

St Peter's Catholic College
PROSPECTUS



ST PETER'S
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Our guiding principles inform and inspire us in our everyday tasks and interactions always reminding us how we

LIVE AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST, PURSUE EXCELLENCE, CARE FOR MYSELF & OTHERS, EMBRACE LEARNING & SHOW RESPECT



St Peter's 5 guiding principles

OUR VISION



Principal's Message

St Peter's Catholic College is an exciting centre of excellence in contemporary and innovative learning. Students, teachers and families work in partnership each day to achieve personalised learning goals in a vibrant environment focusing on skills necessary to be successful in today's society. The College makes an impact in the local community through the development of faith-filled graduates who are critical thinkers, good communicators and active contributors to society.

- Tim Hildebrandt

St Peter's Catholic College is committed to providing an education for each individual that is Christ centred and focused on forming young people in Catholic Discipleship. We inspire our students to "Live the Faith" by actively contributing to their communities, both at school and beyond, with an emphasis on our core values of Courage, Compassion and Commitment and founded on the recognition that, as Disciples of Christ, we are responsible for each other. At St Peter's, learning is rich

and exciting; it is at the heart of what we do. Students are provided with vast opportunities to be involved in learning activities that suit their interests and abilities, including a wide range of co-curricular activities. All students are encouraged to use the gifts they have been given and to take the opportunities presented to them. We want our students to understand themselves as learners and to be constantly challenged in all that they do.



OUR MISSION

Our Core Values

Faith is a lived experience. We are challenged to make our beliefs a real part of how we live our lives and how we relate to our world. We are called to be witnesses to our faith in the ways in which we show our love and care for one another in the celebration of our Catholic identity which enriches us spiritually, and in our striving for positive teaching and learning experiences for all. In this way faith is a life giving and a life changing experience.

Our mission is to challenge our students through a focus on excellence. St Peter's students are brought to the fullness of life through witness to Jesus Christ and nurtured through a comprehensive curriculum that provides spiritual, intellectual, emotional and communal growth.

Catholic Ethos

Our students are encouraged to "Live the Faith" by participation in a wide range of charity and Faith related activities. These include fundraising for:

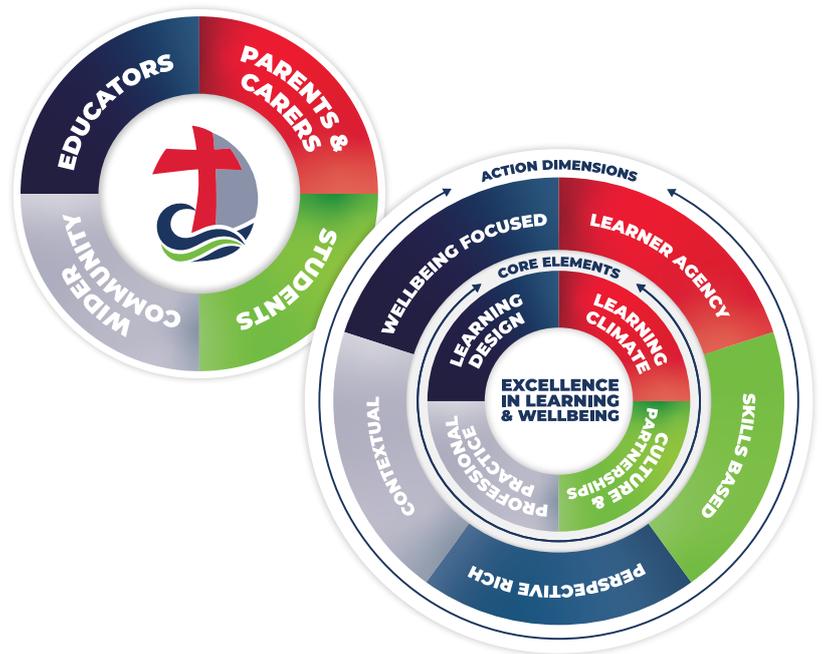
- Project Compassion
- Catholic Mission
- St Vincent de Paul Winter and Christmas Appeals

Students are involved in social justice issue awareness campaigns and a weekly Community Café to support local community initiatives. St Peter's students are also active in the Diocese of Broken Bay Social Justice Forum. Year Groups participate in the Anzac Day memorial liturgy and Reflection Days. Our Youth Ministry teams are also very active with St Peter's students representing the largest body of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival held every two years.



OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

St Peter's prides itself on being a rich and exciting learning community. We have developed and implemented our Learning Framework which informs our pedagogical practices and curriculum delivery. It focuses on the learning for every student which combined with our contemporary learning environment challenges our students to be the very best they can be. Our students and teachers work in partnership to achieve the learning goals which are focussed on skills necessary to be successful as global citizens.



Diverse Learning

At St Peter's our teachers know their students and how they learn. Our curriculum and practices are structured to meet the needs of all children regardless of their ability.

Learning Support

Learning Support performs the vital role of support, guidance and assistance for students with specific learning needs and disabilities within the College. Learning Support takes the form of specific programs, as well as group and individual assistance. There is a substantial amount of support and co-teaching done in the classroom setting. A specific diagnosis of a "learning difference" is required to access assistance from the qualified Learning Support Staff.

High Potential and Gifted Education

St Peter's is committed to the education of High Potential and Gifted (HPG) students. We provide rich opportunities for students identified across the intellectual, creative, social-emotional, and physical domains.

Our HPG Program identifies students with high potential or giftedness across one or more domains and places them with like-minded students so that their learning is relevant, extended and differentiated to meet them at their current level of challenge.

Our HPG Teachers are specially trained, highly experienced, and passionate about providing specific adjustments or interventions such as curriculum compaction, furthering depth and complexity, programming with a conceptual framework for abstraction, and potential acceleration while ensuring that student social and emotional wellbeing is nurtured.

Students identified as Twice Exceptional are Case Managed in collaboration with the Learning Support Team so that diagnosed neurodivergence and/or disability is not a barrier for a High Potential or Gifted student in them reaching their potential.

**INSPIRATIONAL
LEARNING FOR
ASPIRATIONAL
LEARNERS**

OUR CURRICULUM



St Peter's Catholic College offers an extensive range of subjects to cater for the variety of student needs. Our comprehensive academic program is enhanced by our purpose built facilities, technology in the learning environments and accredited vocational education programs that include work placement.

Successes

- Outstanding HSC results with a high number of Distinguished Achievements, first place in Diocese and students nominated for Encore, OnSTAGE, Art Express and InTech each year
- Continued growth from Year 7 to 9 NAPLAN
- STEM Clubs focussing on Science, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics
- Participation in Maths Challenge for Young Australians and Science Challenges

Creative & Performing Arts

Dedicated facilities ensure that Creative Arts is highly valued at St Peter's. Students are offered participation in Drama Nights, school band performances, a musical production every second year, dance troupe and choir

Ensembles and workshops are offered to students as extra-curricular activities in dance, visual arts, drama and music including instrumental tuition (Peripatetic Instrumental Program) in a range of instruments.

Sport

St Peter's have extensive sporting facilities with an oval, playing fields, basketball and netball courts. We are proud to celebrate the considerable successes of our sporting teams across a wide range of sports including swimming, athletics, cross country, basketball, netball, tennis, rugby, touch football and rugby league.

Representative sport is undertaken at Diocesan level. Sport is actively promoted as encouraging sportsmanship and social development in meeting other students from a cross section of schools in a friendly but competitive atmosphere.

OUR WELLBEING

Our Wellbeing team is driven to enhance the wellbeing of all our students by addressing their diverse needs and challenges. We are a collaborative team integrating various programs and resources to support students in their academic, emotional, and social growth. Our Wellbeing approach is designed on the principles of holistic development, providing students with access to personalised support, self-help resources, group programs and a community of peers and mentors to support students through difficult times and celebrate their successes. Our Wellbeing hub offers respite throughout the day, when students need timeout, to seek support or information to support their wellbeing.

Our Approach

- Provide students with access to a wide range of self-care resources and tools to support their academic, emotional, and social wellbeing.
- Foster a sense of community and belonging among students, enabling them to connect with peers and mentors who can provide support and guidance.
- Facilitate collaboration between students, educators, and mental health professionals to create a supportive environment for students.
- External provider incursions providing students with practical skills in dealing with cyber bullying, bullying, mental health and physical health challenges, sleep, effective study skills and gaming addiction.
- Our close relationship with the Youth Engagement Officer (NSW Police) provides timely presentations and individual talks concerning anti-social behaviours, safe partying, and driving.
- School dogs work with individual students to lower anxiety levels in the classroom, during vaccinations, playground and excursions.

Student Leader Program

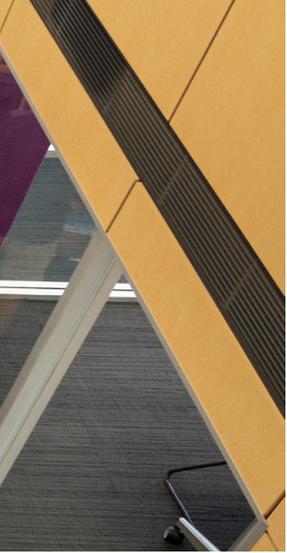
We understand that in today's world everybody needs good leadership skills. We offer programs to allow students to develop a range of these skills. Students in Years 7 – 10 participate in targeted cross-curricular projects which aim to promote College spirit while learning how to effectively collaborate, communicate and persuasively present their ideas. We boast a young entrepreneurs club where students from all ages are guided in developing and promoting their own small businesses.

Our Student Representative Council for students in Years 7 – 11 empowers our students to have a voice in the daily running of the College as well as the longer-term school improvement agenda. Our senior leadership program commences in Year 11 and successful leaders are trained in various aspects of leadership including the importance of vision and leading through service to others.

We aim to expand the minds of students and prepare them to work effectively within a diverse community while developing an understanding of the opportunities and methodologies that drive innovative thinking.







SCHOOL FACILITIES

St Peter's Catholic College is located on 39 acres of magnificent bush settings on the Central Coast. The commitment of St Peter's to caring for the environment is mirrored in the vast open spaces, which include native gums and a natural wetland. The College provides superior covered areas, outdoor seating areas, numerous sporting facilities, an oval and gym for its staff and students. To complement our beautiful surrounding, in recent years the College has added a world class Hospitality Kitchen, a modern Library, Learning Centre, Lecture Theatre and Chapel. The College is also conveniently located within 10 minutes walking distance to Tuggerah Station and has direct bus links throughout the Central Coast and hinterland.

Our facilities include

- Chapel
- Lecture Theatre
- Fully equipped Science Laboratories
- Modern Library and learning centre
- Hall with stage, industry standard sound and lighting facilities
- Industry standard Technologies facilities
- Dance and drama studios
- Canteen and Cafe
- Fully equipped Music practice rooms and sound stage
- Trade Training Centre with industry standard
- Hospitality, Entertainment and Construction facilities
- Visual Art centre with photography and ceramics studios & kiln
- Modern learning environments with flexible spaces
- Onsite Uniform and Stationery Shop
- Covered outdoor learning areas
- Landscaped grounds and outdoor seating spaces
- Onsite parking for parents and senior students.

HOW TO APPLY

Your journey starts here

We invite you to visit us and to experience for yourself the caring and compassionate environment of this wonderful school and community. This is your first step to greatness and we would love to be a part of your story.

For more information on enrolment or to book a tour, please contact our Registrar

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Tours can also be booked online at **stpetersdbb.catholic.edu.au** or by scanning below.







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