



WELCOME

I welcome you to Pacific Hills Christian School. It is a pleasure for me to help you find out more about us. I have been with the school since just a few years after its inception in 1979, with the vision to build a centre of teaching, learning and serving excellence that honours Christ. We began with eight students meeting in an orphanage and have grown to over 1300 students today.

Adaptation and changes in the use of technology, and the delivery of education, are all moving at an unparalleled rate. Pacific Hills is at the forefront of this fresh new thinking and we are evaluating and embracing change as it comes, enhancing quality into learning results for our students, and equipping and preparing them for their future. At the same time we understand the value of providing a safe environment and the value of belonging to a school community where children, families and staff are respected, known and accountable to each other.

At Pacific Hills Christian School, we believe we can provide a unique education that will prepare our students for life in the marketplace, and help them discover their full potential, with the knowledge they have been created to honour God in the way they live their lives.

Dr EJ Boyce | Principal

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BELONGING & BELIEF

PREP

Every parent aims to provide a solid foundation on which their child can build a lifetime of learning. At Pacific Hills Christian School, we recognise the importance of a balanced opportunity for children to develop social and emotional competencies, through play and game based activities, with a structured learning environment that develops routines and disciplines needed for school. God has created each child to be unique, with special gifts and abilities. We seek to honour God in the way we care for the children. The Prep teachers pray with, and for the boys and girls and encourage the children to grow in their knowledge of who God is, as revealed to us in the Bible.

Children love to ask questions, explore new things and make enquiries about the world. The Prep program provides opportunities for the children to engage in a wide range of activities. This includes literacy and numeracy lessons, physical activities such as gross motor and sports, music and creative arts and of course free play, where they need to share, appreciate others' ideas, role play and learn how to get along with their peers. Children in Prep are busy and engaged, and their love of learning is nurtured and grown. God has an amazing plan for each child. In these important foundational years, we seek to provide the children with a wonderful start to a lifelong journey of learning.

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COURAGE & COMPASSION

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Starting school is an exciting season. Your child meets new people, makes new friends, learns to be more independent, discovers new fields of knowledge, interacts within new boundaries and begins to establish a unique social identity in the classroom and playground.

Junior School is an environment where children feel valued and safe, enjoy friendships and develop a deep love of learning. They discover the rewards of developing new skills and learning about the Maker and Creator of our universe.

The students grow and change, sometimes on a daily basis, but some things remain constant in Junior School. Our teachers are committed to their care of your child and to the curriculum they teach. If your child attends Pacific Hills then you are part of our school community-family, and we aim to not only partner with you in educating your children, we hope to get to know them as well as you do, and to help them discover and reach their full potential.

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TRANSITION & TRUST

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Children experience an extraordinary period of development during Year 5 to Year 8 with change taking place physically, intellectually, socially, spiritually and emotionally, all at an incredible rate. Middle School provides a 'safe place' for learning where students are supported as they make the complex transition from childhood to adolescence. This stage is often found to be a crucial period of their lives during which students may either engage or disengage from learning.

The innovative Middle School structure works to ensure that each child can easily identify with at least one teacher (the Home Room teacher) who supports the students as they progress through the significant changes of the 'middle years'. Academic opportunities are maximised while student development is safeguarded by Middle School's stable and supportive environment. This environment is also designed to ease the move from 'primary' to 'secondary' schooling where students graduate from teacher directed learning to independent study. Our programs assist students with the development of the necessary skills and knowledge needed for Senior School studies at the same time as working to ensure the engagement of students with the Middle School curriculum.

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CAPACITY & HOPE

SENIOR SCHOOL

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS TIME?

The transition from Senior School to the marketplace, especially in today's technology based economy, can be challenging and daunting. Our teachers understand that Senior School is about providing the best resources and support systems to prepare our young people for life beyond school.

We want students to have a clearer perspective of life post school and an understanding of the decisions they may face, confident that the skills and knowledge they have will work for them in professional environments where workplace problem solving and critical thinking are required.

At Pacific Hills, emphasis is placed on the development of relationship through the context of community. We believe this best prepares our students to make positive contributions to society.

We aim to provide students with the subject combination of their choice and to offer a variety of activities outside the classroom including: student leadership, musicals, sports, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, mission trips and community service days.

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WORKING TOGETHER

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Pacific Hills Christian School recognise some families need to have high quality, out of school hours care for their children. The Before School Care program provides children with consistent morning routines and activities, a healthy breakfast and a relaxed time to get started for a full day of learning.

The After School Care service provides care for children from 2:45pm until 6:30pm. This program is designed to incorporate afternoon tea, homework time and a wide range of learning activities to keep the children engaged.

The Before and After School Care centre is carefully integrated into the School, sharing the facilities and the same culture of care, service and excellence.

“A SENSE OF
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CREATIVE
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ART & ADVENTURE

CAMPING

Camps, from Year 3 onwards, form an integral part of the students' learning experience. There are a variety of camps for our students to enjoy starting out with camping overnight locally to a wider range of experiences from exciting ski camps to adventure camps, and from band camps, where more musical experiences are gained, to Duke of Edinburgh's Award camps.

SPORT

The Hills Zone Sports Association provides weekly sporting competitions for students, from Years 3-12, with other local schools in the district. A variety of sports are offered throughout the year on weekday afternoons.

The Christian Schools Sports Association is the selected pathway for higher representative honours within the Combined Independent Schools system. Sporting championships and gala days are offered to students throughout the year, where individuals and teams can participate and compete with other schools from across the State. Major carnivals are conducted for swimming, cross country and athletics at Zone, State and National levels through the Christian Schools Australia network.

PERFORMING ARTS

The School has a purpose built 472 seat performance space for music, dance and drama and an 1800 seat multi purpose centre. Our students stage musicals each alternate year.

Past performances include Oliver, Annie, Honk, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Seussical, The Prince of Egypt and Hairspray. There are also bands and vocal groups, with creative retreats planned for each year. Drama and Dance classes are also available. Each year our HSC students stage a 'Fusion' exhibition showcasing the combined efforts of creative and technical works in visual arts, drama and music. Our students have also exhibited and performed in such places and platforms as ArtExpress, Encore and DesignTech.





COMMUNITY

UNIFORMS

School uniform and accessories may be purchased on site at Hannah's, the uniform shop.

We recommend making an appointment by contacting us on 02 9651 0738 or 02 9651 0700.

Hannah's accepts cash, cheque, EFTPOS and most credit cards. Lay-by is also available.

COMMUNICATION

We connect with members of our school community through our newsletter, Parents' Page, Facebook and Twitter as well as our school website, parent education nights, and parent/teacher nights.

Personal communication regarding specific matters are made through appointment, email, letter, or telephone.

NURSE

A Registered Nurse is employed to attend to students' medical needs while at School.

VOLUNTEERS

There are many ways to get involved and help out at School. Our volunteers assist in our canteen, at sport carnivals, with reading groups, at the Fair, with musicals and as scribes and readers at exam time plus go on camps and excursions. We love and appreciate our volunteers.

**"REAL LIFE. REAL
COMMUNITY.
TOGETHER."**



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Students are often aware and concerned about problems in different parts of the world and they want to do something to help but they are not so certain what they can do. Getting involved, doing their bit for the good of others is one way that our students can affect the lives of others one person at a time. It is our dream that every student who attends Pacific Hills will place a high priority on the care and welfare of others. Pacific Hills wants to give every student the opportunity to be connected to other communities through service and mission. Whether it is through being part of community service days, a mission trip or joining the Junior School Compassion Club and bringing random acts of kindness to a special school or a retirement village, or being a friend in the playground – every student is given the chance to participate.

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ENROLMENT

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APPLICATION

Complete an **Enrolment Application** form for each child and return to the School with the following:

- Photocopy of student's Birth Certificate
- Photocopy of student's three most recent School and most recent NAPLAN Reports, where applicable
- Payment of Application Fee by cheque, money order, credit card or PayPal

Online and paper applications are accepted

PROCESS

We will contact you to confirm we have received your application. Before a position is offered, your child will be asked to complete an **assessment** and you will be invited, along with your child, to meet with the Principal and Head of School.

REFERENCES

Please ask your pastor or a business person, professional or public officer to complete the **Reference** form and return mail it to the School.

FEES

A non refundable **Application Fee** is required at time of application. A non refundable **Enrolment Fee** is required when accepting an offer of placement.

SCHOOL TOURS

You are always welcome! We would be delighted to show you around the school. Please contact the Director of Enrolments to arrange a suitable time.



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