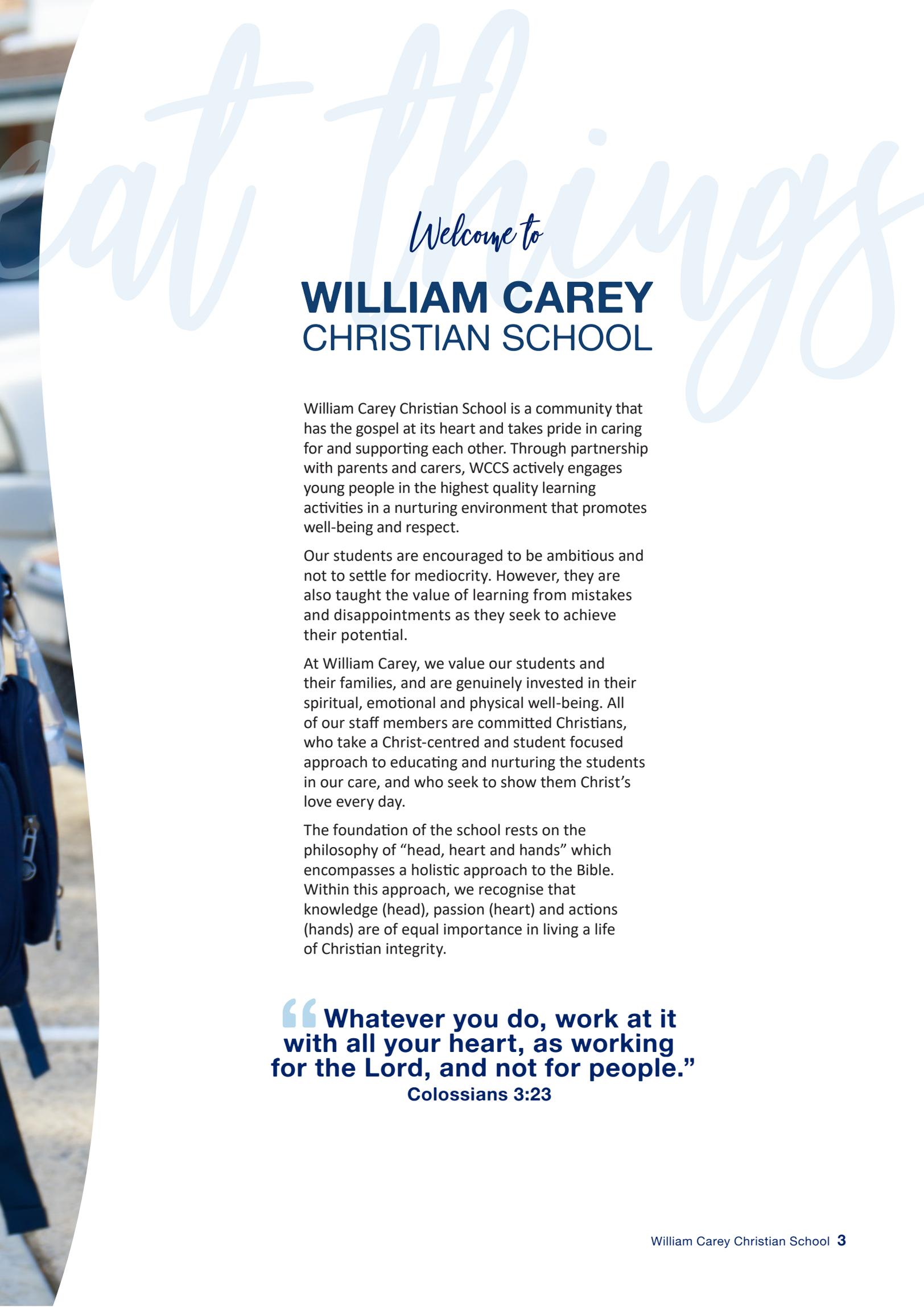




**WILLIAM CAREY**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Expect great things*





*Welcome to*

## **WILLIAM CAREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

William Carey Christian School is a community that has the gospel at its heart and takes pride in caring for and supporting each other. Through partnership with parents and carers, WCCS actively engages young people in the highest quality learning activities in a nurturing environment that promotes well-being and respect.

Our students are encouraged to be ambitious and not to settle for mediocrity. However, they are also taught the value of learning from mistakes and disappointments as they seek to achieve their potential.

At William Carey, we value our students and their families, and are genuinely invested in their spiritual, emotional and physical well-being. All of our staff members are committed Christians, who take a Christ-centred and student focused approach to educating and nurturing the students in our care, and who seek to show them Christ's love every day.

The foundation of the school rests on the philosophy of "head, heart and hands" which encompasses a holistic approach to the Bible. Within this approach, we recognise that knowledge (head), passion (heart) and actions (hands) are of equal importance in living a life of Christian integrity.

**“ Whatever you do, work at it  
with all your heart, as working  
for the Lord, and not for people.”**

**Colossians 3:23**

# EXPECT GREAT THINGS

Our motto, “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God,” is a quotation attributed to the missionary William Carey, after whom our school is named. These words are lived out each day in our community.

WCCS is built on a solid foundation of biblical principles and is committed to transforming lives by the proclamation of the gospel and the delivery of an excellent Christian education.

Our students and their families are also encouraged to expect great things from the school. WCCS is a first class educational institution that meets children where they are in order to help prepare them for the future. We are a community of learners who believe that each individual is precious, valuable and deserving of care and respect.

WCCS is known amongst the local community for being a nurturing environment in which the staff actively care for students. Our students are our top priority as we seek to prepare them for life by caring for their spiritual and educational needs.

A Christian teacher imparts to their students a desire to use their minds to learn about God’s incredible creation and to develop an ongoing love of learning. WCCS students are taught to have empathy and understanding of others, to build respectful relationships and to reach out to those in need.

As a Christian school, we have high expectations of every staff member, As such, our teachers are expected to be passionate and knowledgeable about their subject content, to know each of their students well, to deliver lessons in an intentional manner and to give meaningful feedback to their students.

**“Expect great things from God, Attempt great things for God.”  
William Carey 1761-1834**





## ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS

WCCS students are encouraged to attempt great things in all aspects of their lives. In recent years, our students have achieved some outstanding academic results. Many of our HSC students have received ATARs in the 90s and have gone on to study a vast range of degrees at university level. WCCS students have also achieved great personal accomplishments by participating in school musicals, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, elite sporting events, advanced learning programs and leadership roles within the school.

From Prep to year 12, we teach students to set goals and then work to achieve them in everything they do. For some students, their goals may include achievements on the sporting field or in the creative arts. For others, building strong relationships and learning to be resilient may be a significant achievement. Whatever your child hopes to achieve, WCCS will provide them with the opportunities and resources to reach that goal.

Greatness comes in many forms and is not always related to academics and personal achievements. Servant hearts and acts of service are strongly encouraged here. We provide many opportunities for students and families to serve each other, the school and members of both our local and global communities.

Each day, we have the privilege of witnessing our students attempting to achieve their goals – whether those goals be to learn the times tables, form a new friendship, excel in exams, or change someone’s world for the better. In the face of both setbacks and success, we will always encourage students to continue to attempt great things.

**“The future is as bright as the promises from God.”  
William Carey 1761-1834**

# INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

## BYOD

The use of technology at William Carey is not about the substitution of paper and pens with digital technology. Rather, ICT is used to modify learning for our students through redefining lesson activities. It also provides new opportunities for students to experience whole lesson activities that would not be possible without ICT.

Students from Year 5 to Year 12 are required to bring their own devices to school to be used in lessons each day. Devices are made available for students from Prep to year 4 for lessons that require them.

## STEM

At WCCS, we intentionally prepare our students for future careers in which collaboration, communication and creativity will be essential. One of the many ways in which we do this is through teaching STEM, which strengthens our students' ability to find meaning by solving real world problems with a project-based approach to learning.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, or as some people like to phrase it, "Students Thinking, Exploring and Making." At WCCS, we teach STEM across the whole school and run a targeted STEM program in our junior High School years in partnership with the University of Sydney's STEM Teacher Enrichment Academy. This prestigious program provides teacher training that is delivered by leading STEM educators and academics.





## OUR PARENT COMMUNITY

At WCCS, we value parents and carers as part of our community. Throughout your family's time here, you will find numerous opportunities to be involved in this community through school events, such as Mother's and Father's day, Creative Arts nights, parent seminars and more.

Our school is home to Carey Parents and Community (CPC), which is our organisation for parents and carers who wish to be actively involved in supporting WCCS and its community. CPC members help coordinate a variety of fundraising and community building activities and serve our students by assisting in our healthy canteen. CPC also provides a parent/carer Bible Study and prayer group for anyone who would like to attend.

**“ It's a great thing to be able to serve your children through the school, and for them to learn how wonderful it is to serve others.”**

**Parent Quote**

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## INQUISITIVE MINDS

### Prep and Primary

By nature, children are creative and inquisitive. A child's mind is an incredible place. Whilst each child may express him or herself in unique ways, in all elements of school life, WCCS encourages the inherent sense of wonder that is in every student.

We ensure that your child's needs are catered for at every level. Our Primary School nurtures, educates and encourages children from the initial transition into Kindergarten all the way through to preparation for High School.

**“I know that whatever happens when my children finish school, I have given them the best start in life by sending them to William Carey.”**  
WCCS Parent

## Prep School

At WCCS, our youngest students are intentionally nurtured as they learn to think freely, create stories and artworks, explore their surroundings and solve new challenges in an exciting and stimulating school environment. Our Prep building was purpose-built to encourage creative play and structured learning, with a large interactive playground and the latest technology. Through the Prep School curriculum, our youngest students are taught how to be ambassadors, believers, communicators, designers and explorers.

## Kindergarten to Year 2

The first formal stages of education are profoundly important. Our talented teachers seek to instil a love of learning into each of the young minds in their care. We know that, above all else, young children need to feel safe and loved. At WCCS, we provide a first class educational environment in which all students feel comfortable and welcome.

## Years 3 to 6

Students in Years 3 to 6 regularly find themselves tackling new and exciting challenges. From sports carnivals to cooking classes to nights away from home at camps – adventures are always awaiting. During these years, WCCs students grow in their understanding of themselves and of their world, and our teachers are there to guide them every step of the way.

One of the many benefits of having a spacious campus for all students from Prep to Year 12 is the opportunity we have to provide a smooth transition from Primary to High School. Our Year 6 students experience a number of Taster Days as they prepare for the next phase of their learning in High School, which allows them to feel safe and confident during a time of significant transition.





## WITH ALL YOUR HEART

### High School

Colossians 3:23 reads, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for people.” This verse is featured on our school logo and underpins the attitude towards work and study that is modelled at WCCS.

Throughout their time here, our students are encouraged to work to the best of their abilities in order to challenge themselves and achieve their own personal goals. We cater for both the educational needs and well-being of our students, as we recognise that High School is a time of many different transitions and changes.

**“My children have all achieved high standards. They were very encouraged by the great teaching staff and pastoral care.”**  
WCCS Parent

## Years 7 and 8

The first years of High School are an exciting and challenging time, during which the development of new friendships and the exploration of new educational experiences take place. Our Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to grow, explore, discover and enjoy as they take on this new phase of their education.

These students are offered a tantalising taste of what each subject entails. From this, they see that the curriculum gives them a smorgasbord of learning areas to explore. Ultimately, this helps students to decide where their interests may lie down the track.

## Years 9 and 10

In Years 9 and 10, WCCS students focus on the importance of their education as they are taught to be lifelong learners who excel in their chosen fields. During these years, students are actively encouraged to participate in all aspects of school life, including extracurricular activities, so that they may experience the full breadth of opportunities that WCCS has to offer.

## Years 11 and 12

Prior to commencing their senior studies, our students are guided in their decision making as they determine which subjects are right for them in order to achieve the best results possible. The academic rigours involved in the senior years of High School allow students to learn more about themselves and the ways in which they can thrive under pressure.

WCCS is dedicated to helping students achieve their potential in all areas of school life. In order to assist our senior students in their academic pursuits, they are given access to free tutoring from a range of tutors in our Study Centre, which takes place on Monday to Thursday afternoons in the WCCS Library.



# FACILITIES

WCCS is home to many exceptional educational facilities. There are various specialised classrooms that allow students to interact with the subject matter being taught more effectively than may be possible in a conventional classroom. These rooms include:

- An industrial kitchen
- Science laboratories
- A dance studio
- A drama studio
- Art rooms
- Computer labs
- Woodwork rooms
- Metalwork rooms
- A textiles room
- The Trade Training Centre

## The Trade Training Centre

The Trade Training Centre (TTC) was opened in June, 2011 by Hon. Mr. Peter Garrett AM, MP. The TTC is a centre of excellence that features the latest equipment and technology for the use of VET Metal and Engineering student. The TTC helps to provide career pathways and opportunities for students in Sydney's South West.

## Hall

Our air conditioned hall has been home to many events over the years – from extravagant musicals to annual awards assemblies and displays of gymnastic prowess.

## Healthy Canteen

Next to the hall, you will find the healthy canteen. We endeavour to minimise the additives and preservatives used in many of the products that are available at the canteen; and the serving sizes reflect the recommendations for healthy eating portions.



## Library

Within our library, students have access to over 40,000 books as well as a vast range of periodicals and newspapers. Students from Prep through to Year 12 interact with the latest technologies in their classrooms, and devices are used regularly during library lessons to support learning. The students at WCCS enjoy community building activities during lunchtimes in library such as book clubs and playing board games. Special programs that run in the library include Hairy McCarey Storytime for pre-schoolers and after-school tutoring for students in Years 10-12.

## Grounds

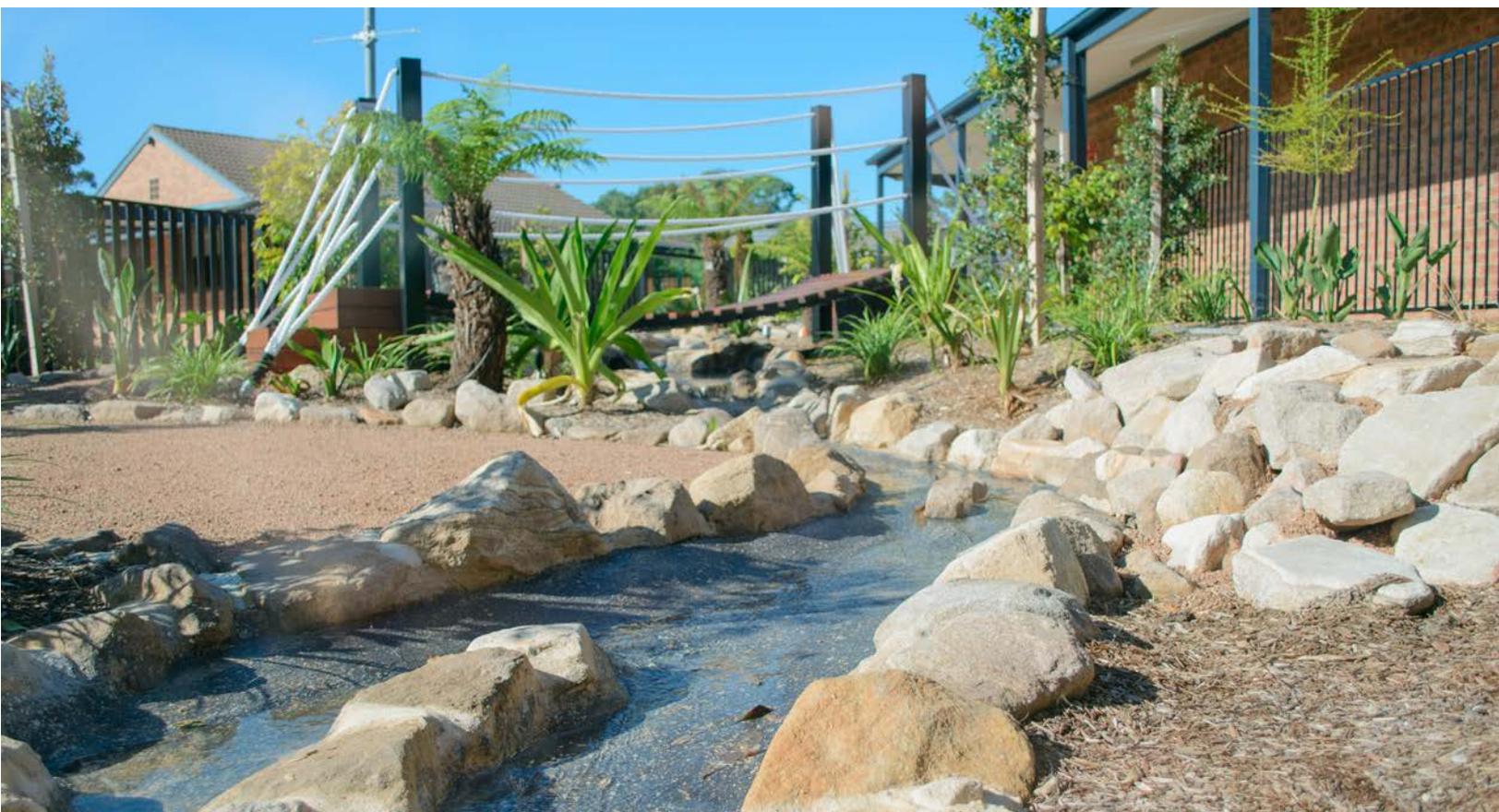
WCCS has scores of luscious gardens, each with its own theme and purpose. Each of the school's gardens has been individually designed so that students can appreciate how much there is to learn from God's creation.

The school has several large playing fields that allow students the space to participate in a variety of sports. We also have a range of tennis, volleyball, netball and basketball courts and cricket nets on the site.

## OOSH and Vacation Care

WCCS is home to an onsite Out of School Hours (OOSH) and Vacation Care facility. Students from our Primary School may be enrolled to attend OOSH and families from any school may make use of our Vacation Care services. In the most recent inspection by the Early Childhood Education Care Directorate, our OOSH facilities were assessed using the National Quality Standards and Rating Report. Our service received an overall rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard – the highest rating possible. This is testament to the excellent quality practice that occurs in the William Carey OOSH.

**“From the moment I walked into William Carey, I felt at home.”**  
WCCS Parent





## ARTS, SPORT AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Here at WCCS, students are frequently encouraged to actively pursue their interests. We provide a wealth of opportunities in which students may choose to participate.

**“I love the variety of opportunities that are available to me. There’s always something to be involved in.”**

**WCCS Student**

### **Creative Arts**

We have a thriving Creative Arts department that nurtures natural ability and enriches the educational experience. Our students find joy in expressing themselves through dance, drama, music, art and photography. Throughout the school year, Creative Arts students may display their talents at a range of events including the Creative Arts Open Night, Fun Fairs, information evenings and assemblies.

WCCS is known for the spectacular musicals that we produce every second year. Our musicals are large-scale productions that bring the whole school together as a community. Students from Prep to Year 11 participate in the production and we love to have the involvement of the parent/carer community in roles such as costuming and set design.



## Sport

Whilst talented sportsmen and women are encouraged to use their God-given ability and aim high, the principles of acting in a Christian way, both on and off the field, are also given high priority.

Students at WCCS are given the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of sports both at school and in competition with students from other schools and regions, potentially to a national level.

WCCS also caters to students who are involved in sport at an elite level through our Cross Training program, which supports the physical and nutritional development of young athletes.

## Clubs and Activities

We offer a large variety of clubs and special interest groups that students may like to join. Students may be selected for debating teams, or may mentor a younger student through the MATES Program, they may even choose to serve our school community at various events as part of the sound and lighting team. Many of our students elect to attend or coordinate Bible Study groups during lunchtime in order to spend time discussing the Bible and its teachings with their peers.



## EMBRACING INDIVIDUALITY

At William Carey, we acknowledge the fact each child is an individual who deserves to be treated as such in a productive learning environment. To that end, we seek to serve our students and their families by addressing individual needs. In many circumstances, this is achieved by the classroom teacher who spends a great deal of time working with students and who is the best person to cater for the majority of individual needs.

However, in some situations, students may require further assistance in their educational and personal pursuits. In order to ensure that the needs of these students are met, William Carey is home to fantastic Learning Support Programs for students who need extra support in developing their academic, social and everyday life skills and Advanced Learning Programs for high academic achievers who thrive on being pushed in their studies.

Our Learning Support Programs assist students who need extra support in order to achieve their potential. Students who attend these programs are much loved members of the school community who are integrated with their peers. They simply receive more assistance in their educational and everyday pursuits. Many of our students who have received support in this way have gone on to achieve outstanding success in their professional and personal lives.

**“My daughters were given every opportunity to succeed in all areas of school life.”**

**WCCS Parent**

The Advanced Learning Centre caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who have shown potential as academic achievers. These students work at an advanced pace and level in a variety of subjects. In High School, our advanced learners are placed in the “A” class for each grade and are also given the opportunity to undertake Advanced Learning Projects (ALPs) – a special program of study intended for students who are achieving excellent results in their current studies and who are looking for something to challenge them further.

The CS Lewis Advanced Learning Program is a withdrawal program for High School students. As part of this course, students participate in a variety of activities designed to develop their critical thinking and problem solving skills. This course provides gifted students with advanced content like philosophy and ethics, and an opportunity to design their own university-style thesis. Students also have the opportunity to focus on humanities or STEM based challenges.



## ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” The question that everyone is asked during childhood. While career aspirations are certainly important and we do strive to prepare our students for the workforce and further study, perhaps the more significant question is, “Who do you want to be when you grow up?” At William Carey, we teach more than just the curriculum. We teach our students how to be compassionate and active global citizens, who are lifelong learners and who consciously expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.

As a result, William Carey graduates are well-rounded, exceptional young people who love to serve others and are prepared to take on the world outside of the school environment. Our graduates move on from school life with the confidence and knowledge that they need to achieve their potential in their chosen personal and professional pursuits. Most importantly, our students leave our care having been presented with the knowledge that they are loved by their Creator and that they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them.

**“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”**

**Philippians 4:13**

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Book a personalised tour online or call us today to start your journey at William Carey Christian School.

We look forward to meeting with you and welcoming your family into the WCCS community.

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