



# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE TUGGERAH



PROSPECTUS





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## WELCOME

St Peter's Catholic College is a dynamic and committed coeducational Catholic community within the Diocese of Broken Bay.

The College motto 'Live the Faith' inspires the journey that each of our students will take at St Peter's. In this community, pastoral concern for all and the dignity of each individual is paramount.

Students at St Peter's become part of an engaging learning environment supported by access to the latest technology, professional and dedicated teachers; and a rich offering of leadership, cocurricular and sporting opportunities.

Courage, compassion and commitment are the core values that guide every member of our school community in both their relationships and achievements. In living these values we aim to form well-adjusted resilient young men and women who are able and motivated to make a positive difference to our world.





*"Come, follow me," Jesus said,  
"and I will make you fishers of men."*

Matthew 4:19



## OUR HISTORY

The original property on which St Peter's Catholic College now stands, was part of the 1831 Healy grant of 2260 acres which was passed on to the Alison family in 1875. The Alisons, a wealthy Scottish family, also built Alison Homestead and provided the land and plans for the township of Wyong. The site, later known as 'Karinya' was principally used as a hobby farm until it was purchased by the Diocese of Broken Bay in 1982.

St Peter's Catholic College has a relatively short but successful history of serving the local Catholic community. In 1983 Mater Dei College was founded as a Year 7 to 10 campus and was complemented in 1987 by the development of a senior campus known as Corpus Christi College. In 2000, both schools were amalgamated to become a Year 7 to 12 campus known as St Peter's Catholic College.

The school's patron saint, St Peter, a humble fisherman who was chosen as leader of the disciples, has inspired the school logo. The logo incorporates the sail of the fisherman's boat and the cross of Christ. Both of these symbols remind the school community that they are called to follow Jesus.



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## OUR MISSION

At St Peter's Catholic College, we strive to provide an atmosphere that will encourage, inspire and motivate your child to fully explore and develop his or her skills and talents.

Consistent with the Diocesan Mission Statement, our purpose is to educate and form young people in Catholic discipleship, offering them experiences of following Jesus as members of the Catholic community.

Our highly professional staff shares a common vision for student needs and our curriculum reflects our desire to provide an educational experience which is not only stimulating and enjoyable, but a full integration of the spiritual, academic, cultural, social and physical aspect of each individual.

Drawing on the strengths of the Catholic tradition, all members of our community are called to live by the College motto 'Live the Faith'.





## PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care program is firmly based on preserving the dignity of each individual and provides the support and care necessary to help each young person develop a sense of belonging, to grow in self-esteem and to develop his or her talents in the service of others. We strive to Live the Faith through our core values of Courage, Commitment and Compassion. We aim to foster a community based on restorative justice, where positive relationships and mutual respect are valued.

St Peter's Catholic College is fortunate in having two trained and experienced psychologists who share the role of College Counsellor. This service provides a confidential environment where students can talk about difficulties they face. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to speak to one of the Counsellors if they have concerns about their child's emotional development or behaviour. The Counsellors can also be a referral point for accessing outside support services.





## A LEARNING COMMUNITY

At St Peter's Catholic College, we aim to achieve best teaching practices in an environment where each student values and enjoys learning. Our comprehensive academic program (with HSC results above the State average) is enhanced by superior technological facilities, a wide choice of electives, an extensive Creative Arts Program, accredited Vocational Education (including work placements), comprehensive Learning Support Programs, high-profile Sport and Outdoor Education Programs and a Religious Education rich in Catholic faith, traditions and liturgies.

Our curriculum reflects our desire to adapt and remain relevant in a rapidly changing society that demands flexibility and forward thinking from educational providers.

### Adaptive Education

One of our main aims at St Peter's Catholic College is to facilitate student transition into the College Community and to provide an environment where success and self-worth are actively fostered and encouraged. Not all students learn in the same way or at the same rate and much of our work entails assisting teaching staff to cater for these differing learning styles. Differentiation of curriculum enables difficulties to be addressed and strengths to be extended at all levels.

Students who have been identified as gifted are provided with an enriched curriculum in the mainstream setting.





## OUR FACILITIES

St Peter's Catholic College is located in a magnificent 16 hectare bush setting in Tuggerah 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 natural wetlands. Other features include a small and intimate Chapel, a hall, industry-standard TAS facilities, a Music Centre, a Visual Arts Centre, modern science labs and a spacious well-resourced Information Centre. Information Technology is readily accessible for use in all areas of the curriculum.

The College is provided with superior covered areas, and extensive sporting facilities, oval and playing fields. The College is conveniently located within 10 minutes walking distance from Tuggerah Station and there are direct bus links from Wyong Station and The Entrance.



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## TEAM PARTICIPATION

Learning is about the development of the whole person, and at St Peter's Catholic College we have a well-deserved reputation for providing students with extensive cultural and sporting experiences – and acknowledge that participation in these activities plays an important part in many of our students' lives.

Cocurricular activities include Representative Sports, Rock Eisteddfod, Debating, Public Speaking, Duke of Edinburgh, St Vincent de Paul, Outdoor Education Camps and opportunities for leadership and teamwork through the Student Council and Student Leadership Portfolios.



## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

In the Catholic tradition, we seek to nurture and develop partnerships that enhance the learning experiences of our students.

Our relationships with parents, business, industry and community groups are based on mutual respect and trust, and we value the contribution these partners make to ensure the environment in which our students learn remains pertinent and meaningful.

Our Vocational Education Training programs are dynamic examples of strategic partnerships that extend the options available to our students and support them in their transition from school to working life. Experiencing the richness of cultural diversity for our students is also offered through our overseas Cultural Exchange Programs and Social Justice initiatives.

As principle partners in the education of students, we believe parents play a pivotal role in supporting student learning. For this reason we maintain regular meaningful communication between school and home, keeping parents informed of school activities and student progress.

The Parents & Friends Association is very active at St Peter's Catholic College and encourages parent involvement in discussion and social events. The monthly meetings provide a forum to discuss matters relating to education, and an opportunity to hear from guest speakers. The College Parents & Friends meet every fourth Monday of the month at 7.00pm.









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