



# Brigidine

COLLEGE RANDWICK

**EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE IN GIRLS EDUCATION!**



# Welcome

**TO WALK THE CORRIDORS OF BRIGIDINE COLLEGE** is to take a journey through a history of excellence in all-girls education. Founded in 1901 by the Brigidine Sisters, the college follows a pathway of strength and gentleness, as it lives the charism of St Brigid each day.

Brigidine College prepares young girls for strong and independent leadership roles in an increasingly complex post secondary environment. It is a college that applies rigour to education—in each classroom, in each day and for each student. It champions 21st century education skills and creates an environment where students can think critically, have opportunity to be creative, and enabled in the practical skillsets of collaboration and communication. Through the application of a growth mindset approach to education, Brigidine College unlocks the potential in each student, empowering them to realise their aspirations. It is a college that promotes excellence in both academic and artistic performance, in a nurturing and caring environment.

Students at Brigidine College excel in who they are and carry with them a confidence to not only be successful, but to create significance through their lives. Completing Year 12 at Brigidine College is more than a graduation; it is a commencement of each girl's pathway in life and confirmation of who they are as strong, capable and courageous individuals.

Welcome to past, present and future Brigidine girls. May your love of learning and of life guide you as you grow in strength and gentleness.

Sharyn Quirk  
PRINCIPAL



**SCHOOL LEADERS (L-R)**  
Principal- Sharyn Quirk

*S.R.C Captain: Eliza Cooke, Arts & Culture Captain: Marian Ibarra , Faith & Charism Captain: Annabelle Mansour, College Captain: Yasmeen Janschek, College Vice Captain: Emily Livissianis, Social Justice Captain: Matilda Dibb, Sports Captain: Sarah Pignatelli, Sustainability Captain: Elizabeth Frawley.*





# Vision

*OUR VISION is born of the love and justice of the Gospel of Jesus, our rich Brigidine heritage and an educational practice inclusive of all girls.*

# Mission

*WE STRIVE to educate girls to create for themselves a fulfilling life; a life grounded in meaning and purpose and fuelled by a generous, intelligent and creative response to the needs of the Church and their world.*





OUR 5TH  
CENTURY BCE  
PATRON SAINT

# Brigid of Kildare

BRIGID OF KILDARE lived during the earliest years of Christianity in Ireland. Her name is that of a Celtic goddess and Brigid is the greatest of the female Christian saints. She travelled throughout Ireland and was a builder of Christian communities as well as the buildings necessary for them. With St Patrick she is credited with greatly increasing the influence of the Gospel in Ireland.

Brigid was a multi-talented woman. She was equally at home in a cow bier as she was in the scriptoriums of her monasteries. These monasteries brought stability and peace to the lives of the men and women who lived within them as well as the people who found work and shelter on their lands.

Brigid's love of learning was evident in her monasteries and her compassion and creativity were obvious in her interactions with ordinary people. At her monastery in Kildare, she lit a fire which continued to be tended by her nuns over the generations until it was extinguished at the time of the Reformation.

Brigid lived on in the hearts of the Irish people. On 1 February 1807, the feast day of St Brigid, five women gathered under the care of Bishop Daniel Delany at Tullow in County Carlow. These women were the first Brigidines; they lived together as Religious Sisters and teachers. The Brigidines came to western New South Wales in 1883 and to Randwick in 1901. They purchased the Daintry Estate with the house 'Aeolia' for their convent and school and Brigidine Randwick was born.





OUR  
FOUNDER

# Daniel Delaney

THE BRIGIDINE STORY BEGINS in 1807 in Tullow, Ireland. Witnessing a need for education and the care of the poor, oppressed and vulnerable, Delany asked six sisters to form an order in the name of St Brigid.

Delany wanted to bring hope and opportunity into the lives of young people who were deprived of education. Inspired by Daniel Delany, the Brigidine Sisters set about improving the human condition for children and youth whilst also helping them to grow in the knowledge and practice of their faith.

Delany was known for his maxim 'Nothing is as strong as gentleness. Nothing is as gentle as real strength' and from this came the motto of the Brigidine Sisters - *Fortiter et Suaviter, with Strength and Gentleness.*





# Brigidine Charism

BRIGIDINE COLLEGE RANDWICK was founded by the Brigidine Sisters who were guided by the charism of St Brigid. The staff and students of Brigidine College are called to remember, and be witness to, St Brigid's remarkable concern for the poor and the oppressed, her patience, humility, joy, steadfast faith and her willingness to serve others.







IN THE 21ST CENTURY

# Brigidine College Randwick

**BRIGIDINE COLLEGE STANDS ON THE LAND** purchased in 1901. Moreton Bay fig trees, which were set out in the 1860's Aeolia Estate gardens, still flourish in the school grounds and are listed with the National Trust. School buildings which date from 1908 create an historic precinct. Our buildings are in a process of refurbishment as the needs of contemporary schooling change. Brigidine has specialist rooms for a wide variety of subjects and is well resourced for an enrolment of 880 students.

All girls who wish to contribute to the culture and ethos of Brigidine are invited to seek enrolment.





# “Fortiter Et Suaviter”

With Strength and Gentleness

THE MOTTO OF ALL BRIGIDINE SCHOOLS and of the Brigidine Sisters is Fortiter et Suaviter... Strength and Gentleness. Daniel Delany created it from the words of St Francis de Sales who said “nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing is so gentle as real strength.” The growth of Brigidine as a place of learning is dependent on all the values inherent in a blend of strength and gentleness in the mind and heart of each girl and adult in our school.

At Brigidine the needs of girls are seen through a Christian lens which reveals that each is gifted and has the God given vocation to live her life exploring these gifts, gifts which are to be used for her own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. An education at Brigidine prepares each girl for the multitude of actions she will take in order to discover and use her gifts when she is at school and when she is an independent adult.

As 21st century educators we are guided by our community’s strategic plan, our Gospel values and through daily listening to each other. Our minds are prepared for the actions each must take now and in the future.





GAINING DEEP

# Confidence

**ALWAYS KEEPING PACE** with the economic, social, political and educational changes over the years, the Brigidine spirit of educating young women to meet the challenges of the contemporary world continues with enthusiasm.

Young women need to have a deep confidence that will support them when they find themselves immersed in the complexities of the contemporary world. A school can assist in the development of a healthy sense of self in a young woman. Brigidine students belong to a community and experience the rights and responsibilities of that belonging.

At Brigidine, girls find support and encouragement as they explore personal gifts, face up to challenges and make the mistakes that are integral to learning how to live. Our pastoral programs for all Years engage our students in the most contemporary and relevant of issues. Personal development camps in Years 7, 10 and 11 deepen a sense of belonging in a supportive community through fun and challenging activities.

In and out of the classroom, Brigidine students are encouraged to believe that they can persevere to overcome obstacles and to achieve long term goals by foregoing short term rewards.





# Spirituality

AND FAITH EDUCATION

AT BRIGIDINE WE BELIEVE that each person is a spiritual being. The sacred texts, words and symbols of Catholicism are the language we teach our students so that they can express the deepest desires of their hearts. The girls can experience mystery rather than confusion, hope rather than regret and wholeness rather than fragmentation. In our Religious Education program our students learn about other religious traditions.

The Catholic Faith has three elements: a personal relationship with God expressed through prayer and Sacrament, compassionate action and belonging to a group of people, the Church, with whom we share a history and an understanding about ourselves as human beings. Our intention is that each girl will understand what these three elements have to offer her and the contribution each makes to personal and communal happiness.

Brigidine has timetabled compulsory Religious Education classes and times of prayer. The Eucharist is celebrated for the whole school at important times during the year.

Days away from classroom routine are prepared for each cohort so that through discussion and interaction, girls might have time to consider what truly matters in their lives and how they might respond.

Our social justice program involves awareness raising, information and discussion about the causes and places of poverty in the world as well as fundraising activities for charity.





# ALL ARE *Learners*

**EVERYONE AT BRIGIDINE IS A LEARNER:** teachers and students. Each year teachers must involve themselves in professional learning and increase their understanding about what causes learning to take place.

Students learn in classrooms but also through sport, music and dramatic performance. Learning to create and maintain quality relationships is the ongoing challenge for adults and students alike.

Students are given the opportunity through individual career counselling to learn about their personal strengths and the kind of career that might suit their gifts.

Each girl takes responsibility for the use of her own computer. All students are taught to access a computer routinely and to manage information she needs to retain. Each girl learns how to use technology to assist her learning in the most efficient and ethical way.

A diverse learning team ensures that the diverse needs of students are addressed systematically according to prescribed best practice.





# Home AND School

BRIGIDINE COLLEGE IS ONE OF A SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS administered by Sydney Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Brigidine Principal is appointed by, and responsible to, the Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools.

Parents are free to make an appointment to see a staff member at Brigidine at any time convenient to both parents and the school. Parent meetings are held at key times of the year to inform parents about important student issues. The Learning Management System CANVAS is used by the school and enables parents to view the teaching and learning activities of their daughter. Other online learning systems that are subject specific are also available to parents and these can also assist in making judgments about a girl's level of achievement. A newsletter is emailed to parents once a fortnight.

All students are placed in pastoral care class within their House and Year group and here relationships are formed and attendance monitored. As students meet with this teacher daily, the Pastoral Care teacher, along with the Pastoral Care coordinator, is a significant staff member in the pastoral care of Brigidine students and both are often the first point of contact for parents. Subject coordinators and subject teachers are available to speak with parents about academic matters. The intellectual, spiritual and emotional growth of students is the responsibility of all staff working at Brigidine Randwick.







# Co-curricular

## ACTIVITIES

**BRIGIDINE STUDENTS** are encouraged to involve themselves as much as possible in the co-curricular activities offered at the school.

- Private music tutoring (tutors teach at Brigidine and parents pay the tutor directly)
- Senior orchestra
- Junior orchestra
- Musical recitals evenings
- Choir and other voice ensembles
- Musicals and concert opportunities
- Debating
- Public speaking
- CGSSSA sport teams
- Eastern Suburbs Touch Football Competition
- Tuesday Night Netball (Terms 2 and 3)
- Science Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Various subject based competitions: academic competitions such as the ICAS Mathematics and Science Competitions, Titration, and also other competitions in the Visual Arts and Creative Writing.
- Pastoral Care Programme
- Mock Trial
- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- St Brigid's Fire (social justice student group)
- Faith development opportunities offered by the Sydney Archdiocese
- Big Sister Mathematics and English tutoring
- Student Representative Council and well defined leadership opportunities.

# Uniform

A **SCHOOL UNIFORM** is a powerful symbol of belonging. It helps establish equality among students and the development of a personal identity and connection. Attending Brigidine means that a girl is living the life of a schoolgirl and she wears the professional dress of a schoolgirl. The uniform also asks a girl and her family to give a high value to her membership of the Brigidine community, with its rights and responsibilities.





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