



Junior School

The SCOTS PGC College Junior School is a specialist, early-childhood campus for students in Prep to Year 4. Our expert and dedicated staff, structure and provide learning experiences aimed to lay a basis of skills and attitudes that lead to life long learning. Confidence and competence are central aims of our programmes which are provided in an atmosphere of warm collaboration between students, parents and staff.

The delivery of strong literacy and numeracy fundamentals lies at the heart of our pedagogy. In addition, specialist Art, Music, Physical Education and Science lessons are taught on a weekly basis to ensure that early childhood development is well-rounded.

The curriculum also reflects our belief that young children have a natural curiosity about the world. While the new National P-10 curriculum will be central in shaping curriculum planning from 2011, it is important to emphasise that our Junior School will not restrict learning experiences to outcomes in these documents. It is important to enable and encourage the pursuit of individual interests of our students to ensure they experience enthusiasm and

joy throughout the most formative years of their formal education journey. As a result, in addition to guiding students toward basic skill development, staff explore integrated theme based enquiry, inside and outside the classroom, promoting the development of higher order thinking skills, and a love of learning.

Our Junior School students have a busy and well organised routine. All students enjoy the benefit of a formal lunch, either in the Dining Hall, or in each class' own outdoor learning area. These luncheons are an important part of developing etiquette and social skills. In addition, of course, provision of lunch is a welcome "fringe benefit" in the form of time saving for many SCOTS parents as they navigate the business of each day in their family homes! Our new, architecturally designed classrooms all capture the natural light. A courtyard, amphitheatre and play area allow our Junior School students to have Space to Learn....

Come and see how the SCOTS PGC Junior School can set your child on the journey of a lifetime.



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Middle School

The Betty Crombie Middle School offers an educational experience that recognises the importance of a stimulating academic programme for boys and girls (aged 10 to 14) as well as an holistic, student centred style of learning. This approach aims to positively affect the physical, intellectual, spiritual and emotional well being of each student.

The Middle School offers sensitive pastoral care that is characterised by an emphasis on relationship building and communication, 'firm but fair' discipline and culminates in a smooth transition to the Senior School. Specialist middle-years teachers and a purpose built Middle School provide a secure, caring and challenging environment that caters for students from a variety of backgrounds.

The Middle School also shares in the outstanding specialist academic, co-curricular and recreational facilities of the Oxenham Street campus. In 2010 these facilities were supplemented by a purpose built, two court under-cover play area and library facility.

Students have the flexibility of attending the College as a day student or a boarder. The College attracts students from a number of Australian states, as well as from overseas, which enhances the social and educational experiences of school life.

The Middle School academic life centres around the National Curriculum and is built on a strong emphasis

on developing literacy and numeracy skills. At the same time creativity, objectivity, resourcefulness, initiative and resilience are valued and developed. Students also participate in religious education, human relationships education, music, art, dance and drama. The use of a range of IT underpins all we do as we aim to equip students for their future world. Our students are encouraged to engage in a wide range of texts, materials, technologies and learning experiences. They are given the opportunity to face challenges, make mistakes and learn in a safe and supportive environment.

The 'Arranmore' sports programme caters for students in Years 5, 6 and 7. The focus of this programme is skill development and participation, conducted in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play. Students also have the opportunity to play fixtures on an intra-school and inter-school basis.

Across all year levels, specific sports and athletic skills are taught through our HPE programme. The younger students are able to access after school sporting skills and are encouraged to participate in the Warwick town competition in their chosen sport. Other co-curricular activities include the Pipe Band (chanter, bag pipes and drums); private Music lessons in a variety of instruments; Choir; Debating; Sheep Club; Cattle Club (Yr 8 students only) and Equestrian.

Come and see how the SCOTS PGC Middle School can help your child reach for their potential.



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Senior School

The SCOTS PGC College Senior School provides a high quality co-educational experience for boarding and day students in Years 9 -12 at its 25 hectare Oxenham Street campus.

The Senior School offers:

- wide subject selection
- teaching from subject specialists
- outstanding learning facilities with a fully integrated IT programmes
- sensitive pastoral care and counselling
- extensive co-curricular offering
- small to medium class sizes
- excellent career counselling

The senior years are the final stepping stone in preparing students for tertiary entrance at Australian and overseas universities. Indeed, the great majority of the Year 12 cohort will graduate to tertiary studies in faculties of their choice. Notwithstanding this, these are also the years in which valuable practical skills may be undertaken in school-based traineeships. Accordingly, our Senior School supports a comprehensive education that enables students to make suitable choices from the multiple pathways available when they leave school. Our breadth of education in the senior years is a major advantage.

The Oxenham Street campus boasts fine facilities including:

- Heritage Chapel
- Memorial Assembly Hall
- Library and Resource Centre
- Gymnasium
- Dining Hall
- Computer laboratories and an extensive wireless ICT infrastructure
- English, Mathematics, Drama and Science Centres
- Industrial Technology and Graphics Centre
- Extensive playing fields, courts and ovals.

Music, drama, debating and public speaking play a vital role in school life with specialist tuition available. Accordingly, we encourage our students to pursue a balanced life, while aiming high in their chosen academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.

Senior School students attend daily co-educational vertical tutorial groups that focus upon the individual as well as promoting sound inter-year relationships. As a co-educational school, our boys and girls work and create together whenever possible, fostering healthy social relationships in a school environment in which everyone has the opportunity to be recognised and valued. A Senior School education prepares young men and women for the real world on a safe, friendly and well-structured campus.



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Boarding

What underpins a boarding education at The SCOTS PGC College?

We are a school that believes in a strong connection between welfare and education. A great deal of our boarding emphasis is aimed at providing the types of experiences and support that nurture effective, resilient and enthusiastic learners. Our educational philosophy rests squarely on the belief that school life should arouse in the individual a sense of worthwhile accomplishment and intellectual curiosity: that there exists a fundamental and irrefutable connection between a true education and an appreciation of the material, physical, intellectual, aesthetic and spiritual worlds. Most importantly, we are a specialist co-educational boarding school that prepares young people for the real adult world; free from the distortions often imposed by the single-sex regimen. Separate boarding campuses for boys and girls (3 kms apart) allow students to enjoy the benefits of single and mixed gender activities – the best of both worlds.

Is boarding life sensitive to adolescent needs while promoting sound personal development?

Yes! Our boarding philosophy seeks to strike a balance between personal freedom and group responsibility; the school day and 'home'; instruction and intuition. In simple terms, we seek to equip young people with life skills and a sense of individual purpose and responsibility that is 'The SCOTS PGC Way'. We similarly recognise that it is crucial to avoid a doctrinaire approach to adolescent issues. Understanding the individual's needs and focussing young people on 'the road to success' are qualities that boarding parents often claim set us apart from other schools. Our boarding staff know their boys and girls as individuals. Of course, none of this can be achieved without a strong partnership between school and home. We are here to help your son and/or daughter reach their goals.

Is boarding life stimulating outside of school hours?

Yes! Boarding is fun. In recognising the need to stimulate young minds outside school hours, we have assembled an excellent range of activities that complement our strong academic and sporting programmes. We believe that 'doing things' is important – just as it would be at home. Weekend facilities at the College include an outstanding gymnasium, swimming pool, modern Industrial Technology, Graphics and Manual Arts Centre, computer rooms, library and resource centre, and extensive outside sporting facilities. We also deliberately bring the outside world into boarding education so that it can play a broadening role in adolescent development. A modest annual levy entitles a boarder to many organised weekend activities and school socials throughout the year. Optional weekend activities include trips to Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Toowoomba for cultural and 'fun' outings.

This is why the SCOTS PGC College is a very special boarding school.

What can a boarding student expect?

- Beautifully appointed boarding houses
- Nutritious, well-balanced meals
- A safe rural environment with separate campuses for boys and girls
- Well qualified, caring and committed academic, sporting and boarding staff
- Academic tutoring and literacy support
- Strong preparation for QCS testing
- A comprehensive sporting competition among the TAS schools

Our agriculture classes study the benefits of sustainable agriculture and engage in selected horticultural projects. Mathematics, Drama, Biology, Art and Geography are among traditional subjects expressed in different and interesting ways. Boarders can bring their horse to school under the expert instruction of the College equestrian coach. Our riders compete regularly in school and State competitions. Senior students may avail themselves of student-based traineeships across a number of industries.



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Co Curricular

In addition to the sporting programme, the College's co-curricular offerings play a very large part in school life. We believe that participation in co-curricular activities broadens our students' learning experiences and thereby strengthens their skills and knowledge. Students can choose from:

- Music

Two choirs and a performance group perform separately and together at events and in Eisteddfod competition; students from across the College join together each year in a Musical Production.

- Theatre and Drama

The College has its own specialist Drama Studio.

- Debating

At least one of our debating teams has won a final in their year group for the past six years.

- Pipes and Drums

The Band is highly ranked at both State and National level and plays an important role at College functions as well as at civic occasions in the Southern Downs and selected festivals.

- Agriculture

Our Cattle Club and Sheep Club compete at local shows as well as others including the Royal Queensland Show, Farmfest and Royal Toowoomba Show; our students have also successfully participated in the Queensland Youth Fruit & Vegetable Exhibits competition at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) since 2000.



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Sport

The SCOTS PGC College has an extensive offering in competitive sports and recreational activities through which healthy physical activity and developing skills in teamwork are encouraged. The College has a proud record of achievement in sport and values the opportunities for social and emotional development that the spirit of collaboration in teams brings.

An **excellence programme** is facilitated for both **Equestrian and Touch Football**. The Equestrian Centre is located within the SCOTS PGC College campus and offers excellent purpose built facilities. Our Equestrian team is considered to have one of the best Equestrian programmes nationally for school age children. The College provides first class coaching based on EFA disciplines as well as basic horsemanship including horse health, grooming and turnout. Our Equestrian team is highly successful when representing our College each year in the Queensland Interscholar Equestrian Association, The Darling Downs Championships, Warwick Horse Trials and various local events.

In 2013, we will begin the process of establishing an excellence programme for both boys and girls Touch Football.

The College will field an Open Boys and Open Girls team in the Toowoomba association with fixtures played on Saturday afternoons during Term 2 and Term 3.

Throughout the year students have the opportunity to follow a pathway to achieve **representative** honours in a broad range of sports. Students will be invited to trial for Border District teams and if successful will attend Darling Downs Regional Trials. Students who are chosen to represent Darling Downs will have the opportunity to be selected for Queensland and Australian representative teams.

The College focuses on **4 major team sports; Basketball, Rugby, Netball and Hockey**. Teams are entered into local and regional competitions and preseason camps are held for each of these sports.

Basketball is played in Term 1 with pre-season training in Term 4. The College fields six teams (Year 7/8 Girls, Year 7/8 Boys, Under 15 Girls, Under 15 Boys, Open Girls & Open Boys) in the Saint Mary's Old Boys Association Basketball Challenge which is played on Friday nights in Toowoomba.

Rugby is played in Term 1 and Term 2 with the College fielding three teams (Under 13, 15 and 17) in the Downs Rugby teenage competition. Fixtures are played on Sundays on a home and away basis over 10 rounds.

The College enters three teams (Under 13, Under 15 and Open) in the Toowoomba Netball Association competition. Fixtures are played in Term 2 & Term 3 with grading rounds for the junior teams taking place at the beginning of March.

The College fields three Hockey teams - Under 17 Boys, Under 17 Girls and Under 13 Mixed. The Hockey season begins in March and runs through until September.

Interclan sport is an integral aspect of the sports programme at the College. It is conducted in the three core sports of swimming, cross country and track and field with Interclan championships held in each. Squad training takes place for each of these sports before school during the relevant season.

The College also offers a variety of **recreational activities** including archery, boot camp, gym, pilates, pump, rifle shooting, spin, squash and yoga.

The **'Arranmore' after school sports programme** caters for students in Years 5, 6 and 7 and takes place on Wednesday afternoons 3:30pm – 5:00pm. The focus of this programme is skill development and participation, conducted in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play. Students will be introduced to a variety of sports throughout the year with a focus on the major team sports played in the senior school. Students will have the opportunity to play fixtures on an intra-school and inter-school basis.

The John Muir Sports Centre which features a basketball court, grandstand seating, gym equipment, combined with tennis courts and cricket ovals provides SCOTS PGC students with impressive sporting facilities. Students also have access to the world-class facilities of the Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

While our sporting achievements are significant, the College places its greatest emphasis upon skills acquisition and participation for enjoyment. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in physical activity throughout the year; this may be as part of a team, an individual sport or a taking part in a recreational activity.



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School Based Traineeships

The changing nature of the economy and uncertainty about the future, has made the transition from adolescence into the work force volatile and unpredictable. In response to these forces, The SCOTS PGC College facilitates School Based Traineeships as an option for students in Years 11 and 12.

School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships, commonly referred to as SATs, are designed to enable students to work towards a nationally recognised qualification whilst studying for their senior certificate, and undertaking paid work and structured training in a specific industry area. The training received may occur at work, at a TAFE institute or a private training provider. Some of it may also be related to a subject the student is studying at school.

Students undertaking a SAT may be eligible for an OP score.

Once in a SAT, trainees and apprentices are covered by formal agreements known as "Training Agreements", which outline the training, support and supervision the employer will provide.

Students may work one day a week in paid employment and attend school on the remaining days. Alternatively they may work for blocks of days or weeks during the school holidays. A minimum of 48 days paid employment must be undertaken by a SAT for each year of their apprenticeship or traineeship.

What do I do to get a SAT?

The College has a ceiling on the number of SATs available to senior students each year. Selection for this training option

is based on special application and conditions that you can negotiate through the school based traineeship co-ordinator.

Benefits

The benefits of undertaking a SAT are many as can be vouched for by the current trainees. There are also many benefits for employers to take on a SAT. Undertaking a SAT is no easy feat. It is however, an attractive option for students in Years 11 and 12 who have a desire and maturity to successfully mix school, work and training, and have the dedication and willingness to make things work.

The College's commitment to keep pace with change and increase subject options based on the needs of our students, is testament of its introduction of School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

Education has long since moved beyond the classroom, both in response to how the world of work has changed and how student interest has grown to encompass both the practical and academic worlds. The SCOTS PGC College offers stimulating and well resourced courses for its students. In this way, the College provides an invaluable transitional link to the outside world of work.

By obtaining educational programmes as well as trade related qualifications we will be re-engaging students of all abilities who perhaps find school irrelevant or intend leaving school at the end of Year 10.

When a student is challenged, empowered and stimulated, anything is possible.



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Equestrian

The SCOTS PGC College Equestrian Centre offers excellent purpose built facilities for those interested in pursuing equestrian excellence. Since the Centre's establishment in 2003, the Centre has maintained a record of high achievement and pride in the ability to produce confident, competitive students capable of reaching their own personal goals at whatever level that may be.

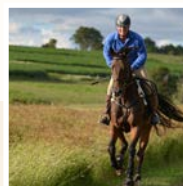
The College aims to provide improvement in performance through high quality coaching and access to first class facilities. Your child will thrive under careful guidance and learn the importance of self discipline and effort in achieving improvements in performance. Our coaches are able to provide individual programmes and mentoring to assist each child to reach their vision. Coaches are selected on their ability to provide hands on experience in a variety of disciplines including eventing, showjumping and dressage, often to the highest levels of competition.

The year 2012 has been a triumphant year for The SCOTS PGC College Equestrian Team. At the conclusion of the State Interschool Championships

our Team again was awarded the Secondary Division Overall Champion School "The Lorette Wigan Cup" for the fifth year running. This trophy is awarded to the school with the best overall result, over all the disciplines at the State Championships and donated by the Equestrian Federation of Australia (Qld Branch).

Following on from this achievement, nine of the College Equestrian Team members were selected to represent Queensland at the Interschool National Champions, held in Toowoomba, Queensland in October. This is testament to a high level of dedication from all involved from riders, parents, coaches and a commitment from the College as a whole.

If you are considering boarding school for your child who wishes to be involved in our exciting equestrian programme, The SCOTS PGC College may be just what you are seeking. For further information please contact our Head of Equestrian – Mr Richard King on 0429 637 499 or visit our website on www.scotspgc.qld.edu.au



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