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NAMBOUR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PROSPECTUS





Welcome

TO OUR COLLEGE

A LIFELONG ADVANTAGE

Nambour Christian College is uniquely situated on an 18-hectare site within the foothills of the beautiful Sunshine Coast. The College has grown from its first intake of 36 students in 1980, to a large, well equipped facility comprising three sub-schools and a 55 hectare outdoor education campus at Imbil.

Natural forest areas scattered throughout the campus have attracted native plants, birds and animals and provide an ideal environment for the academic, cultural and sporting pursuits offered at the College.

As students complete their education at Nambour Christian College, they will develop a comprehensive understanding of Christian values, a clear appreciation of the importance of life long learning and a desire to shape their own future and that of the society into which they go.

An exceptional teaching and administrative team provide the educational support, nurture and encouragement for students' overall development, equipping them with values, skills and resolve that will serve them well through their lifetime.



At NCC our attention is focused on your child who is known and valued as an individual by staff members who care passionately about the overall wellbeing of our students. Our aim is to work with parents, local churches and the community in providing a quality educational environment that fosters security, support and success in academic, spiritual, social and physical areas of the students' lives.

Choosing the right school for our children is one of the greatest gifts we as parents can give them in their journey through life. I trust that this prospectus will assist you as you make this important decision.

We invite you to find out more about how Nambour Christian College can create and foster an outstanding growth and learning environment for your child, promising them the best possible start and a lifelong advantage.

Bruce Campbell HEAD OF COLLEGE

Chairman Christian Schools Australia - Queensland
Member, Australian Council for Education
Member, Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia



Mission STATEMENT

“Our mission is to provide a Christ-centred caring environment for every student, through the co-operation and involvement of staff, students and their families in the school community. We encourage all students to pursue excellence according to their potential, so that they can develop into effective members of society, serving God and using their gifts and talents in their chosen fields.”



ng friendships begin ...



A Quality LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

AN ENVIABLE REPUTATION

Nambour Christian College is recognised in many arenas for its outstanding achievements and has a well-earned reputation as one of the Sunshine Coast's premier educational institutions. The College is open to all families who desire a Christian education for their children, regardless of their economic status.

It is a genuine, learning, faith community with a mix of students from a wide cross-section of Australian society. Staff-student relationships are warm, friendly and respectful.

We believe that the Christian witness of the school must be clearly expressed in personal relationships throughout the whole College community.

We offer students an optimum learning and growth environment, based on timeless Christian values and delivered with a sense of passion, enthusiasm and fun.

As a result, students complete their education with a lifelong sense of purpose, a self-confidence in their ability to achieve and a love of learning.



Our academic program is underpinned by a supportive Christian environment and first class facilities. Walk through the school and you will quickly realise the enormous depth of resources available to your child to help them achieve their full potential.

Modern, brightly coloured, architecturally designed buildings offer generous classroom and teaching spaces and foster a friendly, uplifting and personal learning environment.

partnering with parents





SPECIALIST LEARNING FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- An air conditioned, computerised resource centre accommodating extensive resources
- A fully equipped hospitality building with modern kitchen and catering facilities
- A well equipped manual arts building
- Purpose designed science laboratories
- Comprehensive information technology resources, including four computer laboratories, generously equipped with the latest technology, including both Internet and multimedia resources
- A fully equipped speech and drama facility, including film and television studio with extensive costume wardrobe and stage props
- Specialised music studios
- Business and industrial technology rooms
- A fully functioning agricultural farm, allowing your child to learn about growing crops and caring for livestock
- A spectacular lecture theatre / auditorium
- Extensive sporting and recreational facilities, including sports fields, tennis and basketball courts
- A large, modern fleet of buses used to transport students to and from school.

Since we first opened our doors, our focus has been on **offering students the best possible opportunity to learn and grow.** Our provision of a full range of options enables students to explore their chosen path and to identify the best possible career choices for their individual talents and personality.

We will continue to maintain and develop our resource bank throughout your child's stay with the College, ensuring access to the widest possible range of opportunities.

STEP-BY-STEP CARE FOR YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS

The College is divided into three Sub Schools:

Primary School (Pre-school to Year 6), **Middle School** (Years 7, 8 and 9) and **Senior School** (Years 10, 11 and 12).

Each Sub School has its own Head of School responsible to the Head of College for day-to-day operations and its own faculty whose members use every opportunity to form close relationships with the students in their care.

Teachers in each Sub School are highly trained, experienced and dedicated to providing your child with the highest standards of comprehensive education.



creativity and education



PROVIDING THE RIGHT START IS OUR GOAL

After the initial years at home, the change to a school environment is a huge move for both parents and their children. We have carefully planned our Pre-School curriculum to strike a healthy balance between fun and a more

structured learning environment for your child. At this age, children are particularly receptive to learning and we make an enormous effort to nurture this enthusiasm, while being careful to develop routines that facilitate an easy transition from home to school.

A close relationship with our parents is an essential part of our program and together with the teachers and the Parent Committee we make available the necessary resources and guidance to achieve the optimum learning facility.

Your child is introduced to the skills of Science and Technology, Literacy and Numeracy, Music, Art, Drama, Fitness and Dance. Christian values and beliefs are also actively promoted throughout this level.

Pre-School





Primary SCHOOL

BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION

The strength of any building rests in its foundations. *Likewise, when building character, it is vital to lay the right foundations early.*

For this reason, we place enormous emphasis on creating the perfect setting – delivering structure, learning and fun.

Our atmosphere is warm and caring, offering students a stimulating, enriched and disciplined educational environment. From the very beginning, emphasis is placed on your child building a firm

understanding of literacy and numeracy, with additional learning support available when needed. In infant grades, our class sizes are limited so that the needs of each child are properly met.

Students have their own teacher for the core curriculum, with access to specialists for Art, Music, Physical and Religious Education. They also have exposure to other, more diversified areas of learning and a wide range of other experiences and challenges. They are introduced to computers from Year 1. Each class enjoys a solid foundation of Biblical



teaching through stories, singing and morning prayer. Musical groups such as choirs, bands, orchestras and ensembles, as well as debating, public speaking and chess are all very stimulating to young minds. The emphasis in sport is not just on physical fitness, but participation and enjoyment. Children in

Years 4 to 6 have the opportunity to meet and compete with children from other schools. Through this stage of schooling, we actively encourage the participation of parents and grandparents in planned events, nurturing a healthy link between home, school and church.

building the foundation





ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

The Middle School incorporates Years 7, 8 & 9 and serves the vitally important role of disciplining independent thinking and bridging the gap between Primary and Senior Schooling.

Recognising that young adolescents have very unique and individual needs, Nambour Christian College Middle School aims

to nurture, stimulate and challenge students so that they assimilate their own practices and culture of specialised learning.

Students enjoy the benefits of a varied curriculum involving core subjects including English, Humanities, Christian Living, Maths, Science, LOTE, Physical Education and Chapel with more hands on, activity based

learning such as Agricultural Science, Art, Industrial Technology, Home Economics, Drama, Music and Media. These choices enable them to understand their own interests and abilities so that they can make more informed decisions when

selecting specialised courses in the senior years. In brief, ***Nambour Christian College Middle School aims to combine fresh and relevant academic challenges in an environment that fosters security, support and success.***

Middle SCHOOL





Senior SCHOOL



LEARNING FOR LIFE

In the senior years, all students are encouraged to participate in a broad range of subjects, reflecting their diverse interests and needs. Subjects include English Language, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Creative and Performing Arts, Computing, Business, Design and Construction, Technology and Agricultural Science.

While some of these subjects include vocational modules, other subjects such as Hospitality are dedicated to Vocational

Certificate Accreditation. Recognising that successful education is not just measured in grades, Nambour Christian College also offers a considerable number of school-based Traineeships and Apprenticeships that allow combined study at school with on-the-job training.

During the senior years teachers continue to give freely of their time and are actively involved in the pastoral care of students. Students are further encouraged to seek out any teacher with whom they relate well and discuss



career and life issues.

All students are challenged to consider ways in which they can lead and serve others within and outside the College community.

Above all, the Senior School aims to help students further understand their special interests and gifts and to develop the necessary skills and knowledge for life, not just for making a living.

equipping for the future





Beyond THE CLASSROOM



DIVERSE ACTIVITIES

Learning and personal growth is a daily activity that extends well beyond the classroom.

An exciting range of co-curricula and extracurricula activities cater for all student's diverse abilities, *offering them the chance to form life-long interests, strengthen self-confidence, self-awareness and positive self-esteem*

giving them valuable avenues for building close friendships. We believe that providing students with the opportunity to develop skills in cultural, sporting, outdoor adventure programs and performing arts will foster self-confidence, self-esteem and interpersonal skills. Students who have special talents in a particular area are encouraged to participate in College teams and cultural activities.

Outdoor Education and our wide variety of camping

events are a highlight of the College year for many students. The College's Outdoor Education property is situated adjoining Borumba Dam at Imbil.

Other programs include the Year 7's Coast to Country trip, Year 10's Sydney to Canberra trip and the Year 12's Fiji Outreach Ministry Trip. Students have the opportunity to share the



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gospel message in schools, churches and local communities through various creative and performing art activities.

PHYSICAL PURSUITS

Health and fitness are cornerstones of personal wellbeing and vital elements

of the curriculum at Nambour Christian College.

At every stage of the educational process, we focus on providing all students with a wide range of individual and team sporting activities both in the classroom and competitively through sports

carnivals and interschool competitions.

Students with outstanding sporting skills are encouraged to further develop their talents through extracurricula training. Most importantly, regardless of athletic ability, the College encourages all students to participate as fully as their abilities permit and to play sport for both enjoyment and physical fitness.

LIGHTS, ACTION, DRAMA

Creative and performing art activities are also available,

both as part of the curriculum and as *extracurricula experiences to enhance personal development and Christian ministry.*

Students also have ample opportunity to explore their musical abilities and interests. Individual tuition is available for a wide range of instruments and enthusiastic students may join and perform in one of the many College bands, choral groups and other musical events both inside and outside the College community.



The College also proudly devotes time and talent to produce intra-school and main stage musicals. From the earliest days of "Light Your World" presented in the College chapel, to the wonderful production of "Joseph" in the main hall of the Nambour Civic Centre, students have been given an excellent avenue through which to express their creativity and particular talents.



Bring individual talents and dreams ...



Preparing

FOR THE REAL WORLD



ACHIEVEMENTS

Nambour Christian College is in the business of developing your child's future.

Our responsibility is to provide your child with access to people, plans, guidance and technology **that will equip them with the necessary skills, values and self confidence to thrive in a rapidly changing world.**

We respect the responsibility you entrust to us and are committed to making your child's next step as easy and rewarding as possible.

Rigorous academic testing, intensive character development, staff mentoring, aesthetic development and various career readiness programs provide a wide variety of opportunities and activities for our students to prepare themselves properly for their journey beyond our College campus.

During this important time, the College strives to encourage all students to fully explore their options. As a senior student, your child is offered assistance with career and job choices and with the selection of post school courses including University, TAFE, Christian training institutions and private trainers.

School based Traineeships form an integral part of this process. Nambour Christian College is proud to offer one of the highest levels of school-based Traineeships in the private schooling sector in Queensland, with many of our senior students on the job each week with Traineeships in businesses all over the Sunshine Coast.

Through a Traineeship, your teenager has the opportunity to actively participate in paid work, one day each week during Years 11 and 12.

facing the challenges of tomorrow



focusing on career skills

They may also complete a Certificate II course at TAFE, gaining valuable work related skills and attitudes and receive recognition of their training on their Senior Certificate.

In addition to Traineeships, all Year 10, 11 and 12 students are encouraged to participate in our two week work experience program, employed by one of the hundreds of local businesses associated with our College.

Aside from building valuable community links and ensuring our curriculum remains focused on real world needs, **our Traineeship and Work Experience programs allow students to evaluate their strengths and preferences in a real world environment** prior to leaving school.

To celebrate your child's achievement in completing their College education, we hold an annual Graduation

Dinner in mid November. The Ceremony highlights the rich and varied creative talents of senior students and also serves to acknowledge the vital role parents play in caring for and supporting their children's development throughout the schooling years.

Our College is recognised as a leader in Independent Christian Education on the Sunshine Coast and throughout Australia and

Asia, having established a fine tradition of excellence and innovation in a caring Christian environment.

We invite you to visit our College to discuss your child's educational future personally with us.



Quote FROM A PAST STUDENT

" NCC PREPARED ME TO MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES SO I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO MY WORLD "





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PASTORAL CARE WITHIN COLLEGE LIFE

Nambour Christian College believes that Christian education involves much more than academic and sporting excellence.

Accordingly, Pastoral Care remains a vital part of the College ethos. This involves the willing participation of every staff member as they prayerfully model and teach the gospel of Christ on a daily basis. In partnership with student families, local churches and community agencies, the College works to prepare our students to meet the challenges of our modern world.

This comprehensive and coordinated Pastoral Care structure provides a safe, secure, disciplined environment that ensures the physical, spiritual and emotional well being of our students. All students are nurtured, supported and challenged to live their faith and embrace life to the full. Consequently students confidently give leadership in peer support, mediation, discipleship, service, prayer, mission and outreach.

As part of the Pastoral Care program, Nambour Christian College facilitates accredited public information sessions and parenting seminars. Special events include fishing camps to Double Island Point, outings

to premier sporting events and a mission trip to Fiji for senior students. Such proactive initiatives represent our pastoral commitment to our students, their families and the wider community.

This integrated approach to Pastoral Care ensures that each student is afforded every opportunity to achieve their full potential, while at the same time being both challenged and encouraged in their personal faith and Christian walk.

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

As the world becomes smaller and we operate in a global economy, we have made great effort to

introduce students to multicultural experiences. Nambour Christian College has established sister school relationships with educational institutions in Korea and Japan, with future plans for an international exchange program. We also give support to schools in Fiji and Thailand.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Over the past twenty years, Nambour Christian College students have taken an active role in the wider community. Our choirs, timbrelists and other performers have entertained at nursing homes and hospitals, retirement villages, school concerts, fetes, churches and the streets of Nambour.



trust and commitment

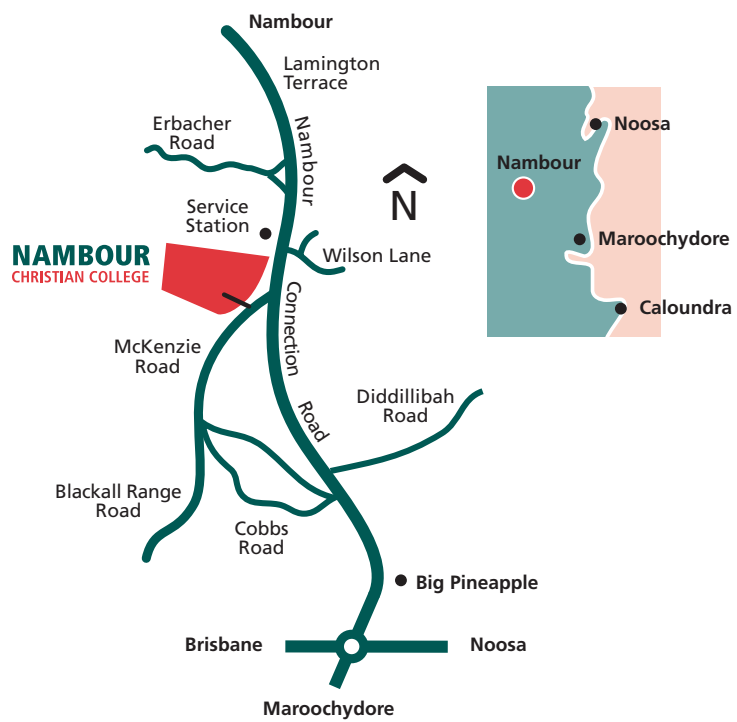


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