



# Brigidine

COLLEGE RANDWICK





IMAGE: Our 2024 Brigidine College DUX Emily Smith who received an ATAR of 99.75 with our College Principal Adrian Eussen.

# Principal's Welcome

ADRIAN EUSSEN

At Brigidine College Randwick, we are proud to continue the rich tradition of the Brigidine Sisters, who established our College in Randwick from 1901 with a vision of providing quality education grounded in faith, compassion, inclusivity and justice. Inspired by the values of St. Brigid, our community embraces the motto "Strength and Gentleness" for our contemporary community, encouraging our students to lead with both courage and kindness in all they do and guiding young women to become confident, compassionate, and courageous leaders.

Brigidine College is a place of learning, personal growth, and service, where every student is encouraged to develop their unique talents. We provide a dynamic and inclusive learning environment where students grow academically, spiritually, and personally. We promote excellence in education, leadership, and service, empowering our students to think critically.

Education at Brigidine College Randwick is more than just academic achievement—it is about nurturing a lifelong love of learning, developing moral and ethical responsibility, and empowering young women to make a difference where the wellbeing of every student is our utmost priority. We are a proud community, where the students are challenged to think and experience beyond their boundaries, to have the courage to question their world and to be strong and sensitive leaders, empowering them to reach heights they never thought possible and be positive change agents for the world.

Graduating from Brigidine College Randwick is more than completing an education—it is becoming part of a lifelong sisterhood. Our students join a proud network of alumni who continue to live out the values instilled in them, carrying forward the legacy of the Brigidine spirit in all aspects of their lives.

Welcome to Brigidine College, where tradition, excellence, and faith come together to nurture the leaders of tomorrow and make a positive and meaningful contribution to the world with strength and gentleness.

*"Fortiter et Suaviter"*

(This translates into "To act with strength and gentleness")



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 a historic precinct. Our buildings are in the 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.







# Connolly-Williams Building Project:

*HONOURING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE*

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As we continue to build a legacy that Brigidine students—both present and future—can be proud of, we are excited to announce the **Connolly-Williams Building Project**. This will introduce a **new library, state-of-the-art classrooms, a modern canteen, and upgraded restroom facilities**, all thoughtfully designed to enhance student life while respecting the rich history of our school.

Working within the framework of our historical buildings, we are committed to preserving the heritage and character that make Brigidine so unique. This project seamlessly blends the old with the new, ensuring that while we embrace innovation and modern learning environments, we also honour the legacy of those who came before us. By integrating contemporary facilities into our existing structures, we are creating a campus that respects tradition while equipping students with the tools they need for the future.

The new library will be a vibrant hub of knowledge, featuring modern research facilities, quiet study spaces, and cutting-edge technology to support students in their academic pursuits. Our state-of-the-art classrooms will provide dynamic, future-focused learning environments; while the new canteen will offer a welcoming space for students to connect over fresh, nutritious meals. Alongside these developments, upgraded restroom facilities will ensure comfort and convenience for all.

This project is more than just a development—it is a testament to Brigidine's ongoing commitment to excellence in education. By balancing heritage with progress, we are building a school that honours the past while preparing for the future.

Together, we are creating a legacy that will stand for generations to come.



# Vision & Mission

## Vision

*Brigidine College is a distinguished Catholic girls' school which provides a holistic education grounded in faith and tradition. We empower young women to be resilient and embrace challenges, preparing them for their role as global citizens.*

## Mission

*Brigidine College is a thriving Catholic community committed to the pursuit of excellence, nurturing individual strengths to spark curiosity and a love of learning. With a deep social conscience, our young women are empowered to take charge of their future and seek significance with strength and gentleness.*

## Values

### BELIEF

***"We nurture a culture of unwavering faith, steadfast hope, and resilient confidence."***

### INTEGRITY

***"We champion accountability and honesty, demonstrating respect in all our interactions."***

### COMPASSION

***"We foster empathy, kindness and understanding, empowering all to support and uplift one another, creating a community where everyone thrives."***

### COMMITMENT

***"We pursue excellence through faith, consistent effort, and relentless drive."***

## 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 the 1st February 1807, the feast day of St Brigid, six 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 College Randwick was born.





OUR FOUNDER

## Daniel Delany

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.

## "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 drew inspiration for this 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 depends 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 the commitment to daily listening and collaboration. Our minds are prepared for the actions each must take now and in the future.



# 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.

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.



# 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.





# The Brigidine Charter

The Brigidine Charter is a visual representation of our unwavering commitment to continuous improvement. It serves as a guiding framework that unites our College community—staff, students, parents, and the broader community—in a shared vision for growth, excellence, and progress.

At Brigidine College, we recognise that meaningful improvement is a collective effort, driven by the collaboration, dedication, and passion of all those who shape our learning environment. Through this Charter, we aim to create a resource that is not only visible and accessible to all but also deeply embedded in our daily practices, inspiring every member of our community to contribute to our ongoing journey of growth.

The Brigidine Charter reflects our core values, each represented through the rich symbolism of St Brigid:

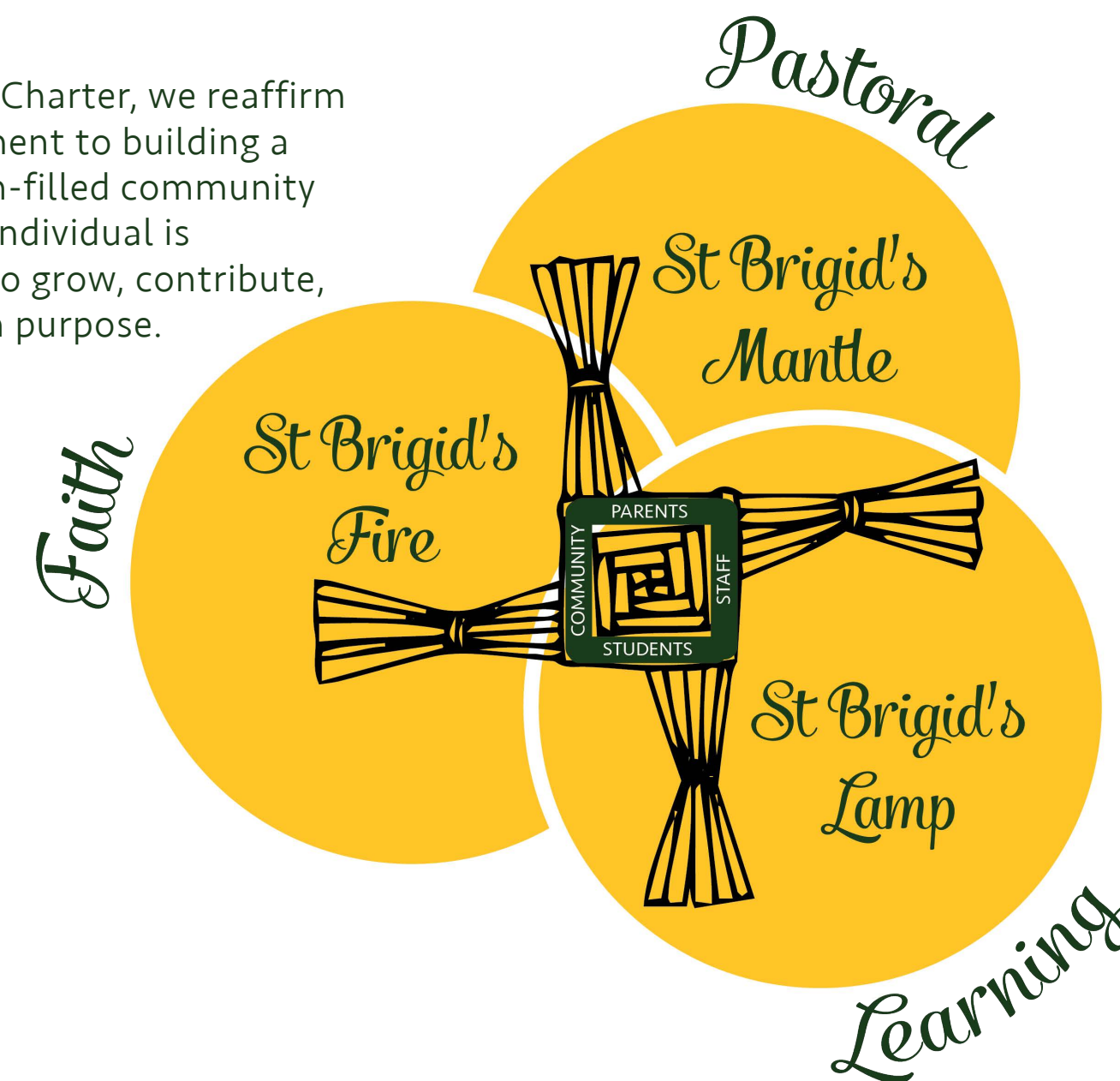
St Brigid's Fire → Faith: Igniting a strong spiritual foundation that guides and inspires us.

St Brigid's Cross → History: Honouring our heritage and traditions while embracing the future.

St Brigid's Lamp → Learning: Illuminating the path to knowledge, curiosity, and academic excellence.

St Brigid's Mantle → Pastoral Care: Nurturing a compassionate and supportive environment where all feel valued and included.

Through this Charter, we reaffirm our commitment to building a thriving, faith-filled community where every individual is empowered to grow, contribute, and lead with purpose.







# Home and School

Brigidine College Randwick is part of a network of schools administered by Sydney Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Principal is appointed by, and reports to, the Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools.

Parents are encouraged to meet with staff at a mutually convenient time to discuss their daughter's education and wellbeing. Parent information sessions are held throughout the year to provide important updates on student matters.

The College uses CANVAS, a Learning Management System, which allows parents to access their daughter's teaching and learning activities. Additional subject-specific online platforms are also available to support learning and help parents understand their daughter's academic progress. A fortnightly newsletter is emailed to parents to keep them informed about school events and updates.

Every student belongs to a pastoral care class within their House and Year group, where attendance is monitored, and meaningful connections are built. The Pastoral Care teacher, supported by the Pastoral Care Coordinator, plays a key role in student wellbeing. Subject Coordinators and teachers are also available to discuss academic progress.

At Brigidine College Randwick, the holistic development of students—intellectual, spiritual, and emotional—is a shared responsibility among all staff, ensuring each student is supported in reaching her full potential.



# Student Leadership

AT BRIGIDINE COLLEGE RANDWICK

At Brigidine College Randwick, student leadership is an integral part of school life, empowering young women to develop confidence, responsibility, and a commitment to service. Inspired by the values of St Brigid, our student leaders play a vital role in shaping the school community, fostering inclusivity, and leading initiatives that reflect the Brigidine spirit.

Leadership at Brigidine is about more than holding a title—it is about being a role model, inspiring others, and making a meaningful impact. Students who take on leadership positions develop key skills in communication, teamwork, and problem-solving while embodying the College's values of strength, compassion, and justice.

The following leadership roles provide students with opportunities to contribute to different aspects of school life:

- **College Captain** – Represents the student body, upholds the Brigidine ethos, and leads the College with integrity and vision.
- **College Vice Captain** – Supports the College Captain and assists in leading student initiatives and events.
- **Faith and Charism Captain** – Promotes the spiritual

life of the College, encouraging students to engage with faith, reflection, and community service.

- **Social Justice Captain** – Drives awareness and action on social justice issues, inspiring students to advocate for positive change within and beyond the College.
- **Arts and Culture Captain** – Champions creativity and cultural expression, supporting opportunities in music, drama, visual arts, and performance.
- **Sport Captain** – Encourages participation in sport, teamwork, and school spirit while fostering a culture of health and wellbeing.
- **Sustainability Captain** – Leads initiatives to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices within the school community.
- **SRC Captain** – Represents student voice, ensuring that all students have a platform to share ideas and contribute to school decisions.

These leadership positions offer students the chance to step forward, take initiative, and develop lifelong leadership skills. With guidance from staff and a strong support network, Brigidine student leaders gain invaluable experience that prepares them to be confident, socially responsible women ready to make a difference in the world.





# Co-curricular Activities

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

## Academic

- Big Sister Mathematics and English tutoring
- Creative Writing Club
- Debating
- Duke of Edinburgh Program
- Public Speaking
- Science Club
- St Brigid's Fire (social justice student group)
- Student Representative Council
- Various subject based competitions

## Cultural

- Choir and other voice ensembles
- Drama Club
- Junior Orchestra
- Musical recitals evenings
- Musicals
- Senior Orchestra
- Private music tutoring (tutors teach at Brigidine and parents pay the tutor directly)

## Spiritual

- Faith development opportunities offered by the Sydney Archdiocese
- Retreats
- Immersions

## Representative Sport

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| • Basketball     | • Flag Football |
| • Netball        | • AFL           |
| • Cricket        | • Hockey        |
| • Touch Football | • Rugby 7s      |
| • Rugby League   | • Gymnastics    |
| • Tennis         | • Dance         |
| • Volleyball     | • Chess         |
| • Swimming       | • Table Tennis  |
| • Athletics      | • Badminton     |
| • Water Polo     | • Futsal        |
| • Cross Country  | • Oztag         |
| • Soccer         |                 |
| • Softball       |                 |



# Pastoral Care

Brigidine College Randwick: Inspired by St Brigid, guided by Strength and Gentleness.

At Brigidine College Randwick, our community is built on the values of St Brigid—strength, kindness, and a deep commitment to justice. We nurture young women to become confident, compassionate leaders who embrace lifelong learning, personal growth, and service to others.

Student wellbeing is at the heart of our mission. We believe that strong, supportive relationships are essential in shaping young women of character, resilience, and integrity.

Our Pastoral Care Framework ensures that every student is guided and cared for throughout her journey at Brigidine. Dedicated staff members provide support across all aspects of school life, including:

- **Pastoral Care Coordinator**
- **Pastoral Care Teacher's**
- **College Counsellor**
- **Pathways & Partnerships Coordinator**
- **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Coordinator**



Here at Brigidine we utilise Pivot; evidence based sureveys to provide us with real time data allowing our Pastoral Care Teacher's to proactively identify concerns and implement targeted interventions.

Through our Pastoral Care programs, students are encouraged to develop self-awareness, foster positive relationships, and cultivate a strong sense of social responsibility. With the Brigidine ethos and the legacy of St Brigid as their foundation, they are inspired to serve their community, stand up for what is right, and make a meaningful difference in the world.

Our approach to wellbeing ensures that our students have the tools to navigate challenges with confidence. By the time they graduate, Brigidine students are empowered to step into the world as courageous, socially conscious women, ready to lead with strength and gentleness.



# The Legacy of a Brigidine Graduate

A Brigidine graduate carries more than just memories of her school years; she embodies the values, strength, and compassion instilled within her. Rooted in the Catholic tradition, she is guided by faith, hope, and love, drawing on the teachings of Christ to shape her journey beyond the College gates.

Her legacy is one of leadership, resilience, and service. She walks with integrity, upholding the Brigidine commitment to Strength and Gentleness, and seeks justice with a heart open to the needs of others. Inspired by the Gospel, she lives with compassion, treating every person with dignity and respect. She values the power of community and connection, understanding that true success is measured not by personal gain but by her ability to serve and uplift those around her. Throughout her journey, she remains deeply connected to the sisterhood of Brigidine—lifelong friendships built on shared faith, support, and a common purpose.

With a spirit of faith and a deep sense of purpose, a Brigidine graduate embraces the call to be a woman of action. Whether through her career, family, or broader society, she leads with kindness, wisdom, and an unwavering commitment to the common good. She carries forward the Brigidine charism, ensuring that her life reflects the values instilled in her—courage, justice, and a devotion to God.

Her legacy is not just in what she achieves, but in how she lives her faith every day, making the world a better place for all.







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