Southern Cross Catholic College

Co-educational Prep - Year 12
REDCLIFFE

Prospectus



A Brisbane Catholic Education School

College Parish

Southern Cross Catholic College is a member of the Brisbane Catholic Education community of schools. The College upholds this commitment by complying with their policies and procedures. Since the commencement of 2008, the College comes under the governance of the Holy Cross Parish and assumes the responsibility as a Parish College. The Parish Priest meets with the Principal on a regular basis to ensure accountability, and more importantly, that the religious and spiritual formation of the College is maintained. As a Parish College, Southern Cross Catholic College enjoys strong relationships with students, staff, parents, parish and the wider community. The parish and Brisbane Catholic Education work in partnership to improve the motivation and engagement of students in their learning and increase awareness and usage of available resources throughout the College.

College History

Southern Cross Catholic College (SCCC) was founded in 1995, following the amalgamation of the Catholic primary and secondary schools on the Redcliffe Peninsula. Today, the multi-campus college operates as the principal Catholic College in the North Moreton Bay Region and is one of the largest Catholic Colleges in the state.

The College's rich history stems back to the late 1940s when the original Brigidine Sisters' school first opened its doors in January 1948 as St Bernadette's Primary School, closely followed by the opening of Our Lady Help of Christians in 1950, Soubirous College in 1951, De La Salle primary and secondary in 1955, Our Lady of Lourdes in 1969 and Frawley College was founded in 1973 and named after the local Parish Priest Monsignor Bartholomew Frawley.

The benefits which flourished from the amalgamation include well-resourced facilities and a strengthened community. Today, Southern Cross Catholic College boasts three primary campuses located in Scarborough (Frawley Campus), Kippa Ring (MacKillop Campus) and Woody Point (Delany Campus); accommodating students in Prep to Year 6 and an additional campus in Scarborough (De La Salle Campus) accommodating middle and senior years students from Year 7 to Year 12.

The College is committed to developing its rich history and embodying the tradition of Catholic education begun by its Founders. The College Houses are named after each of our founders – St John Baptist de La Salle, Dr Daniel Delany, St Mary MacKillop and former Parish Priest Monsignor Bartholomew Frawley. Our College Patron Saint is Mary, Help of Christians.

Over the years the local and Southern Cross Catholic College community has ensured the school's name has been held in the highest regard and kept the SCCC banner flying high in the areas of academia, culture, mission and sport.









From the Principal

There is something very comforting in finding the Southern Cross in a sky crowded with constellations. Having lived in the Northern Hemisphere for an extended period where this magnificent constellation is unseen, finding the Southern Cross on the first night of my return was reassuring: I was finally home. For millennia the Southern Cross has guided and reassured the peoples of our land. The stars were and continue to be an important symbol for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the first custodians of our ancient land. The Southern Cross has guided explorers and navigators and became a symbol of unity first for the miners of Eureka and then on our National Flag. For Australian Christians, the Southern Cross is a symbol of the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Southern Cross Catholic College continues the rich and proud tradition of Catholic education on the Redcliffe Peninsula in providing a comprehensive education for our students from Prep to Year 12.

The college comprises four campuses spanning the Peninsula from Woody Point to Scarborough and Kippa Ring. As a Lasallian College we celebrate and live the charism of St John Baptist De La Salle where we accept the invitation to make the loving and saving presence of Jesus Christ a visible and effective reality in the world of education, in the world of the young. Ultimately we are about faith leading to service which in turn builds authentic community.

I commend this Prospectus and our website as a valuable source of information for prospective families and invite parents to visit our college for a more personal experience.

Live Jesus in our hearts forever!

Chris Campbell

Principal

Early Years - Making Friends

Prep - Year 2

The core business of Southern Cross Catholic College is learning. We aim to empower our learners to shape, change and enrich our world and give witness to the Gospel message. The curriculum at the College refers to all the experiences which occur within the school environment. The formal, explicit curriculum is the planned, taught and assessed learning of students, whilst the informal or implicit curriculum is inherent in the relationships, interactions, practices, processes, systems and structures that surround learning.

Southern Cross Catholic College strives to provide all students with a seamless and coherent program of learning from Prep to Year 12. Such a curriculum builds on students' prior knowledge and experiences, becomes increasingly more complex and abstract, and provides authentic contexts for learning as they journey through their schooling. A relevant and meaningful curriculum is future focused and attentive to the needs of today's youth and their world.

Learning communities are outcome orientated as they strive for students to achieve the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to function as active and effective community members. Teachers in the Early Years Phase plan and implement a comprehensive classroom learning program developed from the guidelines provided in the Australian Curriculum in the Learning Areas of; English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, The Arts, Health and Physical Education and Technologies. Teachers ensure all students are provided with multiple opportunities to demonstrate the Achievement Standards outlined within the Australian Curriculum in a range of contexts and topics. Students also demonstrate learnings in



Religious Education which fulfil the requirements of Brisbane Catholic Education's Religious Education Guidelines.

Active, passionate and engaging early years teachers are committed to knowing their learners, setting explicit and transparent goals, having realistic but challenging expectations of their learners, providing effective learning experiences and giving each student feedback to further enhance their learning.

The development of literacy and numeracy skills is foundational to all learning. The achievement and progress of all students is tracked and monitored in these areas each year, with ongoing communication between teachers, support teachers and parents. As a learner-centred College, the changing needs of students at different stages in their development are catered for effectively.

Junior Years - Confidence and Leadership

Year 3 - 6

The Junior Years of schooling at Southern Cross Catholic College allow students to build on their relationships with friends, staff and students from the three campuses. Academically the students are challenged to expand their skills and knowledge whilst staff are there to nurture individual abilities to foster educational success.

Learning and Teaching in the Junior Years is developed from the guidelines provided in the Australian Curriculum. The learning areas in the Australian Curriculum are; English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, The Arts, Health and Physical Education, Technologies, and Languages other than English (Japanese in Year 6). Teachers ensure all students are provided with multiple opportunities to demonstrate the Achievement Standards outlined within the Australian Curriculum in a range of contexts and topics. The students also demonstrate learnings in Religious Education which fulfil the requirements of Brisbane Catholic Education's Religious Education Guidelines.

Inspired and passionate junior years teachers are committed to knowing their learners and the impact their learning experiences have on their academic, spiritual, physical and social/emotional development. Goals, expectations, practice and feedback are all key elements in making learning visible to the junior years students and families at Southern Cross Catholic College.

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 curriculum is balanced to ensure each student will journey on a seamless transition to the next phase of learning, the Middle Years.



Middle Years - Excellence and Success

Years 7 - 9

The Middle Years Phase of Learning incorporates Years 7 to 9. A dynamic curriculum has been created to engage and challenge student perceptions, perspectives and opinions. To achieve this we utilise the ACARA National Curriculum, along with the Brisbane Catholic Education religious education program and Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) directives.

In Year 9 students and respective staff embark on a journey of discovery - The Damascus Program. The Damascus Program aims to assist students to 'Seek the Light', incorporating a week-long experience centred on rural immersion and in-school programs which address issues such as spirituality, environmental stewardship, urban awareness, team building, body image and fitness. Students in Year 9 need to be challenged to discover their place in the world. Therefore, they are involved in a learning program which involves a series of on-campus and off-campus activities as part of the Damascus Program. The Damascus Program has the potential to be life changing by challenging the physical, emotional, spiritual, cognitive and social limits of each student. The Damascus Program develops the skills and attributes cultivated throughout the Middle Years Phase of Learning, including responsibility; communication; planning and organisation; flexibility; decision-making; problem solving and creative thinking; working with others and in teams and active participation.

The emphasis throughout the Middle Years is to impart lifelong independent learning skills that will prepare students for the Senior Phase of Learning. The mission of staff and students of the Middle Years Phase of Learning is to 'Seek the Light' through Excellence and Success.



Senior Years - Lifelong Independent Learning

Years 10 - 12

The final Phase of Learning at Southern Cross Catholic College prepares students for entry into the world. Students continue to receive encouragement to contribute positively to the local communities and friendships are sealed for life. Leadership is featured throughout Years 11 and 12 where students are encouraged to nominate for student leadership positions. Students in Years 10 to 12 take on mentoring roles within the College community and are given opportunities to involve themselves with the younger students by means of sporting interaction and development, pastoral care and cultural activities such as College musicals, Patron's Day and Mass.

Academically, our specialist staff are at the forefront of their fields and are continually updating their knowledge of teaching methods whilst continuing to plan learning and assesssment experiences for their students based on the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) Senior Syllabuses. Students may also choose to complete a combination of Authority and Authority-registered subjects which most suits their interests, capabilities, talents and career aspirations.

As students progress through Years 11 and 12, they are regularly assessed in each of their subjects. These assessments are monitored by the QCAA, and at the end of Year 12 the Authority issues a Student Education Profile. In the Vocational Education Course, students have the opportunity to work one day per week in a school-based Traineeship or an Apprenticeship, or, to attend a TAFE course or to do structured Work Placement or Work Experience in a Vocational area of their choosing. Students receive the Queensland Certificate of Education, providing they meet the stated requirements.



At Southern Cross Catholic College our aim is to give your children the very best opportunities to mature academically, emotionally, socially, spiritually and vocationally.


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Woody Point Campus *Prep - Year 6*

Southern Cross Catholic College Woody Point Campus is located at the southern end of the Redcliffe Peninsula and is the smallest of the Southern Cross campuses. We accommodate approximately 200 students from Prep to Year 6. A strong, effective partnership at all levels maintains a friendly, supportive culture. A stimulating, engaging curriculum that sets challenging standards and addresses students' abilities, needs and interests, provides a high quality learning environment. Our students want to come to school.

The Woody Point Campus, founded in 1969 by the Brigidine Sisters under the banner of Our Lady of Lourdes has a rich history and tradition. There has been extensive development of the campus over recent years to provide modern and effective learning spaces for the 21st Century student. It is blessed with a strong feeling of community among students and staff and parent involvement is particularly strong.

Teachers use data and feedback to effectively facilitate optimum learning for individual students. Teachers have high expectations and support students to raise their personal expectations of themselves. Classes provide a challenging and rigorous curriculum for students which address all aspects of their development.

Prayer and celebration are a focus of daily campus life. Involvement in district sports, swimming programs, dance, drama, instrumental music, robotics and chess tournaments all contribute to the holistic development of each student.

With its contemporary learning environment, Woody Point Campus is blessed in all facets of its operation and thrives from being a small campus whilst receiving the benefits of being an intregral part of a larger College network.







Scarborough Primary Campus *Prep - Year 6*

Situated on the site of the former De La Salle Junior College, the Southern Cross Catholic College Scarborough Primary Campus is located beside the Middle and Senior Years precinct and shares its expansive sporting fields, tennis courts and Olympic sized swimming pool.

Scarborough Primary Campus caters for students from Prep through to Year 6. There are 16 classes in total and just over 400 students at the Campus. Opened in 1955, the campus was known as De La Salle Primary School and educated boys from Year 4 onwards. Today the campus benefits from being part of a College which values its past but looks forward to its future as part of a multi-campus, progressive College.

Scarborough Primary Campus has recently undergone a major rebuild and refurbishment. Families can expect state-of-the-art contemporary facilities where dedicated and enthusiastic staff implement a relevant and meaningful curriculum which is future-focused and attentive to the needs of all students.

Scarborough Primary students are offered opportunities to excel in all areas. Staff and students are supported by a Teacher Librarian, a Support Teacher for Inclusive Education and specialist teachers in the fields of Music, Physical Education and LOTE in the form of Japanese.

In partnership with Centacare the campus houses the Outside School Hours Care Facility which provides quality care for students before and after school. Students and staff have access to two College halls and also to the serenity of the De La Salle Chapel for prayer and reflection. Class masses are held in this beautiful space regularly throughout the year.

Social Club, Walking Club, Music Club and the Environmental Club operate on Scarborough Primary Campus and students are encouraged to get involved where possible.







Kippa Ring Campus *Prep - Year 6*

Southern Cross Catholic College Kippa Ring has a varied history. The Sisters of St Joseph opened St Joseph's Catholic School on the corner of Anzac Avenue and Oxley Avenue in 1922. The school later became known as Our Lady Help of Christians until amalgamation in 1995 when it became the Redcliffe Campus of Southern Cross Catholic College. In 1997 the school moved to the new location in Nottingham Street Kippa Ring and became the Kippa Ring Campus with an enrolment of 147 students.

The Kippa Ring is surrounded by wide open spaces, beautiful gardens, and large grassed fields, the Kippa Ring campus is immersed nature.

Catering for approximately 320 students, all students are actively engaged in quality learning and teaching experiences delivered by our caring and dedicated staff. The wholistic education of each student - academic, social, physical, and spiritual – is evident in our rigorous, active, and engaging classrooms. Specialist teachers for The Arts, LOTE (Japanese), Physical Education; block swimming lessons; and the option to engage with instrumental music lessons also form part of this wholistic education.Our students are offered opportunities to engage in lunch time clubs which are run by both staff and our Year 6 Leadership Ministry Groups. Kippa Ring Campus has a fully enclosed, multipurpose hall onsite, which is used for liturgies, concerts, incursions, and school assemblies.

Outside Hours School Care is also available and is run by Centacare. These facilities provide quality care for students before and after school and during the school holidays. Kippa Ring campus is in close proximity to Holy Cross Church, with our students attending Parish masses during term time.



Scarborough Secondary Campus *Years 7 - 12*



The Scarborough Secondary Campus hosts students from Year 7 to Year 12 and has approximately 700 students. Located on the original De La Salle College grounds this campus is located at the northern end of the Redcliffe Peninsula in the idyllic seaside location of Scarborough.

With the combination of a medium sized student population and contemporary facilities in Information Technology, Industrial Technology and Marine Studies, the Scarborough Secondary Campus provides effective educational programs for all students in Year 7 to Year 12.

Southern Cross Catholic College has been nationally recognised for the College's high quality Middle Years Program. Students in Years 7 to 9 are immersed in programs which meet the distinct set of cognitive, physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of adolescents. The Middle Years motto is Excellence and Success – promoting life-long learning needs and the development of higher-order thinking and problem solving.

The College's relevant and meaningful curriculum is future focused and attentive to the needs of today's youth and their world. Featured on the Scarborough Secondary Campus is the Resource Centre which is central to implementing, enriching and supporting the teaching and learning program of the College. Southern Cross Catholic College aims to develop information literate students with a lifelong love of learning. The Library and staff are available to assist students through information literacy lessons, in specifically designed research areas, by providing print and online resources and AV equipment.

The impressive facilities of the Secondary Campus include computer laboratories, air-conditioned common areas, heated 50m Olympic swimming pool, tennis courts, multi-purpose indoor sports stadium, international standard sporting fields, gymnasium, basketball/netball courts, community centre, careers resource centre, hospitality training restaurant, learning enrichment centre, marine science training centre, instrumental music centre, drama studios, information technology and design centre.

The Campus is well serviced by local bus companies who bring students from Shorncliffe, Bracken Ridge, Strathpine, Petrie, Deception Bay, Kallangur and the more local suburbs.



Spirituality *Religious Life of the College*



Southern Cross Catholic College is a learning community, which aspires to growth in knowledge, love and service in the presence of God. As a Catholic community the College beliefs were formulated from the common threads of the three founding orders – Josephite, Brigidine and De La Salle Orders. We believe that God is present in every person, moment, event and time.

In coming together with the parish community, we strengthen our links through worship, and celebrate the College beliefs that 'We are called' to develop fully in harmony with the rest of creation. The campuses also pray together at assembly. You and your family are always welcome to join our celebrations, as this is one way we build a strong community.

Religious Education at the College comprises two distinct but complimentary dimensions – teaching people religion and teaching people to be religious and develop in their own faith formation. Both provide an opportunity for all involved in our community to grow in an understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith.

Teaching people to be religious is identified with the religious life of our College focussing on prayer and worship, religious identity and culture, social action and justice, and evangelisation and faith formation. The aim is to nurture the religious, spiritual and faith growth of students.

Beyond our College, the family, parish and local community have an important and shared responsibility to nourish the faith development of students. We form a team – supporting one another in guiding the students towards living relationships with God, themselves and others.

Opportunities for prayer and worship form an integral part of school life and are celebrated in class, campus and college contexts. Liturgies celebrate special occasions, while camps afford a unique environment to sense the Sacred.

Pastoral care involves the whole College community; students, staff and parents. We all 'look after' one another. In particular staff are committed to caring for the students in their care. Students are encouraged to take this responsibility seriously in the buddy system that operates between Year 6 and Year 1.

Since it is through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) that one enters into the life of the Catholic Faith Community, it is fitting that the parish be responsible for the Sacramental preparation of our children, intimately involving the parents and supported by the College.

Southern Cross Catholic College is a Christian learning community where all students come to know the Catholic tradition within the context of a multi-faith and multicultural world.



Sport





Southern Cross Catholic College has a rich tradition of outstanding sporting achievement dating back to the coaching days of the De La Salle Brothers. The College has produced many national sporting heroes throughout the years; including Australian Rugby League representatives Petero Civoniceva and Michael Crocker, Australian Soccer representative Kate McShae and a number of Olympic swimmers such as Leisel Jones, Geoff Huegill, Tahnee White, Linda MacKenzie, Jayden Hadler and Paralympian Blake Cochrane.

Today, students at each of the four campuses have the opportunity to benefit from the participation in sport at various levels and to pursue their interests in a range of individual and team sports which include swimming, triathlon, athletics, cross country, basketball, touch football, rugby league, rugby union, cricket, AFL, netball, futsal and soccer. The Southern Cross sporting facilities enhance the sporting opportunities of its students.

Annual carnivals for swimming, athletics and cross country are held throughout the year. At these carnivals students represent their own campus in order to allow more students from the College the opportunity to participate in representative carnivals.

Students in Year 7 to Year 12 also compete in knockout competitions and representative carnivals at district, regional, state and national levels, including:

- Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Netball (QISSN)
- Confraternity Rugby League
- Queensland All Schools Basketball Championships
- South East Colleges Association (SECA) cross country, swimming and athletics, Rugby 7s, OzTag and cricket

Annually, the College proudly recognises students who represent at state and national levels.


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The Arts





Southern Cross Catholic College has a strong commitment to the teaching and learning of The Arts, through both the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Students experience a rich and diverse arts curriculum and co-curricular pathways. Commedia evenings, annual visual art exhibitions and adaptations of Greek tragedies feature in the senior years curriculum whilst highly anticipated stage musicals, theatre sports, Art Club and the Jubilate Deo Choral Festival are highlights for students of all ages.

Students are presented with opportunities to explore the Performing Arts via music, choir, ensemble groups, drama and dance. Specialist teachers come into the College weekly to teach instrumental music students in a group or in private practice. All students are given the option to sit for instrumental music exams when the teacher thinks they are at an appropriate standard.

Through the Instrumental Music Program students have a chance to participate in ensembles which are often invited to perform within the College or local community. Concerts are also held regularly, which help the students gain confidence in their ability as a performer. Regular performance dates include the Inauguration Mass, Patron's Day, Open Day, Night of Excellence, College Musicals and Cultural Galas. College productions are of a consistently high standard and provide a valuable experience for all who participate.



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