



Araluen Christian College

Partnering with Families in Education for Life

Choices - we all face them. Some choices are easy to make, other choices can affect the rest of our lives and the lives of our children.

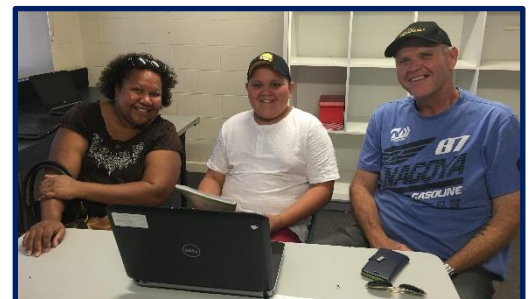
At Araluen Christian College, we believe that one of the most important choices parents face today is where to educate their children. What are your considerations?
Christian values?
A strong academic education?
Skills for life and living?
Affordable, quality education?

Our Christian world view underpins all learning at the college and we cover all aspects of the Australian Curriculum.



People Matter in Community

We welcome families from all walks of life and from all areas in the community.



Faith Matters – Christian Staff

Araluen Christian College is not linked to any particular church. Our students are encouraged to express their views; to think for themselves; to inquire; to explore issues and to build upon the Christian values which we provide.

Our staff, while being committed Christians come from a range of church denominations. We trust that by our example of valuing every individual within our community, students will learn to value others in the same way, and treat every person with kindness, respect and dignity.

What qualities do you look for in a teacher? Who were your best teachers?

As committed Christians, our staff consider their profession as an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the children with whom they interact.

We believe that students are uniquely created by God. Education alone will not provide us with the wisdom to make right choices in a changing world. We acknowledge that God is the source of all wisdom, we are committed to providing a quality education based upon timeless values of courage, perseverance and resilience which can weather the storms of change.



Learning Matters

Teachers develop warm, positive relationships with students assisting them to become peacemakers. As students participate in these relationships. In turn students will practice these relationships with those around them.

God is a God of love, and we desire to create an environment at Araluen where faith, hope and love are evident in our daily work and play.



Meeting our Students' Total Educational Needs

Learning Matters



We recognise that in a rapidly changing world, educational standards must keep pace. As a Government recognised College, we have our finger on the pulse of change, we work to keep learning student focussed. At Araluen Christian College, we are all life-long learners seeking to deliver educational best practice to our students.

Since relationships matter, we recognise that for children to get the most out of their education, everyone in the community needs to work together in harmony to promote a sense of belonging, discovery and challenge.



We support and challenge our students:



- ✚ Academically
- ✚ Relationally
- ✚ Socially
- ✚ Emotionally
- ✚ Mentally
- ✚ Personally
- ✚ Spiritually

Learning Matters

Our goal is to offer a comprehensive education which supports children and young adults to discover and develop to their potential. It is one thing to talk about a total education, but what does it mean?



- ✚ A strong biblical basis which flows through our curriculum
- ✚ offering a broad range of experiences
- ✚ understanding individuals
- ✚ being sensitive to the changing educational needs of students as they mature and develop.
- ✚ providing nurture and care
- ✚ a protective environment
- ✚ helping children to learn how to be free from bullying
- ✚ Being treated by everyone as being valued.
- ✚ A purposeful focus on core learning areas
- ✚ Quality programs delivering the Australian Curriculum
- ✚ Careful assessment of student progress
- ✚ Extra help for children with specific areas of need
- ✚ Built in extension for children with special gifts and talents.



Fitness, P.E. and a Perceptual Motor program ensures students are physically fit. A total education includes teaching children and young adults the skills of 'how to learn'. We want students to leave our College not merely with a head full of information, but with the skills, attitudes, critical thinking ability and faith to continue growing as young people of integrity, with the capacity to keep on learning as they move on to Senior Secondary College.



Integrated technology across the College equips students for life today and prepares them for tomorrow's rapidly changing technological world.

After all, isn't that what a Transition to Year 9 College should be about?



Relationships Matter

Parents as Partners At all Levels

Our distinctive approach to education encourages involvement – your involvement! We believe parents are the primary nurturers and educators of children. We want to partner with you in this vital role.

We are created in God's image, for a relationship with God and with others. Developing our identity happens best within a context of caring relationships.

Parents are welcome in classrooms and often assist with a wide range of experiences, at the college. Having involvement at the college, indicates to your child/ren that you are interested and invested in their learning and growth.



Relationships Matter - Building a Learning Community

Imagine a world without relationships. It's pretty difficult isn't it? One way we understand our identity, or who we are, is through our relationships.



Our College is a strong community. As part of the Araluen community, children know and feel they are cared for and that they belong. Cross-age relationships are natural. Age, gender and Year Level present no barrier to relationships. Students enjoy time with their 'buddies'.



Parent – Teacher Communication

We acknowledge the role of parents as the primary carers of your children. Parent & Teacher communication is essential.

Community is built through active communication. We welcome parents to partner with us.

Please join the learning journey at:

- ✚ Parent Information night at the beginning of the year.
- ✚ “Knowing me knowing you” Parent/Teacher conversations in Term 1
- ✚ Comprehensive written reports Terms 2 with interviews offered
- ✚ Parent/Teacher Interviews in Term 3
- ✚ Student led conferences where parents are encouraged to visit classrooms and chat with students and a written report in Term 4
- ✚ ‘Working Bees’ at Araluen Christian College
- ✚ Communicate with your child/ren’s teacher(s)
- ✚ An Open Door policy with the Principal



The best outcomes for children happen when parents and teachers work together.

Our Middle School – Years 7,8 & 9

(See separate flyer)



Our Middle School is a place for growing up, where young people are challenged to take further responsibility for themselves and others as they mature toward adulthood. We have a terrific Middle School teaching team who love spending time with our young adults!

Middle School at Araluen is a unique experience. It is a safe environment where students are well understood. They have an amazing range of learning opportunities.

ACC Middle School students succeed as they are encouraged to make informed decisions and learn about their own identity in the context of relationships in community.



While boundaries are clear, independence is nurtured, and students are expected to take greater responsibility for their own learning.

We are extremely proud of the young men and women thriving in Araluen's Middle School.



Leadership & Stewardship Matter



How are we governed?

We are part of a system of NT Christian Schools

- This legal entity, a company with a biblical statement of belief and an educational mandate. NT Christian Schools oversees the operation of eight Christian schools in the Northern Territory and some additional entities.
- The Parent Council of Araluen Christian College and the Principal are accountable to NT Christian Schools.
- NT Christian Schools is governed by a Board and CEO made up of Christians committed to providing Christ-centred quality education.
- NT Christian Schools supports the local Parent Council who are responsible for the College's local governance, policy, direction and vision.
- NT Christian Schools opens membership to all Christians who subscribe to the biblical statement of belief.

Araluen Christian College Parent Council

- In collaboration with the Principal; the executive officer of the Parent council.
- The Council is responsible for developing the Strategic Plan of the College and various policies to guide the functioning of the local part of NT Christian Schools, Araluen Christian College.
- The council is made up of up to 8 members including staff representatives all of whom agree with the NT Christian Schools biblical statement of faith.
- Council members are involved in employing staff,
- The Council supports the Principal and staff in their various roles at the College by prayer and collegial support.

Araluen Christian College is part of a national network of approximately 80 Christian Schools and Colleges throughout Australia. Known as Christian Education National – CEN – this body is our voice at Government level when it comes to funding and issues of equity, and puts forward our perspective in decision-making which affects education and in particular, the education of students in Christian Colleges.

Parents can ...

- become members of NT Christian Schools by subscribing to the biblical statement of belief and by completing a membership application available at the college office.
- be elected to the Parent Council by subscribing to the biblical statement of belief and by , offering their services as a Council member and standing for nomination to become elected to the parent council.
- contribute to the direction and policy of the College by communicating with the Parent Council
- communicate openly with the Principal on all matters of College policy and operation
- communicate with their children's teachers regarding day to day class matters and their child's happiness and progress
- use their expertise to contribute to the College
- contribute to College community events by helping out or just attending
- assist in their own time with grounds care, classroom help, working bees, covering books, assisting with Canteen, helping in the Library and praying for the College, the Staff, College families and students
- Let others know all the advantages of having children at Araluen Christian College!



Vision Statement

Araluen Christian College partners with families guiding each child's journey of living and learning, providing hope, in Christ, for their future.