



NEW NAME, SAME QUALITY EDUCATION

WELCOME TO ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC COLLEGE

St John Paul II Catholic College places the student at the centre of learning. It is our strong desire that our students are able to develop spiritually, emotionally, physically and intellectually to their own personal best. The young people of today, when nurtured by their parents/caregivers and supported by a caring and committed teaching staff, have a wonderful environment in which to reach and exceed personal goals.

The college offers a unique and dynamic learning experience delivered by a dedicated staff working in partnership with the students and their families. The dual campus nature of the college supports all the educational opportunities available on a single campus school while extending the pathways to TAFE and University.

The college is proud of the excellent academic results of our students in external examinations and we celebrate our students' willingness to embrace our values and ideals, based on the teachings of Jesus.

We are proud of the level of family involvement in our school community and encourage parents/caregivers to participate in all aspects of school life including information evenings, liturgical celebrations, fundraisers, working bees, principals' parent chat group and welcome BBQs. The college council is another avenue in which parents/caregivers are involved in the bigger picture of college development.

Parish priests, parent/caregiver representatives, executive staff and appointed parishioners are members of the college council - an advisory body to the leadership for the growth of the college.

FORMERLY KNOWN AS TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE

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a unique and dynamic learning experience

SCHOFIELDS 7-10 QUAKERS HILL 11-12

OUR VISION

St John Paul II Catholic College is a learning community which journeying together in the Catholic tradition. We value our past as we anticipate our future as a strong faith community based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The College is open to new ideas, forward thinking and promotes active partnerships with our parishes, parents, caregivers, students, families, staff and the wider community.

The college embraces a student-centred learning culture where staff and students strive for excellence in all aspects of quality teaching and learning. We believe that positive relationships are the cornerstone of a rich educational community. The values of respect, inclusiveness, personal responsibility and social justice are integral to the life of the college.

OUR NAME

The name 'St John Paul II Catholic College' was conferred on the college to celebrate the canonisation of Pope John Paul II who had stated in 1986 to the people of Australia, 'Look dear people of Australia, behold this vast continent of yours! It is your home! The place of your joys and pains, your endeavors and your hopes! And for all of you Australians, the way to your Father's house passes through this land.' It is from this statement by the Pope that our college motto, 'the way passes through this land', is derived.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is an integral part of the curriculum at St John Paul II Catholic College. We are committed to being authentically Catholic; inviting, inclusive and just with a focus on innovative and personalised learning and teaching; strong leadership and professional development of staff. We have a core team of Religious Education specialists whose focus is on learning and teaching.

We have an active liturgical life and students are encouraged to participate in prayer, liturgical celebrations, retreat days, reflection days as well as college and class masses. We also participate in community outreach programs such as St Vincent de Paul Society, East Timor and Caritas Australia.





OUR CAMPUSES

St John Paul II Catholic College is a co-educational Catholic school located across two campuses - Schofields (Years 7-10) and Quakers Hill/Nirimba (Years 11-12).

Schofields Campus

Schofields boasts modern facilities including fully equipped and air-conditioned science laboratories, Design and Technology spaces, music centre, art studios, commercial kitchen and performance centre. In addition our learning spaces are fully wireless to ensure greater flexibility in learning and teaching. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is integrated into the curriculum providing innovative learning and teaching that is relevant to the students of today.

Quakers Hill/Nirimba Campus

The senior campus forms part of the Nirimba Education precinct, an exciting and innovative educational concept incorporating the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and TAFE.

Students are able to access University courses at UWS and/or a TAFE diploma while studying for the Higher School Certificate. Students can also access Australian Catholic University courses off site. Presently, St John Paul II students who successfully undertake and pass a UWS University course become eligible for automatic entry into UWS on completion of their Year 12 studies.



Facilities at the campus are state of the art and include a performance centre and studios, gymnasium, well-resourced library and world-class sporting facilities. Learning spaces are air-conditioned and, like Schofields, are equipped with the latest technology. The campus also boasts an industrial kitchen designed specifically to deliver HSC courses.

Schofields campus is well serviced by local buses. Quakers Hill/Nirimba campus is a short walk from Quakers Hill railway station and accessible by bus.



CURRICULUM

WE OFFER A VERY BROAD EDUCATION THAT REFLECTS THE ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF STUDENTS.

Subjects offered at the Schofields campus include:

Religious Education, English, Mathematics Enrichment, Science, Music, History, Visual Arts, Geography, Agriculture, Commerce, Personal Development Health and PE, Textiles and Design, Italian, Australian History, Dance, Food Technology, Drama, Graphics Technology, Industrial Technology, Photography, Physical Activity and Sport Studies and Information Software Technology.





STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Leadership at St John Paul II Catholic College is modelled on Jesus' examples of service to others. We provide opportunities for our students to develop the confidence and skills needed to help them become effective leaders of their peers and the college community. A Student Representative Council chaired by College student leaders from Year 12 provides students with a forum to prepare and plan activities.

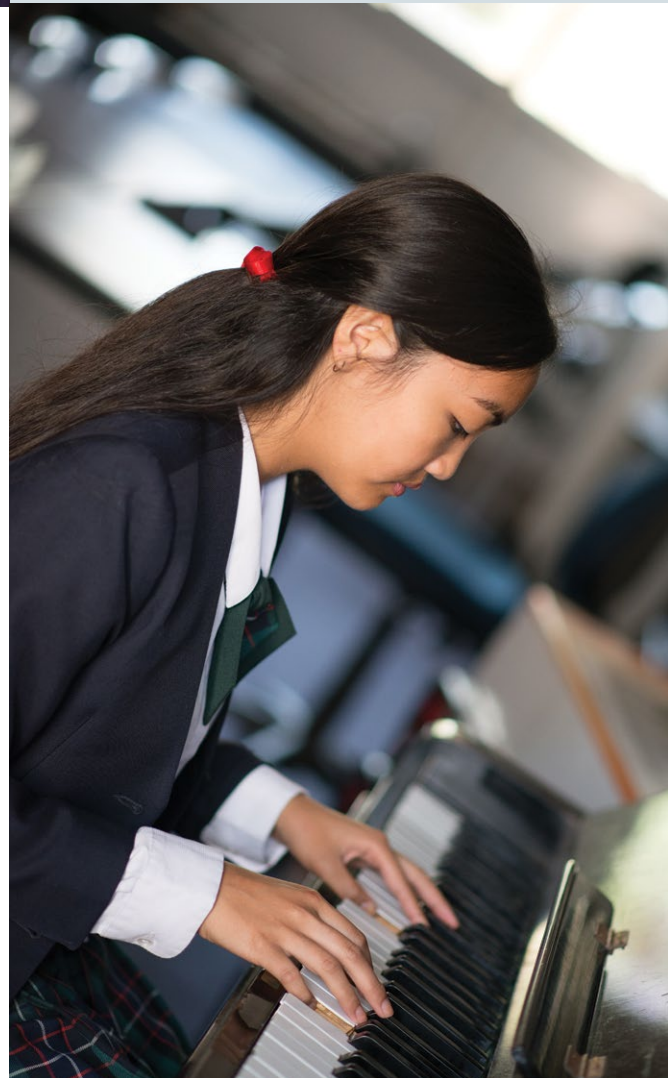
Subjects offered at the Quakers Hill/Nirimba campus include:

Catholic Studies, Studies of Religion, English (all courses), Mathematics (all courses), Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Senior Science, Information Processes and Technology, Industrial Technology, Music, Dance, Drama, Economics, Modern History, Ancient History, Geography, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Personal Development Health and PE, Italian, Textiles and Design, Software Design and Development, Sport, Lifestyle and Recreational Studies, Work Studies, Community and Family Studies, Society and Culture, Visual Design, Photography, Video and Digital Imaging, Construction, Business Services, Entertainment, Retail and Hospitality.

Our learning and teaching programs place particular emphasis on the development and enhancement of literacy and numeracy skills across all key learning areas. Gospel values permeate all areas of the curriculum, not just Religious Education, and we encourage every student to pursue individual excellence, celebrate their own successes and that of others, and respect the dignity of others. Our Learning Enrichment Program is designed to enhance and support the formal curriculum. Learning Enrichment activities enable students to experience a diversity of programs such as multicultural programs, specific subject tutorials, driver education, study skills, anti-bullying, peer support, student leadership and drug awareness.

Year 7 Learning and Transition

To facilitate the transition of Year 7 students they are taught their core subjects by two teachers in a designated classroom so they are able to feel secure and develop strong educational relationships with their teachers. Students remain subject to the rigours and structures of high school through a challenging curriculum and innovative learning programs. Recently the college has undertaken a major building program which has delivered a new collaborative learning space for Year 7 students and a Year 8 space that was refurbished into a collaborative learning space. The college's learning programs reflect our mission to be inviting, inclusive and just, and we provide personalised learning recognising that each student has a different level of academic ability.



CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Co-curricular programs

St John Paul II Catholic College offers a wide-range of activities enabling students to develop leadership skills and talents and develop a greater sense of belonging, involvement and responsibility.

Public speaking and debating

We belong to the Sydney Catholic Schools Public Speaking and Debating Association and our students participate in various competitions hosted by well known community organisations.

Sport

The college belongs to several sporting associations including the Metropolitan Catholic Schools Association (MCS for boys), Metropolitan Combined Catholic Schools (MCCS for girls) and the New South Wales Combined Catholic Colleges Sports Association. Our sporting program provides students with the opportunity to represent St John Paul II at interschool, regional, state and national levels in a wide variety of sports.

Performance

The performing arts continue to be a focus at the college with extensive use of the specialist facilities on both campuses. Students have an opportunity to perform in the college's creative arts evenings and musicals.

The college is also involved in other public performances and is the creative hub for CAPTIVATE the Diocese of Parramatta's performing arts initiative, which offers many opportunities in creative and performing arts.

Expectations of students

To enhance St John Paul II's positive image, our parents/caregivers have endorsed our uniform policy. Student behaviour is based on self-discipline so that their responses are appropriate, even when no authority is present. All students are expected to adhere to the college policy of rights and responsibilities as well as uniform and grooming. We believe that students' behaviour and appearance reflects on the whole college community.



ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Enrolment

The Diocese of Parramatta has a detailed enrolment policy for systemic schools. A copy of the policy can be obtained by contacting the college.

St John Paul II Catholic College provides continuous Catholic education for families living in the Riverstone and Quakers Hill-Schofields parishes and wider communities including The Ponds.

Fees

We welcome students from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds at St John Paul II Catholic College. Sibling discounts apply for children attending systemic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. No student will be refused enrolment because of financial hardship and genuine inability to pay school fees. Financial scholarships are available for eligible families. Fee information is available on our website.

There are three levels of annual fees to be paid in installments during Terms 1, 2 and 3.

- Annual tuition fees
- The diocesan building levy
- Service fees

For enrolment enquiries please contact enrolment secretary on (02) 9208 7205 or via the college website at www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au

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