, we are committed to developing not just students' knowledge and skills but also their character. By fostering resilience and independence, we prepare them to navigate challenges, become compassionate citizens, and build lives that are both fulfilling and impactful.

Similar to previous years, the school will be opened during Week 0 for parents and caregivers to pay their Materials & Services Charges, receive assistance in applying for the School Card Scheme (eligible families) and to purchase School Uniform in readiness for the return or start to school.

When

Wednesday 22 January 2025 – 10:00 am to 4:00pm

Thursday 23 January 2025 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where

- Paralowie R-12 School Front Reception
- Please use the Whites Road car park

MATERIALS & SERVICE CHARGE

Families will receive their 2025 Material & Service Charge invoice via email to their nominated email address listed on the school records. The Materials & Service Charge will be \$340.00 for Reception to Year 6 students and \$436.00 for Year 7 to Year 12 students. As part of the 2024-2025 State Budget, Cost of Living, the Malinauskas Labour Government has made a commitment to give South Australian families with school-age children a \$200.00 Rebate/Discount on their public school's Materials and Services Charge for each child, in which a Credit Note will be applied to family statements in reducing the amount required to be paid. The rebate will be processed and applied to family statements after the Material and Service Charge invoice has been emailed to families. Please understand the rebate will not reflect on the Invoice.

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL CHARGES

School Card Application

The 2025 School Card applications is now available. We encourage all families to apply online, by visiting www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard. If you need assistance applying, computers will be available at school during the above dates and times. If unable to apply online forms will be available from the school Finance office.

Establish a Direct Debit Agreement with the school

Applications for payment of school fees by instalments will be processed during the above times with forms available for families to discuss and complete that assist with the financial responsibilities. Please make sure you bring your bank details and/or credit card details to finalize the application.

Direct Bank Deposit to School Bank Account

The school offers parents/caregivers the opportunity to make Electronic Funds Transfer payments directly to the school account.

BSB: 065 122 Account Number: 1102 6365

Account Name: Paralowie School Consolidated Acc.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR FAMILY CODE & INVOICE NUMBER
IN THE REFERENCE SECTION, FOR YOUR PAYMENT TO BE APPLIED TO YOUR ACCOUNT**

YR LEVEL STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Years 7-12 Stationery lists are available on the Paralowie Website: Teaching & Learning / Middle School 7-9 or Senior School 10-12

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Paralowie R-12 School has adopted a Uniform Policy in accordance with Department for Education School Dress Code Guidelines.

We believe that a uniform will:

- promote pride, unity and a positive school image
- help to provide a safe school environment
- create an identification with the school and assist in identifying strangers on the school grounds.
- maintain a high standard of appearance and neatness and to remove one form of peer pressure by ensuring equal status amongst students.

All students, Reception to Year 12 are required to dress in the school uniform. On enrolling at Paralowie, parents and students undertake to support the school in ensuring that all students will wear approved uniform and safe and appropriate footwear. It is expected that students will maintain their uniform and their appearance in a neat, clean and tidy manner at all times.

All Paralowie tops are to be purchased through the School Uniform Shop. All tops display the school logo.

- Paralowie School Polo shirt: navy / gold
- Paralowie School Fleecy zip collar windcheater (pouch pocket)
- Paralowie School Fleecy hooded windcheater with full zip
- Paralowie School Physical Education Polo top
- Only Paralowie jackets are allowed.
- Plain dark blue pants/trousers/shorts/skirts
- No brand names or logos
- No ripped jeans/trousers/shorts
- Shorts/skirts mid-thigh or longer length
- No leggings or jeggings



School Uniform Pricing & Policy is accessible on the school website: For Families/Uniform

Second-hand uniform is also available in our Community Centre and is open before and after school each day. If you have items for sale, please bring them to the shop during opening hours. Donations of clean and tidy school uniform items are always welcome.

START OF 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

2025 School Year will have a staggered start for Term 1.

- **Monday 27 January:** Public holiday – Australia Day
- **Tuesday 28 January:** Official start to the 2025 School year with a Staggered Start. Reception to Year 6, and Years 7 and 12 to start only. Students in Years 8-11 are NOT required to attend. However, if you are required to attend work and do not have any appropriate supervision for your child, you can send them to school. Supervision and activities will be provided in the Learning Hub, however learning programs for students in years 8-11 will not begin until Wednesday 29 January.
- **Wednesday 29 January:** All students are back at school. Year 12 students to begin at recess.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Should Parents, Caregivers or families have any questions, please contact the school on any of the below communication channels:

- **Phone: (08) 8182 7222 – Reception**
- **Phone: (08) 8182 7268 – Student Attendance**
- **Email: dl.1099.info@schools.sa.edu.au General Enquiries**
- **Email: dl.1099.finance@schools.sa.edu.au Finance/School Accounts**

The Finance office is located in the School Reception. Payments for all school related expenses i.e school fees, uniforms, excursions, camps and school activities may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Visa or MasterCard by students/parents/caregivers between 8:30am to 3:30pm week days. The Finance office is closed between 12 noon and 12.30pm daily.

Personal Information

Please advise all changes to personal information, such as residential address, postal address, email address, phone numbers (Land/Mobile) and changes to family circumstances are notified by calling into the Front Reception as soon as practical. In an emergency, we refer to this information to contact families and to provide all school communication.

Absences

Parents & Caregivers are asked to contact the school directly on the Student Absence phone (08) 8182 7268, if a student will be absent, or write a note. The morning home group class roll is as a legal document.

Late Arrival / Leaving Early

R-12 students need to report to the Front Office, if they are late or need to leave early for an appointment. This movement is electronically recorded using the students ID card. Lateness or requests to leave early require notification from parents via the diary or a phone call.

Leaving School Grounds

Other than movement according to the school processes, students are required to remain in school grounds between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm.

MOBILE PHONES



With the State Governments' move to ban mobile phones in schools, Paralowie School is a Mobile Phone Free learning environment, meaning a complete Reception to Year 12 ban on mobile phones being used by students when they are on the school site.

Students will be able to have them available when travelling to and from school, but once at school they will need to be turned off and are to remain in the school bag during lessons and breaks.