







# St Joseph's Nudgee College Prospectus

St Joseph's Nudgee College was established in 1891 and is one of the oldest continuing Catholic boys' boarding schools in Australia.

We have a strong school culture that is based upon clear values and high expectations. Nudgee College has developed a proud reputation as a school in which fine young boys grow and develop into outstanding young gentlemen who are passionate about their school, about their learning and about making the most of the many opportunities that Nudgee College provides.





## Learning and Teaching

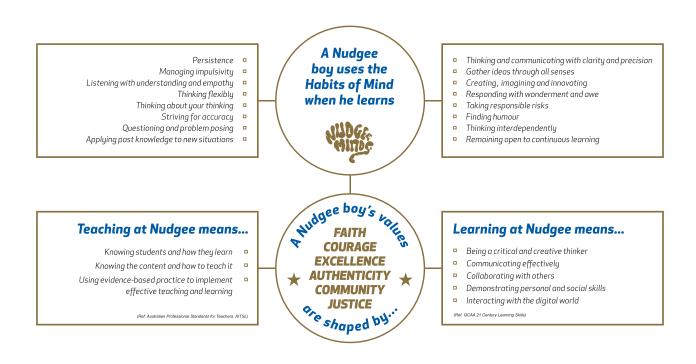
On a daily basis students are taught, cared for and challenged by teachers who want to bring out the best in all of their students. With a focus on 21st century skills, all boys are encouraged and taught to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, to create and innovate and to be able to communicate and collaborate.

Every student is catered for through our rich and diverse subject offerings, our Learning Support Department, our Enrichment Program and our Vocational Education and Training Program (RTO Code: 30498).

Students are encouraged to be lifelong learners to ensure they thrive in the world post-school. The College has invested extensive time and resources in promoting disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) due to the increasing emphasis on STEAM-related careers.

In this rapidly changing technological world, Nudgee College teachers are at the forefront of innovation. 'Flipped learning' is a commonly used practice at the College to increase student engagement. This refers to teachers providing video explanations of different concepts for students to view in their own time; class time can then be used for students to ask questions and apply their learning.

Nudgee College's state of the art facilities, including the award-winning DJ Hanly Learning Centre, ensure students can learn and grow in an environment conducive to their future success.







#### Student Formation

The personal development and wellbeing of each student are key areas of focus for the College. The Student Formation Program endeavours to promote a positive mindset, a belief in one's own abilities and talents, and a resilient outlook that has courage and persistence at its foundation.

Ultimately, we strive to develop the 'Signum Fidei graduate'; a young man who, through his actions, is a Sign of Faith to the world.

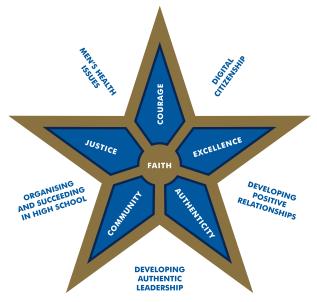
The House system facilitates the delivery of personalised pastoral care, making a big school feel small. Each boy within his House is regarded as an individual; his House Dean knows and understands his needs and follows his progress throughout his entire journey.

The development of strong personal relationships based on trust, mutual respect and dignity between staff, students and families is fundamental within our community. This is particularly true amongst the students, who often develop close bonds of friendship through their shared passion for their school and the notion of brotherhood that flows across the cohorts.

Beyond the classroom, students in Years 5 to 8 attend camps, allowing them to build self-confidence, foster and strengthen friendships, engage in collaborative activities, and explore the natural environment. The camp program intertwines with the Identity department's retreat program for Years 5 to 12.

Throughout their journey, students engage in content that we feel prepares our boys to leave as *Signum Fidei* graduates. Each year in Student Formation, students will encounter content and conversations around men's health, digital citizenship, positive relationships, leadership and tools for success. These key areas connect to the College's overall strategic priorities:







## Identity

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, the College's values and beliefs are shaped by the Touchstones of Liberating Education, Gospel Spirituality, Inclusive Community, and Justice and Solidarity.

The College's Social Justice Program is one way in which students are called to put these values into action. From charitable fundraising to service and advocacy initiatives, this program allows students to develop empathy and compassion, break down stereotypes, and develop a genuine desire to work towards a better world for all. The Identity department also champions a culture of sustainability at the College, with initiatives aimed at protecting the natural environment and reducing waste.

Every year level is given the opportunity to attend retreats, which allow students to take time away from the busyness of school life for reflection, prayer and collaboration with their peers. The Year 10 Immersion Program is a particular highlight of the retreat calendar, and sees some students travel as far as Papua New Guinea or Cambodia to stand in solidarity with the marginalised, hear stories of those from different backgrounds, and develop an awareness of their own value and individuality.

In the classroom, students are challenged to explore their spirituality through Religious Education. Through reflection on the Gospel message and its influence on many significant characters in the Church and in political history, students explore the place these values, ethics and responsibilities have in our daily lives.

The liturgical life of the College is one of community and ritual, with several Masses and liturgies held each year to celebrate or commemorate, as well as the regular weekly Masses for the Boarding community.











## Boarding

Nudgee College Boarding is often described as a home away from home. From the bonds of brotherhood that form amongst the boys, to the nurture and guidance provided by House Mums and Supervisors, it is a home where each boy is supported in all aspects of their daily life.

The boys' emotional and physical health and wellbeing is of the utmost importance to the College. The on-campus Health Centre provides 24/7 care to students, ensuring that at any time, day or night, they can receive the care they need. The kitchen is staffed with chefs who prepare nutritious, well-balanced meals. Every member of the Boarding team is dedicated to building a strong rapport with the boys in their care, so they can support them during hard times, and celebrate with them during moments of success.

The Boarding community has been at the heart of the College since its founding, and is a valued and thriving facet of Nudgee College with plenty of fantastic opportunities to further all aspects of a student's development. The modern Boarding Village features spacious individual rooms, shared common areas for study and recreation and a large communal courtyard with eco-friendly design.

The boarding experience is one that continues to give long after graduation. As a boarder you are part of a tribe, and many past boarders will attest that the relationships built and connections made in Nudgee College Boarding develop into lifelong friendships.





#### **Junior School**

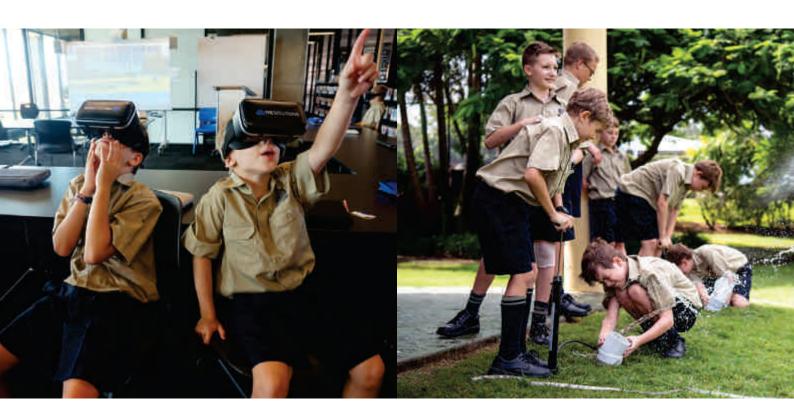
Nudgee College's Junior School provides boys with an invaluable introduction to the Nudgee College culture and academic approach, in a nurturing environment which meets the specific needs of Year 5 and 6 students.

Our core subjects include Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) and Science, in addition to specialist subjects in the fields of Health and Physical Education, Japanese and the Arts (Music and Visual Arts).

Teachers in the Junior School integrate a variety of technologies and modern teaching practices to engage the boys in quality learning, including:

- Flipped learning education videos filmed by the Junior School teachers themselves
- Year level Google sites, which provide not only an incredible resource for students, but also a window into the classroom for parents as to what your son is learning
- The use of Google digital platforms, which allows students to engage in collaborative learning

Every boy in the Junior School is supported by dedicated teaching and support staff, as well as Year 12 Big Brothers who mentor our youngest members of the College. The Year 5 and 6s often form a strong bond with their Senior role models as they have someone to go to for advice, to share a laugh with in PC, and to cheer them on at Inter-house Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals. It is these bonds, along with the early introduction to Nudgee College life, which allow the Junior School boys to thrive across their eight year journey at the College.







### Activities

The College's all-inclusive co-curricular program encompasses a wide range of sporting and cultural activities.

Whether boys are looking for a high performance environment or they simply love an activity and wish to participate, everyone can find a place to nurture their passions and strengths.

The College is a member school of the Queensland Greater Public Schools (GPS) Association, in addition to running several clubs to round out the comprehensive Activities Program.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4	THROUGHOUT YEAR
<ul><li>Cricket</li><li>Volleyball (Years 7 - 12)</li><li>Rowing (Years 9 - 12)</li><li>Swimming</li></ul>		<ul><li>Rugby</li><li>Basketball</li></ul>	□ Track and Field	<ul> <li>AV Crew</li> <li>Cattle Club</li> <li>Chess</li> <li>Debating</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Musical (every second year)</li> <li>STEAM and Robotics Club</li> <li>Sustainability Action Group</li> <li>Theatresports</li> </ul>







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