St Peter's
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS

WELCOME

Principal's Message

My vision for our students at St Peter's is that they progress through their schooling with an understanding and appreciation of the value of learning and an attitude that drives them towards excellence in everything they undertake.

The graduates of St. Peter's are life-long learners who are committed to achieving their best in everything they do; they look to the future with optimism and are motivated and inspired to model Christ's teachings in their lives and make a difference in the world

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Tim Hildebrandt

At St Peter's we have created an exciting centre of excellence in contemporary and innovative learning. Our students and teachers work in partnership each day to achieve learning goals focused on the skills necessary to be successful in today's society.

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.

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OUR MISSION

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

St Peter's students are encouraged to demonstrate they "Live the Faith" by participation in a wide range of charity and Faith related activities. These include fundraising for Project Compassion, Catholic Mission and 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 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.

At St Peter's Catholic College our three core values are a means by which we live the Catholic faith. These values are:

COURAGE COMPASSION COMMITMENT

At St Peter's we promote our
5 GUIDING PRINCIPALS
These inform and inspire us in our everyday tasks and interactions always reminding us how we
"LIVE THE FAITH"

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

A LEARNING COMMUNITY

A Learning Community

Learning is at the heart of what we do and at St Peter's learning is rich and exciting. We have developed and implemented our Learning Framework based on the Broken Bay Learning Principles. This focus on learning for every student, combined with our modern physical learning environments, means that St Peter's students are challenged through excellence. Through this approach we have created an exciting centre of excellence in contemporary and innovative learning. Our students and teachers work in partnership each day to achieve learning goals focused on the skills necessary to be successful in today's society and for students to be life-long learners.

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.

Enrichment Program

The College provides gifted, talented and high achieving students with classwork that is appropriately personalised and differentiated to suit the learning needs of the individual. Students will often be grouped to provide opportunity to work with others of a similar aptitude. There are many opportunities for students to access curriculum beyond the classroom, which could include tasks, challenges and competitions across the curriculum in academic, cultural, pastoral, music, creative arts and sports areas.

THE 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 superior 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 improvements in Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN
- STEM Clubs focussing on Science, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics
- Participation in Maths Challenge for Young Australians and Science Challenges

Creative 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, 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.

WELLBEING

St Peter's Catholic College understands that a student who has high levels of wellbeing is also likely to have better physical health, better social relationships, more optimism for the future and higher academic performance and so we have developed a comprehensive wellbeing program to support the growth of our students.

St Peter's Catholic College is a caring and compassionate community that supports both student and staff wellbeing through a well-supported wellbeing program. St Peter's participates in an extensive range of wellbeing initiatives including RUOK? Day, Mental Health Month as well as hosting a range of guest presenters including Youth Australia, NSW Health and the Central Coast Police Liaison Officers on a regular basis. Throughout the school year students participate in presentations on important topics such as cyber safety and online awareness and St Peter's are also pioneers in the Brave program which focuses on anxiety and stress.

In addition, the College also provides daily home-room check ins, a Student Leader Program for both junior and senior students and provides access to individual counselling services.

Student Leader Program

At St Peter's we understand that in today's world everybody needs good leadership skills and we offer programs to allow students to develop a range of these skills. Students in Years 7 – 10 participate in targeted cross-curricula 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.

The College has an active Student Representative Council for students in Years 7 – 11 which 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.

Our leadership initiatives are a means to expanding the minds of students and prepares them to work effectively within a diverse community while developing an understanding of the opportunities and methodologies that drive innovative thinking.

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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
- Dance and drama studios
- Canteen and Cafe
- Fully equipped Music practice rooms and sound stage
- Industry standard Technologies facilities
- 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

You're invited to visit our school

We invite you to visit us and to experience for yourself the caring and compassionate environment of this wonderful school and community.

Please contact our Registrar on **sspctenrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au** or telephone (02) 4351 2344 for more information on enrolment or to book a tour. Tours can also be booked online at **stpetersdd.catholic.edu.au.**

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