

Prospectus



Churchie.



The making of men

Established in 1912, Anglican Church Grammar School, known internationally as Churchie, has as its central mission the development of young men of good character, strong intellect and generous spirit who will move confidently into the global community and who will use their talents and gifts to lead and serve others.

Churchie offers a wonderful variety of learning experiences in local, national and international settings. As an academic institution, we deeply value intellectual and scholastic pursuits and recognise our role, in partnership with parents and the community, in assisting our young men to develop habits that will enable them to continue their pursuit of knowledge and learning throughout their lives.

Churchie's four founding tenets of academic excellence, spiritual awareness, personal growth and service remain at the core of day-to-day activities. Our values, centred upon the Christian faith, are expressed through a commitment to excellence in teaching, learning, serving and personal development, bound tightly by tradition, culture and community.

As a school community, we are dedicated to celebrating achievement, character, creativity and effort across a vast range of academic, sporting, cultural and service pursuits, believing that every boy can achieve success and benefit from a broad, liberal education. Churchie men have, for many decades, been viewed as well-prepared gentlemen, scholars, athletes, musicians, leaders and servants, who are prepared to make a worthy contribution to the communities in which they live.

A visit to our beautiful campus will reveal a dynamic and purposeful atmosphere as young men and staff go about our core business of learning. Our world-renowned resources, borne of the vision and commitment by so many people for over 100 years, provide an ideal setting for boys to 'run and grow and learn' just as Churchie's founder, Canon WPF Morris, had envisioned.

I invite you to explore Churchie via our website. Beyond that, it would be our pleasure to welcome you to Churchie to learn more, first hand, about our commitment to the education of young men.

Dr Alan Campbell
Headmaster



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Preparatory School

(Reception to Year 6)



✘ Churchie's Preparatory School offers an excellent foundation to learning within a caring, disciplined and exciting environment, supported by state-of-the-art facilities and resources.

Churchie is an International Baccalaureate World School authorised for the delivery of the Primary Years Programme (PYP). The PYP is a globally recognised curriculum and learning framework that places students at the centre of learning. Through the curriculum and learning framework of the PYP, Churchie's Preparatory School delivers the Australian Curriculum across all the primary year levels, Reception to Year 6.

Learning in the Preparatory School is an intellectually challenging experience, with students emerging from their preparatory years as articulate, confident and independent learners who increasingly take responsibility for their own learning.

The Reception (prep) year programme offers an ideal environment for a boy's first formal year of learning. Students experience an academic programme driven by explicit instruction, empowering them with the skills to learn purposefully. They undertake studies in English, Mathematics, Units of Inquiry (including Science, Humanities and Social Sciences), Music, Visual Arts, Health and Physical Education, Japanese, Religious Education and Library.

As an academically rigorous school, explicit teaching is focused on developing high-level literacy and numeracy skills supported by cooperative learning strategies that engage, excite and challenge learners.

The development of each student's character is supported through a Virtues Education Programme and a strong commitment to Anglican values, explored through weekly chapel services and Religious Education lessons. Wide and varied opportunities abound for co-curricular achievement and personal growth, offering a dynamic learning experience beyond the classroom.

Senior School

(Years 7 to 12)

The Year 7 transition year

Year 7 supports students transitioning from their primary years to their secondary education.

During this transition, students are placed in a form class with a form teacher who is responsible for the pastoral wellbeing of the students. Year 7 students are accommodated in the Fisher building, overlooking their own outdoor spaces and North Field.

The rigorous academic programme supports students as they become more autonomous in their learning. Students are encouraged to be complex thinkers, responsive creators, active investigators, effective communicators and enthusiastic participants in a globally connected learning environment.

The pastoral principles and practices that underpin our teachers' delivery of their academic and co-curricular programmes have, as their foundation, the belief that academic success and the capacity to flourish are built on knowing each student well.

The laptop-tablet programme, together with other digital resources, helps students to explore the world beyond the immediate classroom and develop skills essential for the future.

Year 7 students undertake Pastoral Learning classes, which explore their responses to situations requiring resilience, responsibility, relationship building and resolve. These developing skills are enhanced via the Outdoor Education programme, where students learn to develop resilience, teamwork and mateship as well as respect for the environment.

The house system

The house system is fundamental to the pastoral care programme at Churchie. The role of the house incorporates and promotes the pastoral, academic, social, spiritual and emotional growth of the students. Each of the eleven houses in the Senior School is led by a dedicated housemaster who serves as a mentor and role model providing consistency of care for each student in the house from Year 7 to Year 12. The housemaster is supported by six tutor teachers who encourage and advise students on a daily basis within the vertical (multi-year-level) tutor group. Therefore, each tutor teacher also plays an integral part in supporting the overall needs of students at Churchie. Vibrant inter-house competitions and house activities foster student participation and teamwork. The house system also provides students and families with opportunities to participate in a range of community activities throughout the year.





✘ Learning in the Senior School

Every student at Churchie is on a unique learning journey, enriched and supported by an environment that fosters personalised learning through challenging learning experiences. A student at Churchie has the opportunity to challenge himself, to strive to improve his personal best in everything he does, both inside and outside the classroom. Churchie's Senior School curriculum offers students many opportunities to develop as enthusiastic, inquisitive and collaborative learners. Our learning is informed by a focus on effective thinking skills, which has been designed in partnership with The University of Queensland.

In Years 7 to 10, students undertake the Australian Curriculum. As part of Churchie's commitment to a broad, liberal education, students in Years 7 to 9 are required to study one of The Arts subjects. As we prepare students to be confident global citizens, all students undertake a second language until the end of Year 10, whereupon they may choose to continue their international language study in Years 11 and 12. The core subjects in Year 10 prepare students for studies in either the Queensland Certificate of Education leading to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme pathway.

For Years 11 and 12, Churchie offers two major tertiary matriculation pathways selected in collaboration with parents:

- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), or
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP).

The new QCE syllabuses will ensure school leavers have the twenty-first century skills they require to be lifelong learners, valued employees, innovators, entrepreneurs and responsible global citizens. To be awarded a QCE, a student must complete a significant amount of learning, to a set standard and in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. Students on the QCE/ATAR pathway will study six General subjects, which must include English and a Mathematics subject, with an external examination for each subject. Students must also meet the Year 10 grade point average and subject pre-requisites to be selected for a QCE pathway.

Churchie is an IB World School authorised for the delivery of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP). The DP offers students a broad and balanced range of academic studies and learning experiences. It promotes conceptual learning, focusing on powerful organising ideas that are relevant across subject areas, and that help to integrate learning and add coherence to the curriculum. A DP pathway consists of six IB subjects, three of which are taken at a higher level and three are taken at a standard level. Additionally, there are three core components: the theory of knowledge; the extended essay; and creativity, activity, service. Students must meet the Year 10 grade point average and subject pre-requisites to be selected for the DP pathway.

In the area of Vocational Education and Training (VET), the School provides for only a small number of students, who meet specific criteria, in Years 11 and 12. The criteria for a vocational pathway are based upon a personalised evaluation of every student in the cohort.

Churchie Boarding

(Years 7 to 12)

✂ Boarding is at the centre of our school community; our beating heart and thriving spirit.

The Boarding School provides a secure and caring environment for boys to develop the necessary leadership and support skills to enjoy diverse learning experiences at school and in the broader Brisbane community. Opportunities abound for leadership and participation, reinforced by our seven-day-a-week boarding experience. This boarding culture offers an ever-present sense of community with immense possibilities on the weekend for group activity, development of hobbies, sports and recreation. Regular contact with parents is welcomed and facilitated.

Our purpose-built, modern, air-conditioned boarding facilities with wireless internet access in every cubicle, together with our spacious 22 hectare campus, provide the ideal environment in which boys can thrive. Self-disciplined study habits are encouraged under the guidance of academic staff and housemasters.

Boarders become involved in the School's extensive co-curricular programme each term. The convenience of our boarding campus located in the heart of Brisbane assists students in maintaining easy access to all of the services and opportunities of a thriving world city.







Churchie's four tenets

Academic excellence

The first tenet challenges students to be intellectually curious, to foster their academic potential and to encourage lifelong learning.

Boys achieve academic success when given the opportunity to experience a challenging programme, empowering them to take responsibility for their learning. Such an environment, combined with Churchie's high expectations, is one in which boys can thrive.

Our learning philosophy embraces a culture of academic excellence and continual improvement. This culture creates a belief that every student is capable of successful learning and gives priority to building and maintaining positive learning and caring relationships between our outstanding staff, students and parents.

Our approach to learning is defined by knowing each and every boy.

The Preparatory School features the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Programme. This internationally respected curriculum places students at the heart of the learning process, is characterised by a broad, liberal curriculum and encourages international mindedness. Literacy and numeracy programmes are integral to the students' learning experiences, supported by a technology-rich learning environment.

The Senior School offers a broad, liberal range of subjects informed by the National Curriculum in Years 7 to 10, with a strong emphasis on literacy, numeracy, science and languages. In Years 11 and 12, students have the choice of studying the Queensland Certificate of Education or the International Baccalaureate's Diploma Programme. These academic programmes, incorporating extensive subject choice, prepare our students very well for tertiary entry and further learning. An important feature of the Senior School academic programme is the development of effective thinking skills across the curriculum.

Churchie's parent, staff and student portal, myChurchie, offers a single point of access for information, services and resources. A key feature of this resource is the real-time reporting initiative that enhances the key partnership between parents and the School in supporting student learning.

Learning facilities include our world-class Centenary Library that provides a wide range of academic and research services in a university-inspired setting. This facility is central to a range of research partnerships the School has developed with some of Australia's leading universities. A state-of-the-art Science Centre, incorporating 12 laboratories and a 112 seat lecture theatre, supports rigorous scientific inquiry. There is also a Business Studies Centre and precincts for information technology and languages. The Hayward Midson Creative Precinct building provides excellent facilities for creative, collaborative and innovative thinking in the areas of design, engineering, drama, visual art and media.

✠ Spiritual awareness

Churchie is a Christian school, founded upon the Anglican ethos, within the Anglican Church of Australia.

Spirituality is the underpinning tenet of Churchie life that ultimately seeks to develop empathy and respect for others while exploring faith and self-awareness.

The Canon Jones Memorial Chapel stands at the heart of the School and is an enduring symbol of the central role faith plays in our life. True to our Anglican traditions and values, we encourage an openness and tolerance of the faith and beliefs of others.

Churchie's chaplains conduct chapel worship and contribute to the Religious Education programme. Chapel worship for all students is a regular occurrence and special services are conducted for boarders and other groups in the Churchie community. Many school events begin or end with a prayer or reflection, often led by students and staff.

The chaplains prepare boys for Baptism and Admission to Holy Communion and Confirmation at the appropriate stages in their faith development. Many Churchie Old Boys place special significance on the Chapel. Throughout the year there are many weddings, baptisms and funerals held on campus.

The chaplains are active members of the pastoral care network and are available on request to boys and families for counselling and support at any time. Churchie's vibrant pastoral care programme is supported by the house system, offering a sense of belonging to all boys.

✠ Personal growth

At Churchie we believe our calling is to assist in the development of the whole person.

The School aims to foster growth and development in the life of every young man by providing a comprehensive range of co-curricular challenges and activities. In this way, students can grow in character, build resilience, and maximise their opportunities for achievement and improvement.

All boys are expected to become involved in the co-curricular programme, which fosters lifelong skills and passions to develop well-balanced, resilient citizens. A wide range of performing arts and cultural activities is also available with opportunities in music, chess, theatrical productions, art shows, film and television, photography, debating, camps, exchange programmes and tours (national and international).

As a member of the Greater Public Schools' Association of Queensland (GPS), the School offers a broad range of sports and activities in which students can compete and develop a strong sense of community.

Wide-ranging opportunities allow boys to exercise leadership in both the Senior and Prep Schools as captains, prefects and student leaders. Also, a flourishing Tri-Service Cadets programme (Army, Navy and Air Force) provides excellent opportunities for students to develop leadership and practical skills, transferable throughout life.

Churchie's commitment to personal growth is evident with a comprehensive array of outstanding facilities within close proximity on campus. These include major sporting facilities located on, or close to, the main campus, a first-class strength and conditioning centre accommodating the Health and Physical Education Programme, personal fitness programmes and a state-of-the-art rowing facility overlooking the Brisbane River.

✦ Service

Churchie has a strong commitment to service, both within the School and in the global community, with the aims of expressing our Christian foundation. This fosters a sense of duty to use one's time and talents to serve others and to develop an appreciation of cultural diversity.

Each year, students participate in service programmes including fundraising, gift giving and emergency relief efforts for local, national and international causes.

Students are also involved in transformational service initiatives, including overseas service tours. Examples include international service tours to Samoa, China, Vanuatu and India, delivering Meals on Wheels to senior citizens, assisting in special school programmes, and volunteering in activities such as the Sony Foundation's Children's Holiday Camp, hosted at the School.

In the Preparatory School, boys participate in a series of activities to raise funds to sponsor children overseas, in association with World Vision. All Year 9 students undertake an after-school service activity as part of the Personal Leadership and Development Programme, affiliated to the Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards programme. Students may choose Tri-Service Cadets (Army, Navy and Air Force), Scouts or community service as their activity.

The Senior School day and boarding houses also participate in a local service project led and supported by students and house staff.





Our strategic goals 2018 to 2022

After extensive collaboration with parents, staff and Old Boys, the School Council has released Our Strategy, Churchie's strategic plan for 2018 to 2022.

Our Strategy affirms our identity, character and tradition while targeting key areas on which the school will focus in the coming years. This will advance our mission and continue preparing our young men to be leaders, learners and servants for the world beyond Churchie.

1. Excellence in learning

With world-class facilities, future-focused learning programmes and research-based teaching, we strive to encourage the whole school community to excel and grow. Churchie's partnerships with leading universities, such as Swinburne and The

University of Queensland, continue to develop, enabling tertiary-inspired programmes and research opportunities. With the emotional intelligence and pastoral programmes, the effective implementation of the new Queensland Certificate of Education (ATAR), and the delivery of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and Primary Years Programme, Churchie students are continually challenged to develop courage, skills and resilience to further strengthen the possibility for excellence in all fields.

2. Excellence in teaching and leading

Churchie has an extensive programme to develop staff professionally, believing that lifelong learning should be modelled. Staff are encouraged to vigorously pursue professional interests and many hold, or are undertaking, higher research



degrees at leading universities. With increased staff activity in key research areas, data collection, analysis and publication, Churchie staff will continue to strengthen their existing synergies, improve teaching and learning practices, and be supported in their continued learning endeavours.

3. Balance across our tenets

The School will focus on a balance across the four tenets (academic excellence, spiritual awareness, personal growth and service) to promote the development of the whole person and, indeed, the making of men. The learning environment at Churchie challenges students to consider not only their academic journey but their position in a community and how they will apply their talents and gifts beyond the classroom to lead and serve others.

4. Global focus

Churchie offers a wonderful variety of learning experiences in local, national and international settings, including academic, cultural, service and sporting tours to Europe, America, Asia, South Africa, the Pacific Islands and New Zealand. Churchie offers the study of Chinese, Japanese, Spanish and French, recognising

that our young men will need to be well prepared to compete and flourish in the global community. The delivery of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme and Diploma Programme also enables Churchie to provide a rigorous, world-class curriculum to prepare internationally minded young men. The OldBoys' international network will play a vital role in Churchie's globalisation and the opportunities for boys.

5. World-class corporate service

Providing opportunities for the growth of all staff, not just teaching staff, is a key strategy to ensure that Churchie has, in all facets, a flourishing, creative and innovative community, able to support one another and the students in our care. Key initiatives include delivering the built environment master plan and providing exceptional facilities in which our students and staff can learn, teach, work and grow.

A never-ending journey

✂ **Canon William Perry Morris, who founded Churchie in 1912, envisioned a school that would be a blessing to its students and a gift to Australia.**

‘Let’s have manly games and manly books and a manly school, and nothing flash and nasty. You will, I hope, be a long time at school because it takes time to train a man—and that means teaching a fellow to ‘stick to it’... and to say NO, as I hope you do, when someone wants you to do something dirty or crooked; and to stand up against bullying and lying, and in support of what is right.

It means going respectfully to your father and following his advice, and being chivalrous and helpful to your mother in every possible way; and courteous to women and old and infirm people; and modest and knowing your place. All this takes time to learn...’ *Canon W P Morris*

The sense of community among students, parents and Old Boys is one of Churchie’s greatest attributes and enables bonds well beyond the school gate.

Given the changing perceptions of what makes a good school and the changing demographics over the years, it is noteworthy that Churchie’s enrolment of sons of Old Boys is among the highest of any school in Australia.

Many graduates return as academic tutors, mentors and coaches to support the academic and co-curricular programmes, and Old Boys’ weddings and baptisms in the School Chapel are regular events.

In the first year after graduation, young men are invited to the new Old Boys’ Reunion, and year group reunions are held each year in Queensland, interstate and overseas. The annual Old Boys’ Dinner provides an opportunity for former students of all age groups to come together and share their life experiences.

For many Old Boys, the habit of giving to others continues as they join the Churchie Foundation and support further development of the School by investing in the spirit of Churchie.





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