



*A place to belong, serve and succeed*

**RICHARD JOHNSON**  
ANGLICAN COLLEGE





# WELCOME TO RJ!

Our commitment to delivering an excellent Kindergarten to Year 12 Christian education to aspiring families in Western Sydney continues to drive all we do at RJ.

We offer meaningful learning pathways tailored to individual interests and capabilities and provide abundant opportunities for students to thrive in a safe and nurturing environment.

At RJ, we cultivate confident, agile, reflective, and engaged learners and utilise the highly regarded 'Building Learning Power' educational approach. Our emphasis on values, learning, discipline, and wellbeing resonates well with our parent community as they see our students become well-prepared for the future. Similarly, our core values of 'Respect' and 'Care for others' are not just slogans at RJ – they are at the heart of our College life.

I warmly invite your family to become part of the RJ community and look to the future as we partner together in your child's educational journey, with the blessings of God guiding every step.

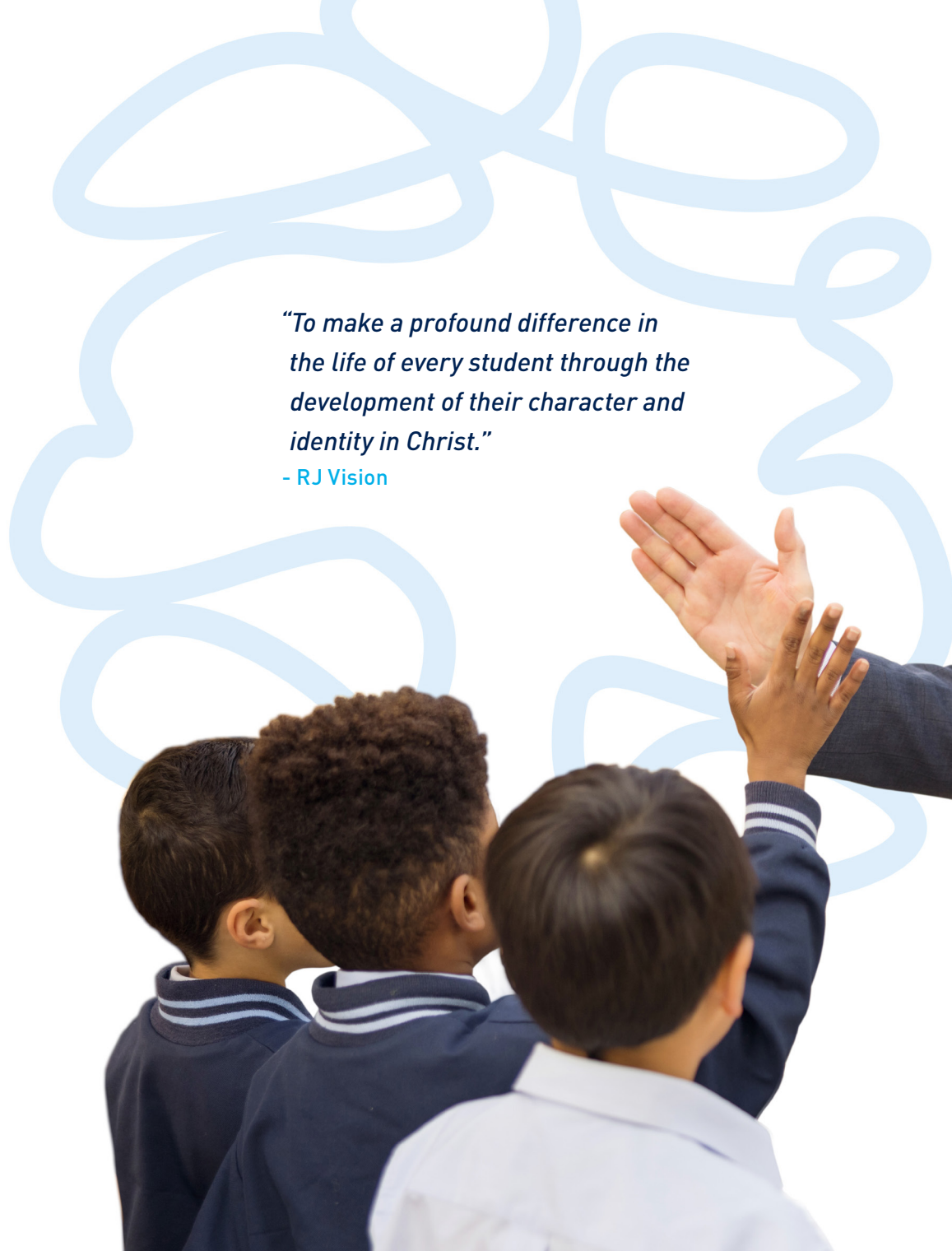
**Alan Dawson | Principal**

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*"To make a profound difference in  
the life of every student through the  
development of their character and  
identity in Christ."*

- RJ Vision





# Belonging and Learning



*"RJ feels like home. It is and always has been a nurturing environment for our family. The staff are committed to each and every child, it is not just a job for them, it is their lives, their calling."*

*- Mrs Brenda Conroy, Parent*



## JUNIOR SCHOOL YEARS K-6

Embark on the exciting Junior School journey of discovery and learning at RJ! Our dedicated educators immerse children in the world of formal schooling, fostering a love for learning whilst building their confidence and the skills they need to flourish.

Founded on Christian values, our safe and supportive environment encourages children to explore their creativity, curiosity and other God-given gifts and talents. Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes work in smaller classes to develop a strong grounding in literacy and numeracy skills and grow to become adaptable, flexible, and resilient in their learning.

At RJ, learners' natural curiosity is nurtured with a wide range of learning experiences designed to promote independent, self-directed learning habits. RJ students feel safe to explore, question, and think, but also to make mistakes and know that this is part of the learning process, thereby providing growth opportunities. We call this 'failing forward'.

In Junior School, we understandably prioritise literacy and numeracy skills, employing effective programs and additional staffing to ensure each student progresses well. Regular communication with parents is through the class 'Seesaw' program. In our tech-enhanced classrooms, we strike a balance, valuing the essential teacher-student relationship for optimal development.

***"My children feel the school is a home away from home. Staff are very approachable and very easy to coordinate with."***

**- Mrs Annette Caster, Parent**





# Maturing and Succeeding

## SENIOR SCHOOL YEARS 7-12

Commencing Senior School is an important chapter for our emerging adolescents as they mature and prepare for life and success beyond the school gates.

Throughout this educational season, students are challenged academically and are equipped to become positive, respectful, and contributing members of society.

Our professional Christian educators are great role models, guiding students through an engaging curriculum where enrichment and extension activities are differentiated for individual learning abilities. Co-curricular, leadership, and service opportunities abound to shape character further and nurture a heart of service and compassion.

At RJ, we prioritise the wellbeing of each student and provide focussed welfare support.

Students are inspired to think logically, creatively, and innovatively within our dynamic environment, building resilience to face challenges. Our approach to learning ensures that our students know how they learn and equips them with strategies to overcome challenges as teachers set appropriately achievable goals.

The 'Bring Your Own Device' Program in Senior School enhances learning through technology, promoting collaboration, communication, and research through our state-of-the-art learning platform, CANVAS.

Join us in extending your child's journey beyond academics as we support our students to become confident, agile, reflective, and engaged learners who are well-prepared for the future.





*"I gained so much from my time at RJ - friendships, growth in my abilities and confidence in myself...I had so much support from my teachers who encouraged my passions and from other staff members who would offer a smile when I needed one."*

- Miss Stella Yousif, Past Student  
(ATAR 99.75)

*"RJ has provided a fantastic environment for our children to develop and thrive in all areas in their lives. From academics, performances, leadership to spiritual opportunities, we couldn't ask for a better school!"*

- Mrs Meredith Hughes, Parent







# Celebrating Success

At RJ, success is valued in various forms. While academic achievements like our ATARs of 99.95 and 99.75 are tangible, success also reveals itself in everyday decisions, small victories, and character development. It is evident in the respect and care shown to others, in the ability to overcome challenges, and in the nurturing of integrity.

Our approach to success extends beyond conventional metrics. We foster a safe environment that encourages students to take learning risks, promoting a mindset of “having a go” and embracing the concept of “failing forward”. Success, to us, is not just about grades but about instilling values that shape individuals.

At RJ, we recognise both the big and subtle achievements. We aspire for every RJ student to embody qualities such as being: courteous and kind, courageous, resourceful, connected, reflective, critical and creative thinkers, positive contributors, and willing learners.

What does success look like for you? Join us in celebrating success in all its diverse and meaningful dimensions.

***“My children receive a tremendous level of care from the teachers, care not just for their academics but care for them as a person.”***

**- Mrs Tanya White, Parent**



*“RJ is a place to belong, where teachers go beyond academics to help kids in their overall development and lay a strong foundation for life long lessons, whether it’s discipline, collaboration, empathy and being part of a community.”*

- Mrs Ruchi Chaudhary, Parent

*“Being a student at RJ means a lot to me. A place where I can get guidance to succeed and where I can develop options and opportunities. The teachers are role models to me. I see them as leaders and people I can trust.”*

- Mr Jeramie Cantuba, Student





# Growing Learners



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Our College offers a wide range of leadership opportunities which positively enrich the RJ community.

Such experiences also assist each student to learn how best to humbly serve others. An essential ingredient of RJ's culture is that you do not need a title or a badge to lead and to serve.

Opportunities abound to serve others within our College community, within local organisations and, from time to time, in more distant locations. Productive connections with several charities and Christian aid organisations exist. RJ students understand how to care practically for others who are less fortunate.





## DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS

Each student has their own individual learning needs. Classroom practices to support students include:

- Having high expectations
- Providing challenging learning experiences
- Encouraging continuous improvement
- Differentiated instruction
- Individualised feedback
- Meaningful interactions



Gifted and talented students are provided with more challenging learning experiences with greater depth and complexity.

High potential learners have the ability to perform at a level above their age-peers, with an enriched or extended curriculum promoting creative and critical thinking and rich open-ended tasks.

Inclusive practices and a tiered learning model ensure students with disability and/or additional learning needs can access and participate in education along with their peers.



## STUDY@THEHUB

Senior students may do further study after school in 'The Hub' under staff supervision.

Students are able to utilise College resources, to interact with peers in collaborative discussions, and may seek staff assistance for assignments, home learning, etc.





# Extra Activities

## CO-CURRICULAR SPORT

Sport is an integral part of school life, offering students a multitude of benefits beyond the playing field. It cultivates discipline, teamwork, and resilience.

Engaging in sports activities enhances physical fitness and overall wellbeing, fostering a healthier lifestyle from a young age. Moreover, it provides a platform for students to build lasting friendships, learn to manage victory and defeat gracefully.

The camaraderie and sense of belonging that sports offer is significant and creates memories and experiences that shape students into well-rounded individuals. At RJ, sport is not just about winning or losing; it is about nurturing character, personal best, promoting wellbeing, and fostering a sense of unity and accomplishment.

Our College offers direct pathways to State and National levels through CIS NSW.

Activities include:

- Swimming
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Gala Days
- Representative Sport  
*(e.g. AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Netball, Rugby League, Soccer, Softball, Touch Football, Volleyball)*





## CO-CURRICULAR FINE ARTS

At RJ, we recognise the importance of the Arts in a student's educational journey.

We are committed to fostering creativity and artistic expression through offerings such as dance, drama, extensive music programs and art classes.

One of RJ's standout features is our dedication to the benefits of music education by providing violins and a practice and training program to Year 1 and 2 students.

Learning to play an instrument enriches a child's cognitive development and also helps them develop discipline, focus, and a lifelong appreciate of music.

The Year 4 Band Exploration program provides further opportunities to learn instruments within the College's Fine Arts offerings.

- Instrumental Ensembles
- Music Group Tutorials
- Singing & Dance Groups
- Private Music Tuition  
*(various instruments & vocal)*
- Musicals (Junior & Senior)
- Fine Art Club and Competitions







## CO-CURRICULAR EVENTS

At RJ, we actively complement the learning experience with additional activities, such as:

- Bandaged Bear Day
- Grandparents' Day
- Primary Disco
- Public Speaking
- Year 4 Pyjamarama (sleepover)
- Year 6 Fun Day
- Years 5–11 Camps/Educational Trips
- Years 7–11 Performing Arts Tour (biennial)
- Years 8–11 Mission Trip (biennial)
- Year 12 Retreat
- Senior School Heritage Festival
- External Academic Competitions  
(e.g. The da Vinci Decathlon, Maths Olympiad, ICAS)
- Short Sharp Drama & Dance Competitions
- Various Clubs (e.g. Drama Club, Chess Club)
- Duke of Ed International Award

*Activities may change according to student interest and availability*









# In the know

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### OPEN DAYS & COLLEGE TOURS

You are always welcome to visit the College before you make your decision. Our College holds regular Open Day events and personal tours can also be organised. Please contact the College Office or visit the website for more details.

### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Oakhurst Campus Junior School students can apply to St Mark's Child Care Centre, provided in the Oakhurst Anglican Church Hall, adjacent to our College grounds. Vacation Care is also available.

**Times:** 7:00am–8:30am and 3:20pm–6:30pm

**Phone:** 9832 0378

**Email:** [stmarkschildcare@bigpond.com](mailto:stmarkschildcare@bigpond.com)

### COLLEGE FEES, CHARGES & SIBLING DISCOUNTS

Please refer to our website for current details.

### TRANSPORT

Our College is well serviced by Busways ([busways.com.au](http://busways.com.au)). We do not offer private bus services.

***“RJ takes pride in building successful students and community. The teachers are the best and help our children thrive.”***

**—Ms Shalini Kumar, Parent**

## **RJ COMMUNITY CONNECT**

Once a Term, parents are invited to attend an enjoyable evening which typically includes light refreshments and an opportunity for parents to casually chat with each other and members of the RJ Executive. Topics of interest are addressed.

Parents can also interact with other parents on their Year Group Facebook page which is moderated by Year Group Parent Ambassadors. Parents can be involved in other fund raising community opportunities e.g. Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls and our RJ Spring Festival.

Volunteers are a great blessing to our community and are warmly welcomed. Parents and grandparents alike enjoy making a positive difference to classroom and excursion experiences.





# How to enrol



## ENROLMENT PROCESS

1

### **READ THE CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT**

In accepting and signing an Acceptance of an 'Offer of Enrolment', you will be agreeing to the Anglican Schools Corporation's Conditions of Enrolment. These documents set out the terms of the enrolment contract between the parents and the Anglican Schools Corporation.

2

### **APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT**

Complete an Application online and pay the \$50 non-refundable Application fee.

3

### **WE REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION**

The Registrar will review your Application and confirm your child's inclusion in the Application Pool.

4

### **BE PATIENT**

The Principal will review your Application as positions become available. As a guide, Year 7 and Kinder Applications are usually reviewed in Term 1 of the preceding year.

5

### **OFFER OF ENROLMENT**

Once the College has decided to offer a place for your child, you will be issued with an online Offer of Enrolment to be signed and submitted with the non-refundable Acceptance Fee.

Please be aware that Kindy and Year 7 spaces fill up very quickly. Applications over 18 months ahead are encouraged.



*"RJ is more than a school, it is a community where our kids can grow whilst they are being cared for by some amazing teachers."*

—Mrs Maritsa Pretorius, Parent





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