



Upcoming Events

Join Us for Italian Day

Date: Thursday 3 July
Time: 8:30am
Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

100 days of school for Reception to Year 2

Date: Friday 27 June
Time: 12:00am
Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

NAIDOC Week

Date: Monday 3 July - Friday 7 July
Venue: Venue is N/A -

Pupil Free Day

Date: Friday 9 April
Time: 12:00am - 12:00am
Venue: External Venue - Adelaide

Term 3 Commences

Date: Tuesday 22 July
Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm
Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

SACPASSA Cross Country

Date: Wednesday 6 August
Time: 12:00am - 12:00am
Venue: Venue is TBC -

Bullying No Way Week

Date: Monday 11 August - Friday 15 August
Time: 12:00am
Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Book Week

Date: Monday 18 August - Friday 22 August
Time: 12:00am
Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

Book Week Parade

Date: Friday 22 August
Time: 9:00am - 10:00am
Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

St Raphael's™ School to Unveil a PEACE POLE in Partnership with Unley Rotary Club

Date: Friday 19 September
Time: 10:45am - 11:10am
Venue: St Raphael's School - Parkside

St Raphael's School Named a 2025 5-Star Employer of Choice!



We are thrilled to announce that St Raphael's School has been recognised as a 2025 5-Star Employer of Choice by The Educator, standing proudly among Australia's most outstanding educational workplaces!

The Educator's rigorous selection process, which included comprehensive research and input from industry experts, identified St Raphael's as a leader for our commitment to creating a supportive, rewarding, and dynamic workplace culture. This prestigious honour reflects the professionalism, dedication, and heart that our entire team brings to the St Raphael's community every day.

"The standard of nominated employers across the Australian education industry was thoroughly impressive. St. Raphael's School stood out and were awarded 5-Star status for their comprehensive approach, ensuring their employees are part of a supportive and rewarding culture."

— **Chris Sweeney, Managing Editor, The Educator**

What The Educator Has to Say About Why St. Raphael's School Is Special

According to The Educator:

Opened in 1889, St Raphael's School in Parkside is a vibrant, welcoming community where every child's journey is celebrated and nurtured. Our personalised, child-centred approach recognises the unique spark in every learner and partners closely with families to help children flourish.

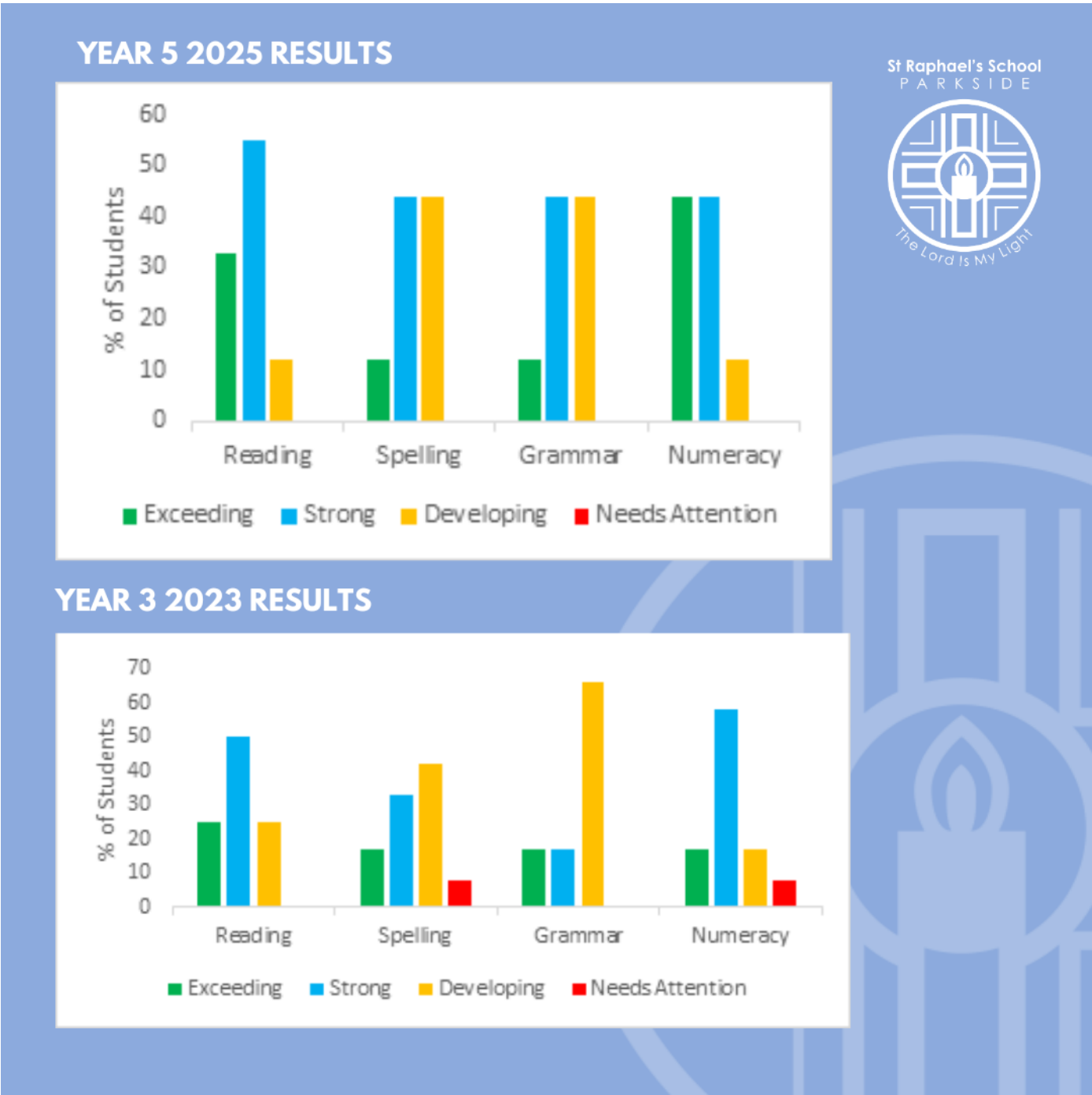
Our dedicated team—including award-winning teachers, caring admin staff, social workers, therapists, and specialists—works hand in hand with families to provide tailored support and expert guidance. Sensory-rich spaces invite students to take intellectual risks, build resilience, and discover their passions, while life skills and leadership are woven into every year level.

St. Raphael's is a hub for unique experiences, from our Cultural Immersion Program and intergenerational buddy classes to signature events like the Cultural Connections Fair and Reading Revolution. Our broad range of specialised programs and extracurricular opportunities ensures every child can explore, grow, and excel.

Join Our Community

This recognition as a 5-Star Employer of Choice is a testament to the vibrant, nurturing environment we have built together at St Raphael's School. Congratulations to our community.

Celebrating Remarkable Academic Growth at our school.



We are thrilled to share some outstanding news about our students’ academic progress, as demonstrated in the latest NAPLAN results. The data clearly shows that our focused approach to teaching and learning is making a significant difference in student outcomes.

Exceptional Progress from Year 3 to Year 5

Tracking the same cohort of students from Year 3 in 2023 to Year 5 in 2025, we have seen remarkable improvements across all key learning domains:

- Reading
- Spelling
- Grammar

- Numeracy

Every student in this cohort has shown growth. This is a testament to the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support of our school community.

Key Highlights from 2024–2025 NAPLAN Data

1. Significant Increase in High Achievement: There has been a notable rise in the number of students achieving at the 'Strong' and 'Exceeding' levels, particularly in Reading and Numeracy.
2. Reduction in Students Needing Attention: Across every domain, fewer students require additional support, indicating the success of our targeted interventions.
3. Growth for New Arrivals: In Year 3, students who initially scored in the 'Needs Attention' category were new arrivals to our school. Thanks to our tailored support, we anticipate significant improvement in their upcoming NAPLAN results.

Visualising Our Success

We encourage you to review the graphic, which clearly illustrate our students' growth. These charts show:

- The shift in student achievement bands from Year 3 (2023) to Year 5 (2025)
- The reduction in students needing attention
- The increase in students performing at strong and exceeding levels

Thank You!

This progress is a shared achievement. Thank you to our teachers for their dedication, our families for their ongoing support, and our students for their hard work and commitment to learning.

Together, we are building a culture of excellence and continuous growth at St Raphael's School.

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)

We are pleased to announce that St Raphael's will once again participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). This prestigious event offers our students a valuable opportunity to demonstrate their academic abilities and critical thinking skills in a range of analytical and problem-solving scenarios. This year, St Raphael's School will be entering students in the English, Mathematics, and Digital Technologies assessments, which will take place in mid Term 3.

If you would like your child to take part in this enriching experience, please contact [Julie Purdie](#) for further information.

Celebrating Our Reading Revolution!

Thank you to everyone who joined our Reading Revolution! Together, we are creating a vibrant community where reading is celebrated and every child's literacy journey is nurtured and supported.

Insights from Our Expert Panelists

Andrew Joyner

"Reading and drawing are intertwined at a young age—it's one and the same."

How do art and reading connect in your child's life?

Mandy Foot

"Read to your child before they are born—and don't stop! Kids learn to read pictures before words, so remember: reading the pictures is the start of reading."

Tonight, try a picture walk with your favourite book!

Tania Ingram

"Reading a book allows you to stop, focus, and think critically. It stimulates the parasympathetic system—reading calms you down."

How does reading help you or your child relax?

Karyn Stephens & Caitlin Hadrill

"Our library is open to all! Swap and return books at any Adelaide library, and join us for story times and after-school clubs—all building literacy for our community."

Visit your local library this week and get involved!

For further insights and tips to improve reading in your home take a read of our dedictaed web page.

Happy reading! ðŸ“šâœ“



Join Us for Italian Day and DRESS UP



ITALIAN DAY

Celebrate All Things Italian in the Piazza July 3 from 8:30am

Join us in the quadrangle for a vibrant celebration of Italian culture.

Enjoy a delicious caffè [coffee] from 8:30am.

The festivities begin with an Assembly at 9:10am, followed by a Costume Parade for our families, after which students will participate in a full day of Italian activities and experiences.

Families are warmly invited to participate. We encourage everyone to dress in the colors of the Italian flag—green, white or red—or get creative and dress up with the students! Ideas include:



Mario Bros Pinocchio
pizza slice chef
gondolier driver gelato seller
soccer ball meatball



To add to the Italian flair, special lunch orders of Pizza and Gelato will be available for pre-purchase on QKR before the day.

Come and join the divertimento [fun]!

Start your morning with a delicious coffee and enjoy a vibrant day filled with Italian culture, including:

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Fun Italian-themed activities for students and families

Dress up in the colors of the Italian flag - green, white, or red - or get creative with costumes like Mario Bros, Pinocchio, pizza slice, chef, gondolier driver, gelato seller, soccer ball, or meatball!

Bring your loved ones and come join the divertimento [fun]! Let's make this a memorable celebration of Italian culture together!

The Maths Movement – Real World Maths Unleashed



St Raphael's School invites you to join an exciting week of maths fun and learning!

Following the success of our Reading Revolution, we present The Maths Movement – Real World Maths Unleashed, a week-long celebration from September 15–19 featuring a Numbers Tournament for students, plus a special free parent workshop on Wednesday, September 17, 6:00–7:30pm: Raising Everyday Mathletes with Real World Maths.

Why Attend?

- Break free from math anxiety and the myth of being “bad at maths.”
- Discover how maths is part of video games, music, sports, and reading.
- Gain practical tips to support your child's maths learning at home.
- Empower your family with real-world numeracy skills.

Parent Workshop Panelists:

1. Representative, Primary Mathematics SA Professional Development – expert in practical, accessible maths education for families.
2. Mark Feetham, Maths Specialist, – passionate about growth mindset and making maths enjoyable.
3. Tim Budenberg, President, Mathematical Association of South Australia – advocate for inclusive, relevant maths learning.

Key Topics:

- Everyday numeracy and literacy
- Debunking “good at maths” vs. “bad at maths” myths

- Positive maths talk and real-life applications

This event is free and open to all adults with children in their care. Children are welcome to join the family-friendly evening.

“We’re here to prove that everyone is a mathematician,” says Principal Emma Fowler.

Register now via our online form to secure your spot and discover the mathematician within you!

🎉 GIVEAWAY FROM ST RAPHAEL’S SCHOOL! 🎉



St Raphael’s School is delighted to offer our community a limited number of FREE passes to the inspiring Stronger Families: A Positive Parenting Conference!

Date: August 16, 2025

Venue: The Sanctuary, Adelaide Zoo, 1 Plane Tree Drive

Time: 9:00am Registration | 9:30am–3:00pm

Light lunch included

This one-day event brings together Australia’s top parenting experts to share practical strategies for supporting children and teens:

• Maggie Dent – Calming Teen Stress & Anxiety

• Wayne Holdsworth – Start a Conversation Now

• Greg Attwells – You Can’t Out-Parent an Algorithm

• Madhavi Nawana Parker – Self Regulation: How to Stay Connected, Calm & Influential in Your Child’s Life

Tickets are valued at \$25 each, but you could WIN a double pass for FREE!

🎉 How to Enter:

Simply complete the entry form on our website for your chance to win: [St Raphael’s School | Stronger Families: A Positive Parenting Conference competition](#).

Don’t miss this opportunity to gain valuable parenting insights and connect with other families. Good luck!

National Schools Tree Day 2025 – Join Us in Greening Our Community!



This July, we're excited to join Unley Council for National Schools Tree Day 2025! On Friday, July 25th, our school will be planting three new trees to celebrate this special occasion.

Planting trees is a simple yet powerful way to keep our school and community leafy, green, and cool. It's also a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with nature and engage in environmental learning.

Why plant in winter?

- Winter is the perfect time for planting:
- Cooler temperatures mean less stress on young plants.
- Winter rains reduce the need for extra watering.

How You Can Help at Home

Add local native plants to your garden and create habitat at home. Find tips and resources at [Green Adelaide's gardening page](#).

Increase canopy cover in our community by planting a tree in your garden or caring for existing trees. Did you know the [City of Unley](#) offers grant funding for the maintenance of significant and regulated trees?

Encourage your kids to connect with nature this winter! Nature Play SA has lots of fun ideas for families at [Nature Play SA Families](#).

Let's work together to make our school and community greener for generations to come!

Join Us for Quiz Night!



PLEASE JOIN US

ROARING 20's QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY

AUG 15 6:30pm

110-114 Glen Osmond Road Parkside

\$15 per ticket OR \$100 for a table of 10
Tickets available via Qr!
Download the free Qr! app, search for St Raphael's
School, and purchase your tickets in a few taps!

Come for a night of trivia, entertainment and prizes, with
wine and nibbles platters available to purchase on the
night, or feel free to bring your own.



St Raphael's School
PARKSIDE

When: Friday, August 15

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: 110-114 Glen Osmond Road, Parkside

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of trivia, entertainment, and fantastic prizes! Enjoy delicious wine and nibbles platters available to

purchase on the night — or bring your own treats!

Theme: Roaring 20's

Tickets: \$15 each or \$100 for a table of 10

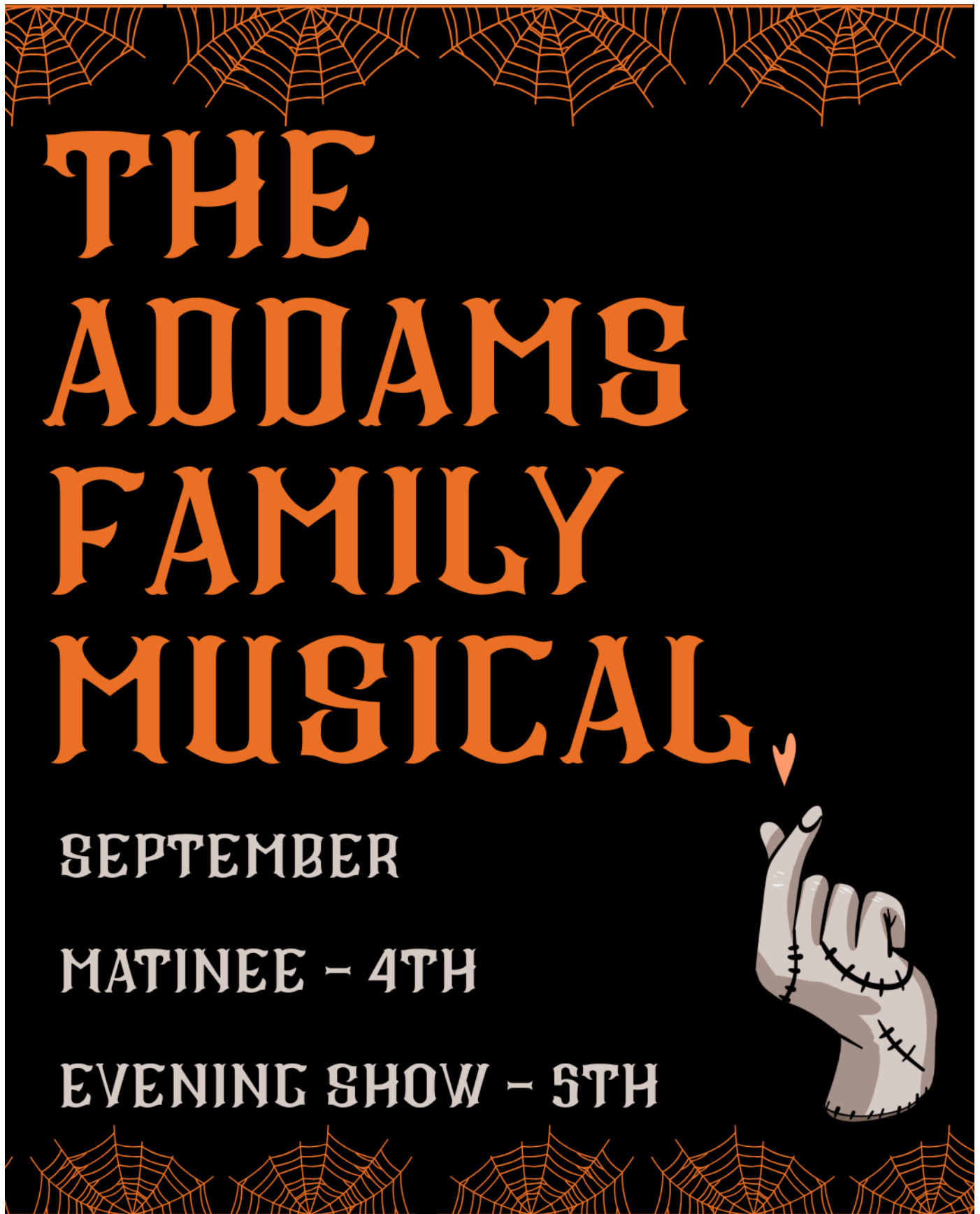
Secure your spot now via the free Qkr! app:

Download Qkr!

Search for St Raphael's School

Purchase your tickets in just a few taps!

Don't miss out on a night of fun and friendly competition — see you there! ðŸŸ³ðŸŸ“ðŸŸ•



Presenting: The Addams Family

We are thrilled to invite you to St Raphael's School's 2025 musical production, The Addams Family! Join us for a spectacular showcase of student talent, creativity, and fun. There will be two performances for families and friends to enjoy:

Matinee Performance

Date: Thursday, 4 September 2025

Venue: School Hall

Hall Doors Open: 12:00pm

Show Commences: 12:10pm

Estimated Conclusion: 12:45pm

Audience Q&A: 12:45pm – 1:00pm

Evening Performance

Date: Friday, 5 September 2025

Venue: School Hall & Courtyard

Pre-Show Drinks & Nibbles (Courtyard): From 5:00pm

Hall Doors Open: 6:15pm (opened by our “waiter” characters!)

Show Commences: 6:30pm

Estimated Finish: 7:30pm

Additional Information:

- The courtyard will be open for pre-show refreshments before the Friday evening performance.
- Both shows will be held in the school hall.
- Please arrive promptly to ensure a smooth start.
- There will be a short Q&A session with the cast after the Thursday matinee.

We look forward to seeing you at this unmissable school event!

Stay tuned for ticketing information and further updates.

Important Dates for the Start of Term 3



PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 21ST JULY 2025
ANIMAL INCURSION

**Meet 8-10 friendly Australian native animals;
including a baby crocodile, two pythons, two
lizards, two marsupials, and a bird. You will have an
opportunity to pat and/or hold most of the animals**

Bookings open through Fully Booked!



Date: Monday, 21 July 2025

Please note that there will be a Pupil Free Day on Monday, 21 July. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

OSHC will be open on this day and is currently taking bookings.

Term 3 Commencement

Date: Tuesday, 22 July 2025

Location: St Raphael’s School, 114 Glen Osmond Rd, Parkside, SA 5063

We look forward to welcoming all students back for the start of Term 3 on Tuesday, 22 July. Please ensure your child arrives on time, ready for another exciting term of learning!

For more information, please visit our school website or contact the front office.



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Hills Youth Theatre Presents

THE SECRET GARDEN

Written and Directed by
Lucy Russell Byrne
with Peta Shannon
Assistant Director
Sam Ewart



2025

**7pm Friday 20th and 27th June
6pm Saturday 21st and 28th June
2pm Sunday 22nd and 29th June**



At the Stirling Community Theatre, 7 Avenue Rd, Stirling
Adult \$27 | Child \$20 | Conc. \$20 | Family \$85
Bookings: hillsyouththeatre.com/current-show/



