

NBCS 
NORTHERN BEACHES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Love Learning

Why NBCS?

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

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Meet our Principal

We are delighted that you are considering becoming part of the NBCS community. Our hope is that together, as students, families and staff, we can build an enriching school community that supports the learning and growth of our students.

In a rapidly changing world, NBCS students can look ahead with confidence and hope. Although we cannot predict the future, we believe we can prepare our young people for it.

We want our students to finish at NBCS and leave with things that matter, things that stick. Values, Effort, Learning, Character, Relationships and Opportunities (VELCRO). We believe that these things will equip them for making their way in the world.

Our job, in partnership with families, is to enable students to address the questions of “who am I?” and “how can I be me?” as they develop the answers that will shape them on their journey to adulthood.

Our hope is that together we can build an enriching school community that inspires a love of learning and the growth of our students. We have high expectations and provide for our students what they need to meet them. We expect much from them because they are capable of much. Our aim is to develop a culture that brings out the best in our students – in their learning, in their character, in the opportunities they take, in the friendships they make, and in understanding the message of the God who loves them.

With warm regards,

Tim Watson
Principal, NBCS



The NBCS Story

Within our world-class facilities, we expect a positive learning culture, a safe, welcoming environment, wise use of technology, positive communication and a nurturing Christian community.

We strive to build a culture that values academic success, with students seeking to affirm and encourage each other as they recognise and celebrate specific areas of learning achievement and growth. We believe that giving students a sense of belonging and connection fosters their wellbeing and motivates them to engage with learning.

Alongside our commitment to academic success, we are equipping students with the character and skills to prepare them for the challenges of life beyond school. Motivated by God's love, we are intentional about nurturing and growing young people who will make a positive impact on Australian society as its future leaders.

Our History

NBCS was established in Mona Vale in 1981, by a group of parents who attended the Northern Beaches Christian Centre church. Their vision was to build an exceptional Christian School in the Northern Beaches area and was made a reality through the sacrifice, dedication and generosity of many parents and friends.

Beginning with just 39 students, one teacher and a roster of parent volunteers, the school slowly grew in those early years. In 1984 a building program commenced on the current Echunga Road campus, formally opening in February 1986.

The school has continued to evolve and grow over the years, growing to current numbers of over 1100 students. From simple buildings to stunningly designed learning spaces, the school has stayed true to its early vision of providing excellent education within a nurturing Christian community.

We are thankful for the courage and determination of those who have provided our school with such a strong foundation on which to continue building upon.





Our Vision, Mission and Values

Through our caring Christian community, we foster a deep sense of belonging that allows our students to flourish, not only in their academic pursuits but also in their personal growth. We strive to develop their character and passions, igniting a lifelong love for learning.

Vision: *Love Learning*

The direction and focus of our love determine who we are and who we become. The role of NBCS, in partnership with families, is to help direct the loves of its students - love of learning, love of others and love of God. With an emphasis on transformation, not just information, we are intent about shaping the whole person. By the time a student finishes school, they should have learned how to learn, to think about how to think, to know what to do and why to do it.

Love Learning is therefore characterised by engaged, resilient students who can make connections with what they are learning, who they are and who they want to become. Their love of learning will see them confidently follow their passions and take hold of the many opportunities on offer at school, doing their personal best in any challenge that comes their way.

Mission: *Excellence in Education, Christianity in Action*

At the heart of NBCS is the pursuit of academic excellence. We recognise that this will look different for every student, but our hope is that each individual learning journey will be shaped by curiosity and a love of discovery. We seek to bring out the best in our students to keep their future as big as possible. We celebrate the efforts and success of our students, whether high achievers or those who have overcome adversity to do more than they thought possible.

Our ability to achieve Excellence in Education is strengthened by the integrity that comes from clearly articulated Christian values in day-to-day practice.

NBCS is a nurturing Christian community that imparts a profound sense of worth and purpose to our students, as they explore faith and life's big questions. Our Christian values are an active and real part of everything we do. We believe that giving students a sense of belonging and connection fosters their wellbeing and motivates them to engage with learning.

Values:

Gratitude

A thankful heart creates a healthier mindset, allowing us to embrace possibilities. Gratitude helps us to be joyful and enables us to celebrate the wins along the way, while keeping our sights on what is ahead with a sense of hope and purpose.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

1 Chronicles 16:34

Respect

When we affirm the value of another person, listen to them and consider their needs, we build trust and ultimately a deeper sense of belonging. Respect builds a more resilient, connected community.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."

Matthew 7:12

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

Courage

Grit, determination and perseverance are attributes that enable us to navigate challenges with a sense of resolve and optimism. Courage ensures we come through the other side of these challenges, with a greater depth of character and self-knowledge.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Compassion

We want to look beyond our own needs and seek opportunities to use our God-given talents and resources to make a difference in the lives of others. Compassion sheds light in dark places, heals hurts and shows the heart of God.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 3:12

Commitment

We are willing to work hard and give our best in whatever we do. Commitment is the ability to see things through, to be people of our word, committed, reliable, diligent, and engaged, knowing that effort and application matter.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

Colossians 3:23



Welcome to Primary

We Love Learning

In Primary, our students are well-known, well-loved, and well-taught. Our students are encouraged to make connections and question their world while developing firm foundations for a lifelong love of learning.

Excellence in Learning

We strive for excellence in all areas of learning. Our teaching programs encourage students to take risks in their learning, to stretch and challenge themselves as they discover and develop their passions.

We recognise that the learning journey looks different for every student. We seek to bring out the best in our students to keep their future as big as possible. We celebrate the efforts and success of our students, whether high achievers or those who have overcome adversity to do more than they thought possible. We encourage our students to make connections, think together and question their world, while developing firm foundations for a life of growth and discovery.

Our quality differentiated teaching programs encourage cooperation and independent enquiry, ensuring student engagement, focus, and meeting individual learning needs to grow a love of learning.



Following the NESA Curriculum, our key learning areas in Primary include English, Mathematics, PDHPE, HSIE, Science & Technology, Music, CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) and French.

Specialist teachers deliver CAPA, Music and French lessons. Our Primary students have opportunities to connect with Secondary students and teachers within our wider learning community.

A continual school journey

As a thriving coeducational K-12 school, we love and appreciate our shared spaces and resources. The learning journey is greatly enhanced when children are confident about who they are, where they belong and where they are heading.

Starting at a young age at NBCS automatically prepares children for the journey ahead. The cohabited spaces, such as our Library and Sports Centre, provide opportunities to build positive connections with older students, making their transition to Secondary less daunting and more exciting.



Welcome to Secondary

Looking boldly ahead

In Secondary, our hope is to instil a love of learning in our students, both here and beyond NBCS. Just as our students in Primary are well-known, well-loved and well-taught, we continue to build upon this foundation in Secondary.

With a commitment to academic excellence, our aim is to offer consistent and high expectations for our students, helping them to seek out new learning opportunities as they reach their greatest potential. We offer a wide range of subject choices and a breadth of co-curricular and personal development opportunities, to capture and celebrate the vast array of interests and talents our students contribute.

As our students journey to become adults, it is our privilege to partner with them and their families, equipping them to look ahead with confidence, hope and courage.

Our students are supported within a safe, nurturing Christian community, that encourages learning, personal growth, wellbeing and connection. Fostering a sense of purpose and belonging ensures our students will be able to meet the challenges along the way, thriving both academically and personally.

Preparing for the future

We are grateful for the opportunity to prepare our students for the world after school.

Building upon academic excellence, we are equipping students with the skills that will help guide them on their life's journey. Our students are encouraged to grow and develop in confidence, leadership capacity, problem-solving, effective communication and compassion.

Our Careers Adviser and NBCS Careers website provide our students with advice and the latest information to help them make decisions about their future career choices. We are inspired by each student's journey and excited to see what path they take once they leave the NBCS community.



Our Strategy for the Future

Love Learning permeates throughout the culture of our school and can be understood in six key areas of focus:



ACADEMIC

PURSuing AND CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



CHRISTIAN

LIVING AND SHARING THE BEAUTY OF FAITH IN JESUS



WELLBEING

NURTURING AND GROWING OUR COMMUNITY



CO-CURRICULAR

EXTENDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ENRICHING LIVES



STAFF

SHAPING AND ENGAGING TALENTED CHRISTIAN STAFF



INFRASTRUCTURE

INSPIRING AND INVIGORATING LEARNING



Academic

Pursuing and celebrating academic excellence

At the heart of every school is the pursuit of academic excellence. At NBCS we recognise that this will look different for every student, and our hope is that each individual learning journey will be shaped by curiosity and a love of discovery.

We encourage our students to go beyond the dissemination and digestion of facts, to make connections between what and how they are learning and who they are, as well as the impact they want to make on the world around them - both now and in the future.

Learning Enrichment and Support

We recognise and foster the individual interests and abilities of students, within a well-structured learning environment. As we seek to support and enrich learning opportunities, we are shaping confident, resilient students who seek ownership of their learning, ensuring they are prepared to thrive and adapt in the world outside of school. Working alongside our teachers, our Learning Enrichment team provides research-based interventions and collaborative programming to meet the diverse learning

needs of our students, both supporting and enriching learning opportunities.

In Primary, our team includes specialist teachers and occupational therapists. They support our teachers in assessing and identifying the needs of our students, and work one-on-one or in groups with these students in extension or learning support classes.



Christian

Living and sharing the beauty of faith in Jesus

The second part of our Mission statement, *Christianity in Action*, is no less important than our commitment to academic excellence. It provides a deep framework for our community, shaping our values and culture. NBCS is built upon trust in a God who graciously loves, rescues and redeems. This provides the basis for being a community that loves and supports one another, fostering a sense of hope, while recognising the diversity of faith and worldview in our broader community.

We have regular times that we come together to explore and express faith and discover what Christianity in Action means for us as a community. Christian life is very much incorporated into students' everyday lives, as well as fortnightly Chapel.

We believe the Christian faith has much to offer in our search for meaning. We recognise and respect that every child, parent and staff member is on a faith journey. Our strong Christian community provides students with an important sense of belonging, worth and purpose, giving them a true hope for their future.



Wellbeing

Nurturing and growing our community

NBCS is steadfastly committed to supporting the positive behaviour and wellbeing of all students. We partner with families in striving to know and understand each child. Our goal is for every student to develop their social and emotional maturity and the values required to thrive. Through evidence-informed programs, students develop their relational ability and resilience, as they pursue opportunities to serve the community.

NBCS is a school known and appreciated for our strong relational connections, pastoral care, personalised learning, low stress high results environment, and our foundation in the Christian faith that provides stability for our present and hope for the future. NBCS aims to create a school where students can achieve at their greatest potential, while keeping stress at bay. Working together as a community, we seek to provide the opportunities and resources to help our students thrive and develop the skills to achieve a healthy balance between study and rest - a pattern that will set them up to succeed beyond school.

Our caring, nurturing community is founded on Christian hope and the belief that every student has God-given potential and worth. We want to see our students not only

succeed academically, but in all areas of life, so they can live intentional, fulfilling lives.

Our Wellbeing Team and Emotional Health Platform provide support to our students and their families as they navigate through difficult times. This Platform provides an easy way to seek help for themselves or others, and offers other helpful resources and tools.

It is important that each student feels safe, supported and has a sense of belonging. Our values of Gratitude, Courage, Respect, Compassion and Commitment help shape a functional, connected community where students can grow in resilience and self-knowledge, and persevere through challenging times.

Co-curricular

Extending opportunities and enriching lives

Whether it is creative and performing arts, music, debating and public speaking, outdoor adventure, service, sport, media, or technology, we seek to give our students the chance to discover and grow their God-given talents. These opportunities often lead to new interests, enabling our students to develop confidence as lifelong learners and participants.

Academic

A range of opportunities are on offer for students to extend critical thinking, analysis and application of theory and study to real world situations. Programs vary between Mock Trials, Model United Nations, philosophy and political thinking, with clubs emerging to cater for student interest and current global events. A complementary academic assistance schedule provides opportunities for students to obtain support from subject-specific teachers before and after school, as well as some lunchtimes.

Creative Arts

Creativity is encouraged through different techniques and mediums, ranging from drawing and painting to jewellery making. Workshops are proposed based on student interest and can include pottery, painting and mixed media projects. A number of activities are offered as recreational clubs at lunchtime, with others focusing more on the development of specific skills.

Global Opportunities

We offer an extensive range of Global Opportunities, providing enriching learning experiences for Secondary students, both nationally and internationally. Curriculum tours enhance learning related to specific subject areas, with service and leadership initiatives, cultural immersions, sport tours and language exchanges. There is a strong focus on encouraging students to earn and save to contribute to their experience.

Music

There are many avenues for students to explore and develop their musical talents with a great breadth of ensembles, along with private music tuition. The diverse program caters for different styles, so that students can pursue different genres such as classical, jazz and pop music.

Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education is an important part of Primary and Secondary. In Primary, camps are the main avenue for our students to experience Outdoor Education. In Secondary, our unique Student Opportunity Week provides students with the opportunity to choose from a vast range of programs, based on their passions or interests. Outdoor Education can also be pursued through The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, offered at the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, through progression or direct entry pathways.

Performing Arts

Students have the opportunity to participate in public speaking, debating, theatre sports and drama clubs. Dance ensembles across several genres are offered, providing students with the opportunity to develop and refine technique. The annual Secondary Musical is a highlight for many students.



Sport

We aim to provide students with a comprehensive and balanced program of sporting activities. In doing so, we foster and develop students' character, social relationships and sportsmanship, embodying our Christian ethos. Our sports program gives students the opportunity to acquire and develop a range of skills, physical abilities and attitudes that help develop a sense of team and school spirit. This is a solid foundation for a life-long, active lifestyle. There is also the opportunity for particularly gifted students to develop expertise and discipline that will help them to pursue representative sporting commitments beyond school.

STEM

The STEM program evolves and develops with emerging technologies, providing opportunities in coding, robotics, design and engineering. Activities vary in the degree of skill and technology required, with opportunities for students to pursue State, National and International pathways for a range of competitions.



Our Staff

Shaping and engaging talented Christian staff

Exceptional staff make exceptional schools. Developing our teachers, and the staff who support them, is an ongoing priority. Effective teaching is shaped by the appointment and development of quality staff who share a commitment to learning and the Christian faith. By working together, we create and maintain a strong learning culture for all and improve learning outcomes for our students.

Exceptional teachers

We place great importance on fostering relationships with students and their support networks, so that we can better understand how each student learns and encourage their resilience and independence.

Our teachers are dedicated and passionate. They make it an absolute priority to establish and maintain a positive relationship with their students, knowing that they learn best from teachers they have a good relationship with. This is a point of difference at our school.

Your child's learning journey is a partnership between our teachers and you. NBSCS teachers walk alongside families to ensure our students are getting the care and support they need to stay connected and engaged. They are accessible to parents with many opportunities to provide and discuss your child's learning journey.

Infrastructure

Inspiring and invigorating learning

Our state-of-the-art campus reflects the important balance between form and function. It is shaped by the belief that learning spaces and technology must meet the needs of students and teachers, while inspiring new possibilities for learning. Our facilities exist to help bring our Mission and Vision to life.

Together, with our architectural partners WMK Architecture, we have a bold vision for our learning spaces. Both inside and outside spaces are dynamic and flexible to enhance learning. Many classrooms have dual functionality, with the capability to be opened up to allow multi-class learning and partitioned for more focused learning within year groups. Catering for a diverse variety of users at any one time, all learning spaces are powered by a robust campus-wide Wi-Fi, custom modular furniture, generous windows with natural light, floor-to-ceiling whiteboard walls, and large-screen displays.

The canteen, 'Grounded Cafe', is at the heart of a central covered outdoor space and is a vibrant meeting place for students, teachers, parents and visitors.



Underpinning the award-winning architectural design is our commitment to sustainability. Fundamental to the design is a sequence of multi-level pavilion buildings beneath a spectacular 3,000sqm intelligent 'living' structure, which generates energy through an 80 kw solar system, harvests rainwater, and cools the spaces below.

WMK has also designed for maximum use of natural light and ventilation. Windows and louvres in the building and canopy are automated to provide ventilation in direct response to climate conditions using a sophisticated Building Management System. This ensures we reduce our environmental footprint.



Your Family, our School

An exciting opportunity for your child

We hope you have gained a greater insight into our wonderful school community.

We are fortunate to have a supportive community of parents, students and teachers, who share in a commitment to our Mission and Vision.

Our school continues to flourish because of engaged, passionate, devoted people who work together to help our students strive and achieve, academically and personally.

If you are inspired by our love for learning and would like your child to experience the many opportunities on offer at NBCS, we invite you to take the next step, and enrol your child.

We hope we may have the opportunity to welcome you and your family into our school community.

Next Steps for Enrolment



If you would like your child to be considered for enrolment at NBCS, please submit an online application using the QR code below, or go to www.nbcs.nsw.edu.au/enrolment

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