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*Go out to Serve*



...a supportive,  
caring and safe  
environment



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## Prospectus



*A good education is one of the most important gifts you can give to your children. It is the foundation for a bright future. What are you looking for in your child's education?*

... the inspiration to be lifelong learners  
with the opportunity to set goals  
and achieve them

## a message from the Headmaster



### **The Macarthur Way**

Macarthur Anglican School aims to provide our students with an environment rich with opportunity and steeped in academic success. Established in 1984, the school has a proud history of educating girls and boys in a supportive Christian environment.

Can you imagine how much your child would benefit from an environment where each day offers inspiration to learn new things, to face new challenges, to demonstrate new levels of resourcefulness?

Would your child appreciate being part of a community where the staff strive to learn about them as individuals? Would the challenge to set goals and achieve them help your child to grow in maturity and responsibility?



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For the students and staff of Macarthur, these qualities are a guide to their efforts each day and provide a challenge that inspires their plans for the future.

Our clear academic focus influences the daily experiences of every girl and boy and every teacher at Macarthur. Whether in Transition or Year 12, students are well taught by teachers who are regularly involved in their own professional learning and who are encouraged to assess their own classroom effectiveness. To build the thinking skills of students, to develop in them a love and learning and to prepare each one for whatever post school learning environment they choose to pursue, is our goal.

As a Christian school, Macarthur is committed to providing its students with the opportunity to learn more of the love God has for them as individuals. Through regular involvement in Chapel services, tutor groups, Biblical Studies classes, camps and other experiences, each child is encouraged to consider the Christian faith for themselves and to adopt the values and virtues that this faith encapsulates.

Whether in the classroom, on the sporting field, in choirs or ensembles or in any of the myriad of other activities that contribute to the life of Macarthur, the appreciation of the worth of the individual in the eyes of God brings with it a commitment to assist each student to be the best they can. Each child has talents and abilities, some already well developed, others waiting to be identified and enhanced. In this community your child will be supported in their efforts to try new things and to consider for themselves the generous sacrifice of Christ on their behalf.

Experiences and opportunities offered to the students aim to raise their sights high, to build their aspiration to achieve their best and to challenge their thinking about service both to their community and to those beyond these shores. Service to others assists to build personal resilience, allows the students to demonstrate their initiative and helps to develop Macarthur graduates who will become global citizens, equipped to take their place in society.

*David Nockles*

**Headmaster**

*The Macarthur Way*



opportunity



## An Invitation

*Macarthur is a wonderfully positive community where the students are full of life and hope. With its extensive grounds and marvellous purpose-built facilities developed to cater for a broad range of academic interests and age groups, this school offers the best there is in education for your child. I invite you and your son or daughter to visit our school at Cobbitty soon and experience for yourself the many and varied opportunities and learning experiences which are the key elements of the Macarthur Way.*

...the latest equipment,  
technology and  
resources

enter to learn



### Our Staff

A love of learning and a desire to achieve success are important tools for every young person to attain during their schooling. How are they gained? These qualities cannot be taught but are inspired in the boys and girls by the behaviour and attitudes modelled by committed teachers, with their own passion for learning.

Macarthur teachers are carefully selected to ensure that they have both the skills and the determination to ensure that your child is well taught. They want to develop a passion for learning in their students. Teachers model life long learning to their students and ensure their classrooms are vibrant places where contemporary teaching practices are applied. Teachers are regularly involved in further study and professional experiences which assist them to hone their skills.

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*We seek to put in front of our students the best possible staff and give them the one thing for which there is no substitute - direct contact with inspirational and outstanding teachers.*

David Nockles

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## Diverse Learning Experiences

There is no such thing as a typical Macarthur student. Children are all different: each brings to the school community a diverse range of interests, talents and skills. At Macarthur, your child will have the opportunity to take risks that enhance their learning, and challenge themselves in areas they may never before have considered strengths. Perseverance, determination, endurance and resourcefulness are all skills they will be encouraged to develop as they work both individually and co-operatively in the classroom and beyond.

As the school of choice for many across the region and with a record of academic achievement second to none in south western Sydney, Macarthur has developed its niche in the delivery of an academically challenging curriculum which is well supported to ensure each girl and boy experiences a sense of accomplishment. Complementing the

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*I love coming to school.*

*Teachers care about me*

*and help me.*

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academic programmes are the student-centred pastoral, technical, study and academic support facilities provided within the school community for the benefit of every individual, including teacher-managed study sessions and a vacation study camp for Year 12 students. Our students are assisted in preparing themselves for university and for the range of other post school direction they may follow.

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inspiration

...a learning foundation to  
challenge your child  
while providing  
self-discipline and initiative

## educating the whole child

Between birth and five years, children learn more than in any other similar period in their lives. Why is this? The pace of their learning in this vital period is related to both their exposure to new experiences and their personal desire to rise to the many challenges of daily life. As parents you inspire them to growing independence by encouraging them, recognising their advancements and praising each new initiative they take.

### **Quality Learning**

At Macarthur, it is our goal to build upon the learning foundations you have established. Like you, this school values a traditional education which provides a solid foundation for future learning.

Your child will experience physical challenge, the demands and responsibilities of teamwork and the importance of self-discipline and initiative through involvement in a broad range of sporting and outdoor education activities.



*It's great to be involved.*

*You learn to work with others  
and get to know the teachers  
in a different way.*



# challenge and initiative



Your child will gain new skills and experiment with different ways of thinking through access to such things as the extensive Macarthur music programme and the broad array of performance opportunities, including the opportunity to visit other countries.

Your child's view of the world will be expanded and enhanced by being a member of an internationally focussed, Christian community and by working co-operatively with others.

Your child will be encouraged to consider a Christian worldview and its relevance to their life. They will be encouraged to develop an awareness of God's concern for and expectations of them as individuals and a consciousness of the needs of others.

As parents, one of our greatest joys is in watching our children grow and succeed. Each family values and seeks to nurture the growth of self-esteem and personal dignity in their children. Staff at Macarthur share in this joy and aim to support your family in developing community leaders of the future.

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*I have learned so much  
about myself and others by  
being involved*

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...to gain leadership  
skills to carry them through  
life as responsible citizens

go out to serve

### Education for the Future

When they are young our children consume large amounts of our time and energy. As they grow, we become aware of a subtle change in our role as parents, a stepping back and relinquishing of control and responsibility – the need to allow these young people to test themselves, their values and their attitudes on the realities of our world.

We must ensure our young people have the resilience and resourcefulness they need to rise to the challenges placed before them by any community of which they are members, and the values against which they can test the worth of any proposal put before them.



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*I want to be a Scientist  
when I grow up and  
to be able to help  
other people.*

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During their schooling each one will have many opportunities to give a little of themselves for the benefit of others through working in the classroom, as members of performance ensembles, in sporting teams or through their involvement with Christian groups.

Each student will be encouraged to not only think about how their efforts can benefit others, but to turn their thinking to action by supporting charitable work both in Australia and overseas. Girls and boys learn about caring for others by giving to Anglicare, participating in community service or supporting the education of children in Tanzania. Each child is learning to be a future leader, in their family, their workplace, their community and their nation.

Already Macarthur graduates are making their mark on our community, making a difference to their world through their passion, their leadership and their service.

*The Macarthur graduate  
leaves as a well rounded  
individual able to take  
their place in  
the world.*



responsibility and values

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## *The Macarthur Way*

Academic Success

Opportunity and Inspiration

Challenge and Initiative

Responsibility and Values



Established 1984

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