Xavier College is a Catholic Co-educational Secondary College conducted in the traditions of the Salesians of Don Bosco. The Salesians are a Congregation of the Church that have been involved in teaching and youth work in every part of the world for 150 years and pass on to the College their ethos and rich tradition in the education of young people.

IDENTITY
Xavier College is named after St Francis Xavier, a Spanish missionary of the 16th Century. St Francis was a Jesuit priest who brought the message of the Gospel to the people of Japan and China. His efforts to make Jesus meaningful to the people of Asia mark him as one of the great missionaries of the Church. St Francis Xavier is also the patron of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This link with the local Church is valuable in establishing the identity of the College.

The motto for the College, “ONE IN CHRIST”, expresses our unity as children of the one God, regardless of our background, race or heritage. We are children of God, blessed by God, gifted by God and given an opportunity to use these gifts for all people.

Xavier College is governed by a College Board which has the responsibility of approving the financial and development plans and policies that will guide the College. The Board is formed from the local faith community.

Xavier College has a vision for Catholic Education that involves blending the technology of today with the expectations of tomorrow. All students attending the College will be well equipped to undertake the future in education or work, with a comprehensive and technological background.

PASTORAL CARE
The key characteristic of a Catholic School is the quality of the Pastoral Care given to students. At Xavier College this care will be based upon the Salesian traditions of education and the needs of students facing the 21st Century. The Salesian tradition of education provides a framework for the College Pastoral Care Policy.

The Salesian Way of Education
The Catholic philosophy of education is the basis for the principles guiding the administration of any school administered by the Salesians. St John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians, used the ‘Preventive System’ to contrast his method of education with what he called the ‘Repressive System’. He saw this later as the system of how to deal with those who broke the rules; he saw his own as the system of how to prevent rules being broken. In his own words, “This system is based entirely on reason, religion and kindness.”

From the outset it presumes that the school is a community where people genuinely relate to each other rather than an institution where people communicate from either side of a common barrier. By creating a friendly school environment, Salesian educators offer their students the time, opportunity and guidance to know themselves better, to understand the purpose for their existence, to help them develop their God-given talents and to prepare them to take their rightful place within their families, the Church and society.

CHARTER FOR SALESIAN SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA
In keeping with the spirit of St John Bosco, whereby “education is largely a matter of the heart” that leads young people to “know that they are loved,” the Salesian school community of today is challenged to be:

A Home that Welcomes by:
- Being committed to the care and support of all young people, especially the poor and marginalised
- Cultivating relationships based on genuine affection, openness and acceptance of others
- Fostering a spirit of joy and hope, based on the ‘Good News’ of Jesus Christ
- Encouraging an attitude of optimism and a conviction that life is fundamentally worthwhile
CHARTER FOR SALESIAN SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA (Cont.)

A Parish that evangelises by:
- Having a strong and vibrant programme of religious education, liturgical celebration and sacramental encounter
- Addressing the spiritual yearnings of young people and adults
- Giving priority to the faith development and formation of staff
- Providing students with significant experiences of faith in action and apostolic involvement

A School that prepares for life by:
- Encouraging a passion for life-long learning and a quest for excellence
- Developing a sense of meaning and purpose, which expresses itself in a spirit of service and self-giving
- Proclaiming the challenge of community building, commitment to others and responsible decision-making
- Cultivating resilience, resourcefulness and adaptability as important skills for life

A playground where friends meet and enjoy themselves by:
- Being present to each other in an active, engaging and constructive manner, in fidelity to the Salesian Preventive System
- Building positive and inclusive relationships between each other
- Having a rich experiencing of interaction and sharing, especially between students and staff
- Creating occasions for celebration and festivity

Faithful to the tradition of St John Bosco, the Salesian school community is constantly challenged to re-interpret and re-enliven his educational vision in every generation and circumstance, according to the requirements of the contemporary situation and the needs of young people, to whom he once said: “I have only one wish: that you be happy in this world and the next.”

ENROLMENT
Xavier College offers a Catholic Education to all who seek such an education in line with the information contained within this document. Enrolment will oblige parents to accept the responsibility of meeting normal fees and levies unless a prior arrangement is made with the Principal. No family though, would be refused enrolment for their child simply on the inability to pay fees.

The application process is as detailed on the Application for Enrolment form.

Where the number of enrolments exceeds the available places, the priority for acceptance is as follows:
- Catholic enrolments from the Catholic Parish Primary Schools
- Catholic enrolments from other schools, with priority given to (a) siblings at Xavier College and (b) children of old scholars.
- Siblings of those presently enrolled.
- Non Catholic enrolments from Catholic Parish Primary Schools.
- Children enrolled at Christian Primary Schools.
- Children from families with Religious affiliation.
- Other applicants.