General Information Booklet 2020

Early Learning Centre, Primary & Middle School, Pathways to Year 12



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INTRODUCTION

Sattler Christian College offers *quality education for children ages 3 to 5 in the Early Learning Centre through to students from Transition to Year 10.* Dedicated Christian teachers work hard to offer engaging and challenging education based on Christian faith and values, providing opportunities for each child to reach their potential through rich, purposeful and dynamic educational experiences.

A key principle for Sattler is that this endeavor is undertaken in *partnership with parents*, assisting them in their God-given mandate and responsibility for the nurture and education of their children.

MOTTO AND VISION

Growing in Wisdom, Learning to Love

The school's *motto* is *Growing in Wisdom, Learning to Love*. This motto is regularly referred to with parents, students and staff. For example it is a key 'touchstone' in encouraging students to value one another and their learning. It is also an important frame of reference for curriculum development and implementation. It is certainly more than just rhetoric. Sattler uses a holistic curriculum which fosters reflection, discernment and making wise choices. Also the staff are committed Christians and this also significantly impacts on the way they love, nurture and teach the students in their care.

Sattler Christian College is a member of NT Christian Schools, formerly known as NTCSA. As well as striving to live out its own motto, Sattler Christian College seeks to fulfill the NT Christian Schools *Vision and Mission Statements*.

To be Christian communities, learning together to live life as God intended, offering hope for the world'

(NT Christian Schools Vision Statement)

'To seek to provide education, training and care in faithful response to the Gospel of Christ.'

(NT Christian Schools Mission Statement)

COLLEGE GOVERNANCE



Sattler Christian College is a campus of *NT Christian Schools*. NT Christian Schools operates seven schools across the NT and is governed by a Board of elected NT Christian School members. The Board delegates its authority to the College Council as the council works within it's particular school. Members of the Council are Christians, who come from all walks of life and belong to a wide variety of churches.

Sattler's council is responsible for the local governance of the school and to ensure that the day to day management of the school by the principal and staff is in keeping with the vision of the College. The council reports to the Board and NT Christian Schools through the Chief Executive Officer of the NT Christian Schools.

BRIEF HISTORY

Back in the 1990s a group of parents in the rural area south of Darwin had been transporting their children to the Christian schools at Palmerston and Marrara. These families were keen to have a Christian school in their own region.

In 1996 with the assistance of the Northern Territory Christian Schools Association (NTCSA), *Litchfield Christian School* was started at Bees Creek with three primary classes. There was considerable parental input and new buildings of a special tropical design were put in place.





In 2008, the school expanded its operation with a Middle School program and an Early Learning Centre that provides long day care and an educational program for three to five year old children.

The school changed its name in 2011 to **Sattler Christian College** and is currently registered to operate an Early Learning Centre and to provide education from Transition to Year 10. with pathways to Year 12.





COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sattler Christian College is lead by a team of **experienced and professional teachers**, who have a solid understanding of and **experience within Christian education**.





PRINCIPAL Michael Tooler

ELC DIRECTOR Jo Wright

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Sattler Christian College is partnering with Camp Australia, a leading provider of after school care in Australia. This high quality program embraces the schools values and builds on children's educational experiences and individual interests. Students meet at the library for after school care. For more information contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343. Or visit the website www.campaustralia.com.au/

ASSEMBLIES

Primary assemblies are generally held 4-5 times a term on a Wednesday morning at 8:30am in the library and Parent coffee and chat morning teas follow Primary assemblies, these are also noted on the calendar found on the back of the newsletter. Middle School assemblies are generally held weekly.

Whole school assemblies occur at the start of each term and for special occasions. Parents are welcome to attend assemblies.

BUSES

Students from Sattler Christian College travel from many different areas; from close within to the far outskirts of the Rural Area of Darwin and Palmerston. Buslink buses are available for students to travel to and from school. Buses are shared with Bees Creek Primary students and other schools along the routes.

Routes available for Sattler students are:

405 am, 407 am, 228 am, 408 am, 409 pm, 473 am, 411 pm, 413 am + pm, 417 am + pm, 419 pm and 467 pm.

Refer to the **Buslink** website (www.buslink.com.au) for more information, including maps of routes,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

An updated term calendar is available on the back of Sattler's fortnightly newsletter. A yearly calendar is available on the website and copies are also available from the front office.

CAMPING PROGRAM 2020

Sattler's dynamic camping program caters for the change in student's capabilities, development and needs. As students progress through the years they benefit from the challenges they experience in a range of different camps. The camps increase in length as the students mature.

Camps aim to build a sense of unity and team work amongst students and encourage them to stretch themselves mentally and physically through varied and rich experiences. It is a positive time for teachers and students to learn, have fun together and build stronger relationships. Camps are a pivotal part of the curriculum at Sattler and all students are expected to attend them.

2020 Camps include:

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Transition Camp simulation at school Year 1/2 Special Day & Dinner Year 2 - Sleepover at school Year 3/4 - Wildlife Park Camp Year 5/6 - Kakadu Camp Year 7 - Katherine Camp Year 8 - Litchfield National Park Camp Year 9 - Larapinta Trip with PCS Year 10 – NTCC Interstate Trip

CANTEEN

Sattler Christian College does not have it's own canteen, but links in with Bees Creek Primary's canteen



on a *Monday and Thursday*. Canteen menus are available from the front office and on Sattler's website. Orders can be placed at school on Thursday mornings by using a paper bag or a reusable lunch order bag with correct money inside or online using the following website, <u>ouronlinecanteen.com.au</u>. Brochures for the online ordering are available at the front office.

Reusable lunch order bags are available from the front office for \$12.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program provides funding to schools to access the services of a school chaplain. This *program aims to help school communities support the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of their students*. Sattler has a part-time School Chaplain who is on campus two days a week.

A Chaplain is a trained person who offers care and acceptance to all, regardless of race, creed, gender or cultural background. Chaplains listen, provide a safe environment for people to share their feelings, help people work through life issues, are confidential and caring and assist in times of crisis.

We have seen positive benefits and support for students and families through the chaplaincy program at Sattler Christian College.

CLASSROOM SUPPORT

Being able to offer support for teachers and students across the school is important.

Teacher Aides support classes across the school each day. They work closely with teachers to support the programmes being taught in class. Parent helpers are welcome , please speak to your students teacher to see where and when you can help out..

Selected students have access to motor sensory activities in the *Engine Room* which assists them to focus better on their learning.



Two days a week extra *ICT support* is available within the school assisting with computers, iPads and the ICT system.

COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Sattler Christian College has a Facebook page. Regular postings of school events and reminders of upcoming events are placed on the page. To view the posts search for Sattler Christian College and like the page. Feel free to share the posts!



COLLEGE WEBSITE

Sattler Christian College has a website found at www.scc.nt.edu.au. Not only is the website used as an informative tool about the school, but fortnightly newsletters and term calendars are posted to keep families up to date with the latest news.

COMMUNICATION : SICKNESS, VACATION AND LATENESS

Families are required to notify the front office when students are absent from school. This can be done by logging into Compass and adding an attendance note into your students profile, you can also follow the link when you receive the message at 9:30am on the day your student is absent. If you do not have Compass set up you can phone 7922 1500 or email <u>admin.scc@ntschools.net</u>.

If your student is going to be absent for an extended period of time please let the office know as well as the class teacher.

Should your student be *late* please come to the front office to be signed in and receive a *late slip* that they then pass on to their teacher.

COMPASS

Our school uses a school management system called *Compass*, which enhances how we manage and share information as a school community. This includes attendance, pastoral care, reporting, communication, events management, etc. *Compass p*rovides a user web portal which can be accessed by parents/guardians. You will be able to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, enter an absence note via the web portal
- View your child's timetable, the school calendar, the newsfeed, which shows school news items and class information
- Communicate with your child's teachers
- View your child's semester reports from Semester 1 2017
- Update your contact details

Parents can enquire at the front office and receive portal login details.



EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Sattler Christian College provides care for children from the ages of 3 to 5.

Whilst not a preschool the Early Learning Centre provides *school readiness experiences* for children. Foundation skills in Literacy and Numeracy are incorporated into a *play based program* that encourages children to explore a variety of themes and topics throughout the year. The Early Years Learning Framework in conjunction with The Walker Learning Approach is the basis used for planning the educational programme at the ELC.

The Centre is accredited and families can claim the Child Care Rebate through use of Sattler's ELC. When you place your child in care at Sattler's Early Learning Centre you can be assured they will experience a *positive, safe and loving learning environment.* Children need to have turned 3 before they can attend the ELC.

Early Learning Centre Fees for 2020:

Full rates

Day rate \$77Weekly full-time rate \$359

School Hours rates (8:00am to 2:40pm)

SH Day rate \$55SH Weekly full-time rate \$242



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Many different programs are used at Sattler to strengthen and build up students learning in different areas.

Australian Curriculum:

All curriculum at the school is taught from a Biblical perspective. The school teaches the approved Australian curriculum. NT Christian Schools runs annual conference days and provides a Curriculum Coordinator to facilitate curriculum development and teacher professional development.

Students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN testing each year.

Letterland:

This beginning program is used in Transition to introduce them to letters and simple sounds. Using the smartboard, students participate in interactive activities and songs to motivate their learning.

LEM Phonics:

From Transition to Year 6 students participate in the LEM Phonics program. The program has proven itself successful in providing solid foundations and understandings for students in their sounds and letter recognition (phonetics). The program covers simple sounds to more complex multiple letter sounds.

Reading Eggs:

This online program assists students from Transition to Year 2 to develop and consolidate their skills in sounds, spelling and reading. Each student has their own username and password and progresses through a series of activities, building upon their skills in each session.

Literacy Planet:

Literacy Planet is an online program that helps students to develop and consolidate their skills in spelling and reading. Students in Years 3 and 4 have their own username and password and it is used to build on the explicit teaching from the classroom teacher.

Sound Waves:

This phonics/spelling program is used from Year 3 to Year 9 and gives students a thorough understanding and consistent practice of phonics, spelling and grammar. Because the program moves from Upper Primary through to Middle School, students make smooth progress and are ready for the higher level of learning required in the Middle School. Each student works at their own level within the program.

Accelerated Reader:

Accelerated Reader is a whole school reading program. When teachers assess that they are ready, students are connected into the online program. Students participate in reading within their specified reading levels and have a wide range of books available in the school library linked to the program. The program has been highly successful in tracking students progress and motivating their reading.

Mathletics:

This is an online Mathematics program used in the Primary School. It supports learning in the classroom and reinforces concepts as teachers set up individualized tasks for each student on different topics.

Nelson Maths:

The Primary school utilize the Nelson Maths program as the framework for the teaching and learning of Mathematics.

Pearson Maths:

Pearson Maths texts are used as the key Maths resource in the Middle School.

Mathspace:

Mathspace is an online program designed to provide students with instant feedback to assist them in resolving any misconceptions they may have in terms of problem solving in mathematics. It helps teachers to promptly identify gaps in student understanding. It also provides lesson notes and video samples of worked solutions. This allows students to practice questions from a plethora of topics relevant to their year group.

ENROLMENT

If you are considering enrolling your child at Sattler please contact Sattler's Enrolment Officer, Kathleen Higgins through the Front Office, 7922 1500 or email: kathleen.higgins@ntschools.net. She will be able to guide you through the next step and answer any questions you may have about the school or the Early Learning Centre. Also refer to the Introduction Letter within the Enrolment Pack.

EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS

Excursions and incursions are an important aspect of the educational programs offered at Sattler Christian College. They provide opportunities for students to build their understanding of classroom learning by experiencing the ideas and concepts in practice beyond the classroom. An excursion is defined as any activity outside the school grounds and an incursion when a visiting specialist offers expertise and training for students on the school campus. Both provide planned and purposeful learning opportunities. Excursions are particularly valuable as they provide for learning to occur in real life contexts.





FEES FOR 2020

Transition Student Rate (Transition ONLY) *Primary School Rate* (Year 1 to Year 6) *Middle School Student Rate* (Years 7 to 9) NT Christian College (Year10)

\$1421.00pa (\$355.25 per Term) \$2843.00pa (\$710.75 per Term) \$4099.00pa (\$1024.750 per Term) [Fee set by NT Christian College]

- 2 children 15% discount on both children 3 children - 30% discount on each child
- 4 children 45% discount on each child

Discounts apply across the NT Christian Schools for additional children in each family.

School Fees include: stationary, computer use, swimming lessons, excursions and incursions. They do not include camps or interschool sports.

FUNDRAISING

Parents and staff from the Sattler community join together at the beginning of each year to plan fundraising activities and goals for the year that fit with school priorities. All fundraising activities must fit within the College's Fundraising Guidelines.

HOMEWORK AND ASSESSMENTS

Homework is recognised as being an important component of students' learning and the development of good study and organisational skills. Homework begins in the early years of Sattler students' educational experience as they take home readers in Transition to reinforce their classroom learning. It is not the intention of the school to overload students with excessive amounts of homework. In Primary school homework is not compulsory but encouraged.

Middle School students receive an array of homework which can include take home assessment tasks and work issued by their teachers.



HOURS OF OPERATION

SCHOOL HOURS

8:15am Start 10:30 - 11:00am Recess 12:30 - 1:10pm Lunch Finish 2:35pm



OFFICE HOURS

Normal office hours are from 7:45am to 3:45pm, Monday to Friday. Parents can contact the office by phone 7922 1500 or by email admin.scc@ntschools.net

ICT AND IPADS

At Sattler students are helped to develop both skills and discernment concerning the use of digital technologies.

Across the school all students have *access* to *computers and iPads with keyboards* as a natural part of the learning process, and Middle School students are also issued with *iPads* to enhance their learning.

All primary classrooms have access to laptops and a large set of Primary School iPads. All teachers have lap tops that can be linked into smartboards and plasma TVs to enhance and extend students' learning experiences.



LIBRARY

All Primary students have regular library lessons and need a waterproof library bag for borrowing. A school library bag with a school logo is available to purchase for \$12 from the front office.

The library building is also used as a venue for school assemblies, Performing Arts and is open at lunch times for students to read and play quiet games in the cool under teacher supervision.



LOCATION AND CAMPUS MAP

Sattler Christian College is located in Bees Creek, in the Rural Area of Outer Darwin the campus is located at **15 Sattler Crescent, Bees Creek**.







MEDICATION

Parents of children who are on medication, that needs to be administered during school hours, are required to come in to the front office and fill in a *Medication Authorisation Form*. The form gives administration staff knowledge of what, when and how to administer medication to individual children. Parents need to communicate with their child (and teacher) when to come up to the office for their medication.

MOTIVATING STUDENTS

Sattler believe *students flourish in a positive environment*. The merit reward system is one method teachers and staff use to identify and praise students' successes and positive behavior. When Primary School children collect 5 mini merits they visit the front office to be congratulated and are awarded a Principal's Award at the next Primary assembly. Four additional class awards are handed out in each assembly.

NEWSLETTERS



Our newsletter is sent home *fortnightly with the eldest in each family on a Thursday*. Please keep a look out for this as it covers all upcoming events and information pertaining to the school. Parents will be sent newsletters via email but can opt for a paper version if that is easier. Please let the front office know which option better suits your family.



REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

It is important that parents are *kept up to date with their child's progress at school*. School reports are published on the Compass portal at the end of Terms 2 and 4. At the end of Terms 1 and the beginning of Term 3 parents are required to attend individual parent/teacher conferences. All Middle School students are also welcome to attend these discussions and Year 9 and 10 students are required to attend them.

Parent Teacher Conferences are booked through the Compass portal, you will receive notification when the portal is open to book a conference with your child's teacher(s).



Teachers are always keen to discuss children's progress with parents. Apart from the scheduled conference appointments can be made directly with a child's teacher. Parents are invited to email teachers at any stage to enquire about their children's progress.

SATTLER COMMUNITY EVENTS

A strong community and good relationships are important at Sattler. Different events and regular gatherings give opportunity for Sattler families to meet one another.

Some such events are our breakfasts (Family breakfast - Term 1, Mother's Day breakfast - Term 2 and Father's Day breakfast - Term 3), Sattler Open Afternoon, fundraising activities and parent/carers morning tea after each Primary assembly.



SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS AND VOLUNTEER HELP

Sattler Christian College encourages parental participation in all areas of school life. Many opportunities arise throughout the year where assistance is necessary. *Students and teachers alike can benefit enormously from the experiences, expertise and talents parents (and other family members) bring*.

Parents are encouraged to speak with the office staff or individual classroom teachers about serving the school in this way.

SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS

Each family is required to complete *six hours* of school service during the year. Ways of helping could include helping in the classroom, going on excursions or camps, help with fundraising, gardening, maintenance, helping at sporting events, etc. All hours are to be logged in at the front office.

Anyone helping with any school activity involving students is required to have an **Ochre Card**. This is a government requirement and application forms are available from the front office or through Safe NT.

Families can choose not to complete their school service hours and then pay a levy of \$200 towards the ongoing maintenance of the school campus.

Parental support and contribution is vital in building a strong and caring school community.

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL

Students who are unwell during school hours will be cared for at the school and parents will be notified. If the matter is serious and parents cannot be contacted, the school will take whatever medical action is deemed necessary in the interest of the child.

SPECIALIST CLASSES

Different specialist teachers work across the school. Indonesian is taught from Transition to Yr 10. Primary students also have Library lessons once a week. All students participate in the Musica Viva program and have weekly Art lessons.

The Middle School programme also includes the Performing Arts, Digital Technology, and Community Partnership opportunities which include conservation at the Territory Wildlife Park.

SPORT

Apart from participating in PE and Sport lessons as part of the curriculum, Sattler students are involved in a wide variety of sporting opportunities and experiences. These include: Sattler Christian College Sport Carnivals in Athletics, Cross-Country and Swimming.



Specialized Sports Training/Clinics

These range from year to year including:

- AFL clinics in school and cluster teams sent to compete
- **Bike Education** Upper Primary classes travel to Parap Road Safety Education Centre to ride bikes and learn about road safety
- **Cricket** clinics in school training and clinics for the whole Primary School
- *Hockey* NT provides in school clinics for Transition through to Year 7
- Netball At times Upper Primary and Middle School students have played on a school netball team that competes in the school netball competition, this is dependent on numbers.
- **Tennis** NT provides clinics for Primary and Middle School students







Rugby League NT - provides in school clinics for students

- *Gymnastics* an excellent learning opportunity for students to try gymnastics through the clinics
- The Primary School participates in two weeks of *swimming lessons* with qualified instructors at Palmerston Pool
- **Cluster Sports Participation** to participate in **PARRS athletics, cross country** and **swimming** cluster carnivals following the Sattler carnivals in these three sports.

STUDENT WELLBEING AND DISCIPLINE

Sattler is a school community where student wellbeing is highly valued and where restorative discipline occurs within a pastoral context. Sattler Christian College aims to be a school community:

- which is Christ centred
- which strives for excellence in all areas of learning, and challenges each child to reach their God-given potential
- where personal acceptance is never in doubt
- where relationship is based on love, affirmation and an attitude of serving one another
- where proper authority is established in action and is respected
- which is ordered and organized to be effective for learning
- where students grow to become responsible, respectful and reliable young people
- where response to student behaviour is age-appropriate and holistic, and where consequences are just, consistent, and restorative.

TERM DATES AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2020

TERM DATES

- Term 1 Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 10 April
- Term 2 Monday 20 April to Friday 19 June
- Term 3 Tuesday 21 July to Friday 25 September
- Term 4 Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- Saturday 25 January Australia Day
- Monday 27 January Australia Day holiday
- Friday 10 April Good Friday
- Monday 13 April Easter Monday
- Saturday 25 April Anzac Day
- Monday 4 May May Day
- Monday 8 June Queen's Birthday
- Friday 24 July Darwin Show



Monday 3 August - Picnic Day

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day

Saturday 26 December - Boxing Day

Monday - 28 December - Boxing Day holiday

UNIFORMS

The uniform has been designed to be as cool, comfortable, and practical. The wearing of the official school uniform is compulsory. Attached is a copy of the uniform policy. School uniforms are purchased through the school office.

SATTLER CHRISTIAN COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY		
PRIMARY UNIFORM		
UNIFORM BOYS	Primary blue polo shirt with school logo and ochre shorts	
UNIFORM GIRLS	Primary blue polo shirt with school logo and ochre skort or college dress	
FOOTWEAR	Plain black covered shoes with plain white or plain black socks, no high heels. (If shoes are laced then black laces are required).	
НАТ	Either ochre or black bucket hats with the school logo	
HAIR	Must be clean, neat and tidy, tied back if long. Natural colours for a human (fluro colours kept for sports days and other special occasions)	
ACCESSORIES	Wrist watch, no rings, no bracelets or necklaces Earrings are to be a small stud or sleeper (no other piercings) Hair accessories should be blue, black, ochre, white or neutral colours No make-up or nail polish	
COOL WEATHER	Plain black jacket. Plain black tights can also be worn under the uniform.	
MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM		
UNIFORM BOYS	Middle School blue polo shirt with school logo and SCC black shorts	
UNIFORM GIRLS	Middle School blue polo shirt with school logo and SCC black shorts or skort	
FOOTWEAR	Plain black covered shoes with plain white or plain black socks, no high heels. (If shoes are laced then black laces are required).	
НАТ	Plain black caps	
HAIR	Must be clean, neat and tidy, tied back if long. Natural colours for a human (fluro colours kept for sports days and other special occasions)	
ACCESSORIES	Wrist watch, one small ring, one thin non-offensive bracelet (no brightly coloured rubber bracelets), one thin non-offensive necklace Earrings are to be a small stud or sleeper (no other piercings) Hair accessories should be blue, black, ochre, white or neutral colours No make-up or nail polish	
COOL WEATHER	Plain black jacket. Plain black tights can also be worn under the uniform.	
PE / SPORT LESSONS	Green or yellow polo shirt with school logo and black shorts Appropriate flexible sport shoes (students are to change back into school uniform and shoes after PE /Sport lessons)	

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