

FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE

**BDC**  
BISHOP DRUTT COLLEGE  
COFFS HARBOUR







Let's start a  
journey of  
opportunity &  
adventure...

# WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE *Our*

**We have been educating students on the Mid North Coast for over 25 years and want to share with you what we do.**

The beautiful Mid North Coast is a country region in the north-east of the state of New South Wales, Australia. The landscape is sprinkled with winding rivers that feed lush hinterland, and is home to over one hundred kilometres of pristine beaches. This amazing place is considered by many to have the most ideal climate.

Founded in 1994, here at BDC we are established enough to have developed strong traditions, and young enough to be innovative and inspiring in our actions.

We have a clear purpose to transform students' lives everyday through education that equips them to become world prepared citizens.

*Embrace and enrich the world::*





# WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF A GREAT SCHOOL?

**BDC has delivered over 25 years of innovative and exciting education, cultivating students just like you to be the best they can be.**

Our community nurtures character, embraces diversity and transforms students so they are empowered for life.

Wellbeing is our priority and we offer inspiring rites of passage programs to unlock the passion and potential in every individual student.

## OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR DIVERSITY

All faiths and abilities are welcome at BDC and we strive to be the most innovative K-12 school on the Coffs Coast.

Do you help out in your community to make a difference? Are you generous in spirit, courageous and fight for justice?

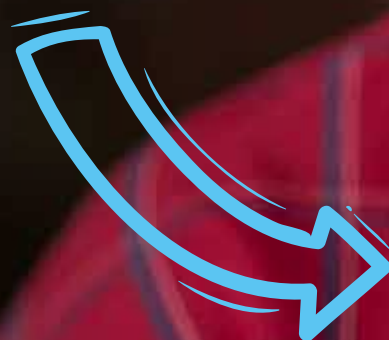
Could you be a scientist or mathematician or language specialist for an international program? Have you always wanted to learn another language and travel? Are you a performer and love drama or dance? Or you may be interested in music, playing sport or building hands-on skills in visual arts or the technologies.

If you answered yes to any of the above then you are already a BDC student at heart and we would love to welcome you to our school.

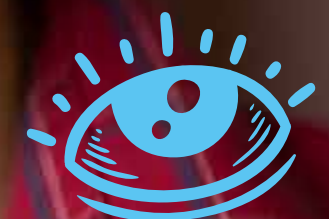
Come and join us.



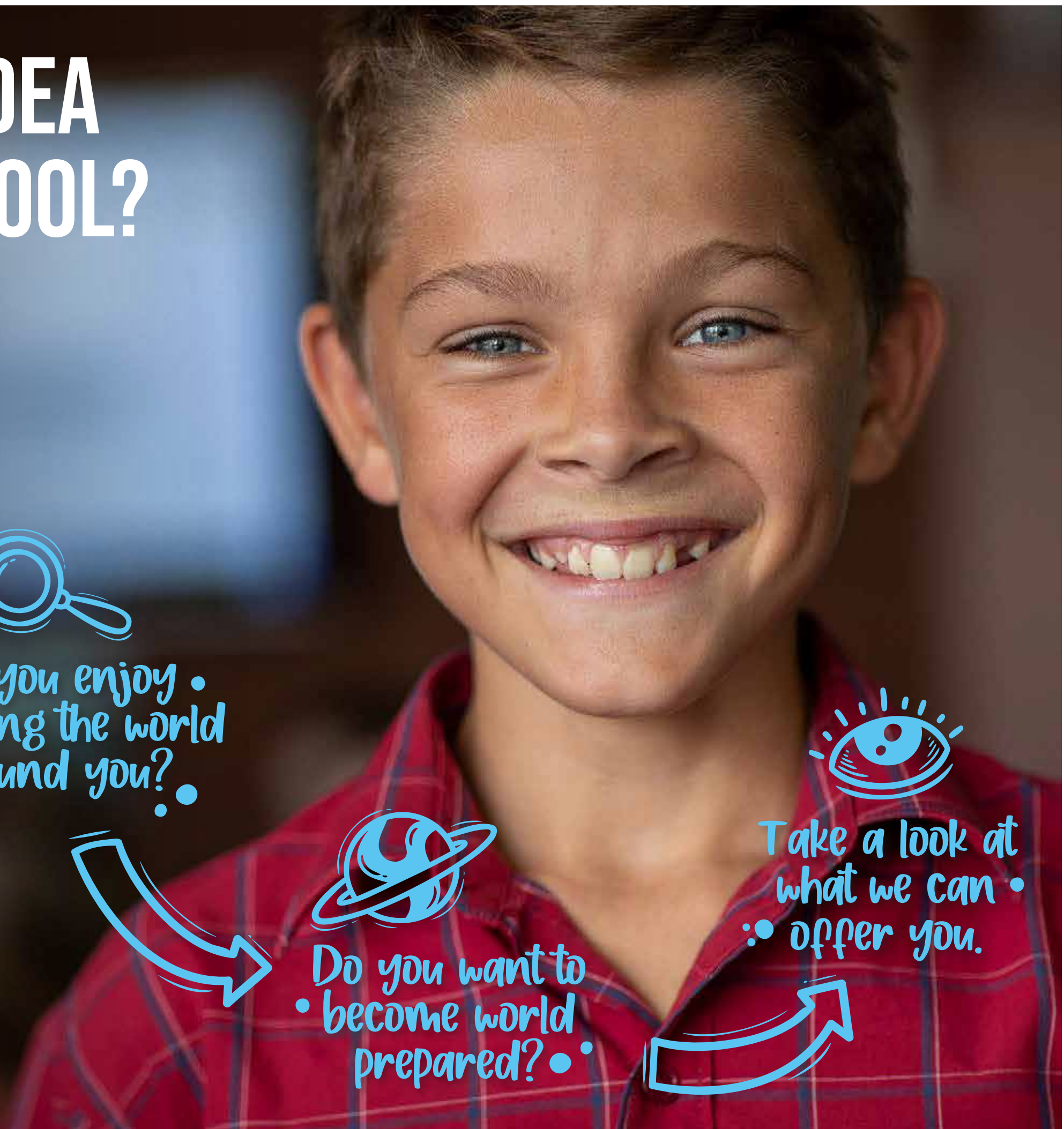
• Do you enjoy •  
exploring the world  
around you? •



Do you want to  
• become world  
prepared? •



Take a look at  
what we can •  
• offer you.





# HELPING YOU TO DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL

*i embrace challenges as  
they help me to reach  
higher and go further.*



∴ You are ∴  
our focus.



We have a student-centred school philosophy that is respectful, courageous, generous and just. We provide opportunities for you to realise your learning and personal potential and encourage you to aspire to high educational standards.

## ARE YOU READY TO BECOME WORLD PREPARED?

Your student journey here will be so much more than a collection of exciting educational opportunities. It will be a transformative experience.

Our inspirational specialist teachers are highly trained and care about your wellbeing and educational outcomes.

You will find BDC to be an innovative, adaptive, resourceful and collaborative place to learn and grow.

## THE BISHOP DRUITT WAY

You won't be at the college long before you hear about this. The Bishop Drutt Way is a positive mindset that we use to build and support the entire school community and encourage genuine and enduring connections with each other.

It encompasses all aspects of college life through a combination of structured activities and personal relationships. The Bishop Drutt Way is concerned with your total wellbeing within the college community and with the development of you as a whole person.

It is centred around prioritising you, empowering you for life, embracing your diversity, pursuing your excellence and helping you to serve your community.



# BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE

*i am safe, i am heard.  
i have fun at school and  
i am proud to be at BDC.*



**Have you heard the saying ‘it takes a village to raise a child’? This rings true here with our inspiring staff, community partnerships and wonderful families. It makes all the difference for our students.**

Wellbeing is central to our culture and is fundamental to our educational and organisational approach for our students. You will love our wellbeing program and Wellbeing Hub. Our wellbeing program teaches the skills and attitudes that enhance your mental health, support your learning and cultivate your wellbeing.

We follow the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) program in the primary school and model our teaching on the holistic Walker Learning approach.

In the secondary years there is our strong and collaborative house system, with tutor groups and a sequential pastoral care program focusing on inclusion and rites of passage, student voice and leadership.

Our students flourish in these programs.

Our chaplains, psychologists and Director of Student Wellbeing are passionate and caring, and excel at providing a supportive environment where you can reach your intellectual, spiritual, physical, emotional and social potential.

Our Learning Resource Centre acknowledges the neurodiversity of all learners. The inspiring LRC staff work in partnership with our teachers to support our students with diverse learning profiles.

## FEELS LIKE HOUSE SPIRIT

Houses at BDC are collaborative and passionate communities of students that offer a supportive environment outside the classroom. Loyalty and camaraderie are built together, developing a strong sense of belonging for students.

Cottee, Hollows, Kngwarreye, Murray, O’Shane and Sutherland are our house groups and they are founded on some amazing Australian patrons.





# THE PROMISE OF OUR ANGLICAN TRADITION

**We live in faith and embrace the Gospel messages of forgiveness, reconciliation, mission, and service in our community and the world.**

These core values underpin our educational mission and we model them in our own actions and interactions with each other as a community.

You are afforded a range of positive experiences at BDC and they will all contribute to your intellectual, emotional and spiritual development, helping you to feel safe and confident within your community and in the world at large.

We are proud of our Anglican foundation and use the Gospel messages to encourage you to practise forgiveness and reconciliation, within yourself and your community.

## WE LOVE GIVING BACK

Our students explore many different opportunities to use their skills and talents in serving others. From visiting and writing to local nursing homes, cooking for the local soup kitchen, and environmental service with beach clean-ups and tree planting, to our ongoing annual service and cultural visit to Cambodia and many fundraising activities, we let service be our guide.

*I am learning  
and growing,  
and discovering  
who i am.*





PRIMARY

# THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE AND GREATEST REWARD IN LIFE IS BEING YOURSELF

The journey starts here - just be you. If ever you do not know what to do, we will help you through.

BDC Primary is a vibrant learning environment that is shaped by the holistic Walker Learning approach. At a young age this play-based learning approach is perfect for fostering children's investigative and enquiry-based learning abilities and allows our students to progress through their developmental stages in a safe, fun and exciting environment. Our new Investigation Centre is a place of joyful learning for all of our young students.

You will be shown how to think outside the box, how to reflect and how to work with others. These are all key skills to learn and will give you an advantage in life.



The Walker Learning approach aims to inspire your creativity and curiosity and encourage you to take on challenges at every step of your journey.

It is designed to provide a balance of literacy, numeracy, STEAM and other curriculum areas, with time for you to explore a range of experiences and develop skills for life.

Your writing skills will be fostered in our Talk for Writing program which uses spoken activities to assist you to internalise the language structures that you will need to write effectively. You may have a budding writer inside you just waiting to be discovered!

## EVERYONE NEEDS A BUDDY

If you start with us in Kindergarten you will have a Year 6 buddy. This buddy will visit you in class, help you to learn, play with you at recess and lunch and help you to feel a sense of belonging, so that you fit in right away. Your buddy will give you a great confidence boost. It is good to know you have someone there when you need it most.

We value, respect and honour each individual child, and consider emotional and social development as important as academic success.

*"Tell me and i forget.  
Teach me and i may  
remember. involve  
me and i learn."*

Benjamin Franklin



# I WANT TO TRY EVERYTHING AND SPEAK MY MIND

*I can design, create,  
evaluate and test solutions  
to real-world problems.*



## BUILDING CHARACTER

Right from Kindergarten through to primary and secondary school, our students will use their imagination and innate curiosity to explore the many activities on offer.

From tinker spaces and gardening to coding and green screen filming, from electronics and robotics to solar boats and wind turbines, you will have access to experiences that develop the thinking strategies which help you to find your passions and to build on them early.

These experiences will encourage you to take controlled risks and work through failure, and so will help to build your resilience.

## LOTS AND LOTS TO DO

You are encouraged to explore many different opportunities at BDC right from Kindergarten. You might be interested in music, dance, STEAM, sport, performance, camping and more.

You will be given every opportunity to explore your passions here and we will help you develop your skills through the years so you become the very best version of yourself.

## PEACE OF MIND

We provide the Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service here at BDC to help working families.

Parents can leave their loved ones in the care of our specialised carers to play with friends, make new friends, have some quiet time and read, or do some homework. This service is available in the mornings, afternoons and school holidays and is one of the best value for money services of its kind in Coffs Harbour.

## YOUR CHILD

Our professional teaching staff will keep you well informed of your child's development and learning as they grow.

We understand how much trust you are placing in us when you choose our school for your child. Let your child experience the BDC Way with us.

*I am proud of  
all my efforts,  
big and small.*



SECONDARY

# LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO

**We will support your developmental pathway so it aligns with your passions, talents and aspirations. We have grown and changed in many ways here at BDC and as you enter the secondary school you will do the same.**

In the final six years of your education you will face a whole new set of challenges - more complex work, increased expectations and responsibilities, a growing body and maturing brain. You will become embedded in a curriculum that is dynamic, innovative and engaging.

We have a common purpose to build resilience, determination and gratitude so that you will have the tools you need to succeed.

If you have a special gift or talent or wish to discover one, we offer a range of programs to keep you challenged and uncover your hidden talents.

## REPUTATION IS KEY

We have developed an enviable history of academic excellence in the HSC, and our students have secured many successful apprenticeships and traineeships as well as early entry into universities. With over 40 HSC course options to choose from, our graduates are well balanced with a global outlook, and equipped with the skills and self-belief to achieve their personal best and to excel.

## A WORLD OF OPTIONS

Over the two years of Stage 5 our World Options students can choose to study 12 exciting short courses from a selection of over 70 courses on offer. This bespoke education will adapt over time to continually respond to the needs of our learners. We are very excited about this innovative curriculum change and are proud to be the first school in the North Coast of NSW to evolve our curriculum in this way.

## WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE HOLD?

From as early as Year 5 right through to Year 12 our students participate in the Career Pathways program. This essential program uses a large variety of tools and resources to explore each student's interests, strengths and abilities, and allows them to develop the enterprise skills needed to effectively manage their own career journey.

## I AM WORLD PREPARED

You will graduate from BDC with a distinctive education and a world prepared aptitude for pursuing your passions locally or globally. You will be independent, adaptable, ethical in your decision making and a highly effective team player. You will take the Bishop Druitt Way to the world.

Designed to facilitate independence and resilience, our teachers and support staff have an unwavering focus on knowing each young man and woman, and encouraging them to challenge and extend themselves through new and diverse experiences. All elements of the senior years program are designed with choice and challenge as the anchoring mantra. Our graduates are well balanced with a global outlook, and equipped with the skills and self-belief to succeed in their endeavours beyond school.

We can help you to build the strength of character needed to stay true to your own beliefs, and the ability to put them into practice as you learn and feel strong and secure in yourself. These are tools that really matter.

*..When i trust myself, i can lead..*





PERFORMING ARTS

# MARCH TO THE BEAT OF YOUR OWN DRUM

•• Music makes  
my heart sing.



Our opportunities in performing arts will allow you to learn and flourish as you explore your love of music, dance and drama. We offer an amazing instrumental music program from K-12. You will certainly find your groove at BDC.

## A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

No matter what age you are, or what instrument you have decided to play, there are loads of ensembles for you to join. You can perform on the college stage, at our biennial school musical, at community events and more. Do you have a voice? You can join a vocal group or choir and wow the crowds.

## PUT ON A SHOW

Through drama, our students explore the way people think, feel and communicate, learning to understand others and themselves more fully.

Through dance, our students will become self-motivated, self-disciplined and focused, as well as explore movement expression and creativity.

Do you love performing? Our college has many opportunities for you to sing, play, act and dance on our stage and in the community.

## HIGH ACHIEVERS

Our students get outstanding HSC results, with some nominated for showcase performances including Bravissimo, OnStage and Encore. Here at BDC we have 16 specialist music tutors - in voice, brass, strings, guitar, percussion, woodwind and piano as well as song writing and theory.

Our 19 ensembles rehearse weekly and range from smaller groups such as the Woodwind Quartet through to large ensembles like the Orchestra. Ensembles are run in a variety of genres including classical, jazz, rock and even ukulele! They are free and cater to all levels, from beginner to advanced.

Our students have had some amazing experiences performing with well-respected musicians from all over the world. We have strong links with other music groups and schools, such as the Combined Schools Band and the Conservatorium of Music.





SPORT

# EARN IT PLAY IT ACHIEVE IT

**It is our core educational belief that highly engaged and motivated students are happier students.**

Sport plays a central role within the BDC Way. It is the focus on wellbeing, participation and good sportsmanship that makes it so important. Our sports programs encourage participation, respect, inclusivity and enjoyment.

Participating in sport at BDC will help you make positive health choices, improve your self and social awareness, and build your teamwork and leadership skills.



*: i can be the best i can be! :*

## TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

Our students are involved in sport from Kindergarten. There are many opportunities that can come with participating in advanced sports programs such as representative sports. We are a member of the North Coast Independent Schools (NCIS) association for inter-school sporting competitions. There are 13 schools in the association and for many of the sports, including swimming, athletics and cross country, our students are selected after a successful performance in their relevant school carnival.

Opportunities to enjoy a variety of sports and to develop skills, sportsmanship and team spirit are enhanced by the involvement of highly qualified development officers and coaching staff. College

teams participate in inter-house, local, regional, state-wide and national competitions, and talented students have access to representative pathways within the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) framework.

## REACHING HIGH

Our Athlete Development Program and High Performance Program are supportive, flexible and responsive to each individual student, and help to provide our students who are at elite levels in performance, composing, dance and sports to continue to strive at the highest level.

Our students benefit from a series of master classes and are connected with our new coordinator and mentor Natalie Titcume, High Performance and Athlete Development Program Manager and three-time Olympic medallist from

the Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

## DEVELOPING REAL ATHLETES

Do you want to be an athlete? Our Athlete Development Program and sports academies are specifically designed for currently emerging athletes, sports people and performers who need support and guidance through the next few crucial years of their development. In these programs you will learn to navigate the tools and resources available to make a life-long habit of ensuring the best possible outcomes in your chosen field, whether that is on the sporting pitch, ground or court, as an actor or artist, or in the music industry.

There are so many exciting sporting opportunities here at BDC so try one, try them all.



rites of passage

# GETTING GRUBBY NEVER FELT SO GOOD

*I can survive, I can  
thrive. I am passionate,  
I am living my best life.*



**Curiosity, an undefeatable spirit, tenacity in pursuit, readiness for sensible self-denial and, above all, empathy and compassion. We strive to keep these aspects of you alive and thriving.**

Our rites of passage program will challenge you and help you to learn more about yourself. Even our littlest ones experience camp.

We will support you through role modelling positive ways to interact with others, facing challenges, exploring nature, taking opportunities and building your leadership skills. We will see you thrive through mentoring, skill building and nurturing your adventurous spirit.

## SO MANY ADVENTURES SO TAKE ADVANTAGE

**Never a dull moment at BDC.**

'Beyond the classroom' covers all that is not happening during the school day and runs across both the primary and secondary campuses. It might be dance, where you can learn all about movement, working as a team and performing in Eisteddfods. It could be sport - maybe you like rugby or touch football and playing with a team. It could be joining a club or an interest group where you can discuss and share your passion with peers.

[View our inspiring clubs and interest groups and be a part of it!](#)

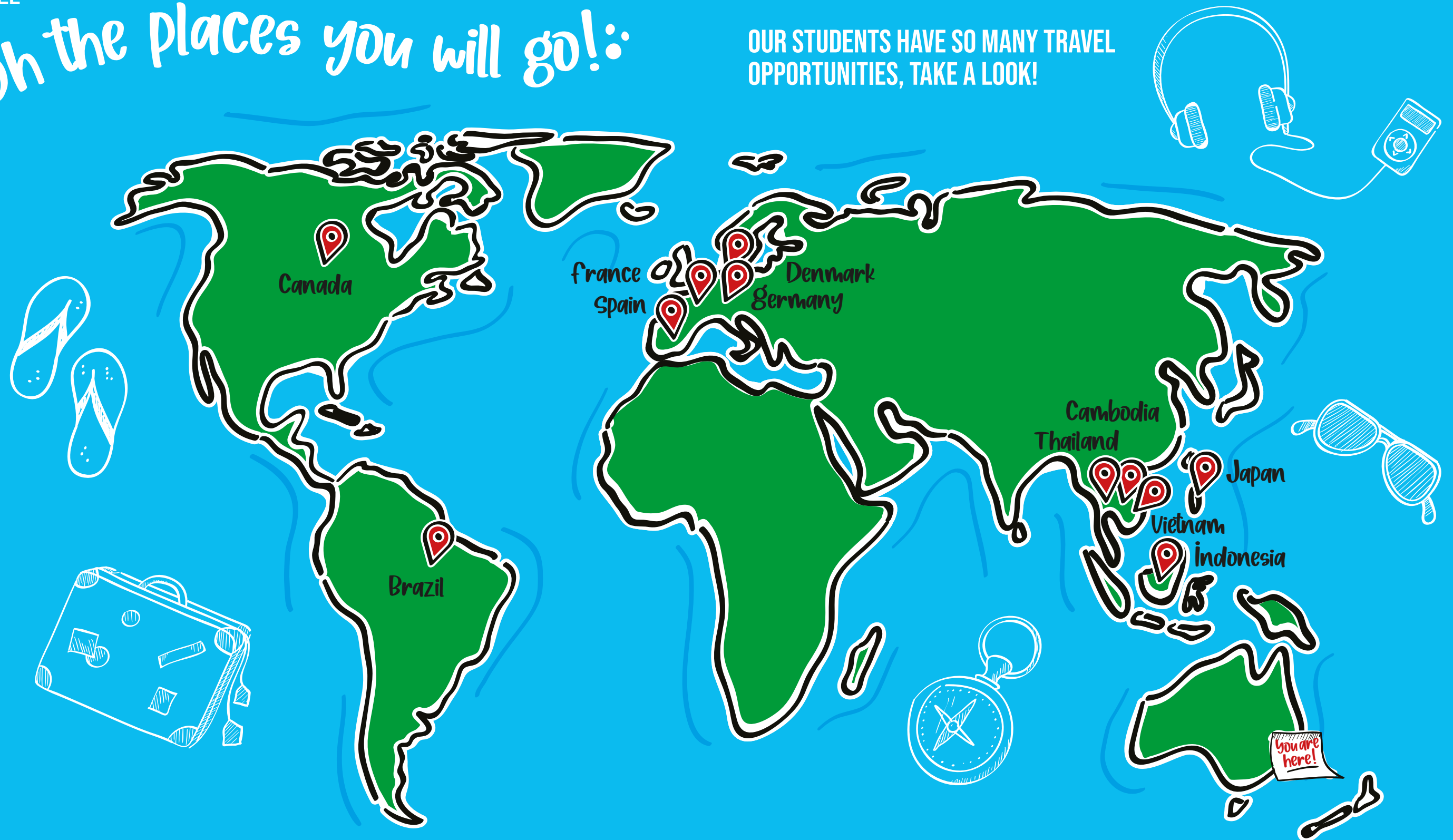
Your skills in leadership, decision making, taking responsibility, and working as part of a team, plus your motivation and commitment, will all be developed through these engaging activities.

Your choice of beyond the classroom activities will entice you, motivate you and have a huge positive impact on your happiness and wellbeing.



# Oh the places you will go!:

OUR STUDENTS HAVE SO MANY TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES, TAKE A LOOK!



## IMMERSION INTO AUSTRALIAN LIFE

**BDC is an inclusive, multicultural college with students from more than 45 countries, representing 33 different languages being spoken in our families' homes.**

We are registered with the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS), allowing students from overseas to attend the college for long or short periods of time. All of these students are part of Bishop Druitt College's international student program.

## SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE

**We are a proud member of the International Round Square network with 180 sister schools, affording rich learning opportunities for our students and access for them to attend national and international conferences and exchanges.**



# FLEXIBLE SPACES AND CREATIVE PLACES

We need spaces that reflect the diversity of the world our students will inherit, and we need to prepare our students for this.

## YOUR WELLBEING IS OUR PRIORITY

Our Wellbeing Hub gives you a safe place to go when you need it. Between our Director of Student Wellbeing, chaplains and counsellors your wellbeing will be cared for.

## ALL STEAMED UP

Whether you are keen on science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics, our STEAM lab will satisfy your thirst for knowledge.

All students have access to the STEAM lab, a room that has been transformed to showcase a new approach to learning spaces. The working hub has 3-D printers, whiteboard top benches, multiple large Apple TV-connected screens, polished concrete floors, and top of the range Apple desktop computers. This space allows for project-based learning activities such as the First Lego League robotics challenge.

We also have a trade training centre with a commercial kitchen; separate, well-resourced primary and secondary libraries; our new Investigation Centre; performing arts facilities; school of music; drama theatre; dance studio; an indoor international-standard basketball centre; a gym; 3 full-size football fields; Farnworth outdoor education farm set on 160 hectares; a creative arts gallery; a modern canteen with a healthy seasonal menu; a new virtual and augmented reality laboratory; and many other spaces where our students thrive in learning.



∴ I can build my dreams ∴





# A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR LIFE

## WHAT BUILDS A GREAT SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

**YOU DO, OUR STUDENTS, OUR LEADERS, TEACHERS  
AND SUPPORT STAFF, YOUR PARENTS AND CARERS,  
YOUR GRANDPARENTS, YOUR BROTHERS OR  
SISTERS, OUR BDC ALUMNI, YOUR LOVE, OUR HEART.**

### GRAB A PARTNER AND OFF WE GO

The education journey for our students is enhanced by our strong and collaborative partnerships with organisations that contribute to making our students world prepared.

### MIXING IT UP

We have a dynamic, shared school vision with Clarence Valley Anglican School in Grafton and actively work collaboratively to identify new ways to deliver premium Kindergarten to Year 12 independent education for the families in the wider Clarence Valley and Coffs Coast regions, opening up even more doors for our students.

### REAL RELATIONSHIPS LEAD TO REAL OUTCOMES

Our active Parents & Friends Association are a part of our college community. In fact our P&F have so much fun, your parents may just want to join them. They host trivia nights and sporting events, run yummy cake stalls, and members get invited to special breakfasts, great concerts and wonderful college events.

### ALWAYS A BDC STUDENT AT HEART

When you graduate from BDC we celebrate you as our alumni and you form an integral part of the college community.





# HOW TO BECOME A BDC STUDENT

As you can probably tell by now we are incredibly proud of our school. You will now have a much better idea about what we do here, and we invite you to come and join our community and be a part of the BDC Way.

Our prime entry points are Kindergarten, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 11. Vacancies occasionally arise in all other year groups and these are offered to the next student on the waiting list.

We recommend that you follow the steps here to enrol 12 months in advance of your child's commencement year.

## GET IN TOUCH

You can find detailed information about our enrolment process on our website:

[www.bdc.nsw.edu.au/join-our-school/enrolments](http://www.bdc.nsw.edu.au/join-our-school/enrolments)

We are always here to help and answer any questions you may have. Please contact:

Enrolments Officer  
Phone (02) 6651 5644 ex 208  
or email [enrolments@bdc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@bdc.nsw.edu.au)

We would also love to welcome you and your family to our school on our annual Open Day held in May. Keep an eye on our website for the date. We want you to come and have a look around and fall in love with our school.

## THE FIRST EASY STEPS TO ENQUIRING ABOUT ENROLMENT

01 Register your interest in our college

02 Book a college tour

03 Visit our college and receive an information pack

## STEPS TO ENROLLING YOUR CHILD

01 Lodge an online enrolment application

02 Undertake an enrolment interview

03 Receive the offer of a place

04 Accept the enrolment offer



WELCOME TO  
BISHOP DRUITT  
COLLEGE

Together we  
can grow!





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