



Prospectus

Welcome to St Laurence's College





Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I welcome your interest in our College.

St Laurence's College has a proud tradition of educating young men, since 1915. Our College was established to educate young men to make a difference in the lives of others.

At St Laurence's College, we value academic excellence, whether that be in the Tertiary Entrance Pathway or through the Vocational Pathway. Experience tells us that young men achieve when they feel a sense of connection with their College. This is where we excel! Our students can benefit from our Creative Arts and Music programs, our excellent Sporting program and our Faith in Action initiatives.

We are proudly a school in the Edmund Rice Tradition and we honour the legacy of the Christian Brothers who founded this College. Our staff model this and aim to support families in developing young men who achieve excellence and contribute positively to society.

It is my hope that you come to understand the unique Lauries' story and that your connection begins here leading to a mutually supportive relationship.

Regards,

Mr Chris Leadbetter

Principal





St Laurence's College is a Catholic school for boys in the Brisbane Archdiocese. The College, established on its current site in 1915 by the Christian Brothers, is a member of the national educational network of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA).

Boys attending the College from Years 5–12 come from across the metropolitan area representing a rich mix of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, including international students. Boys from religious traditions outside the Catholic faith add richness to the culture of the College. The current enrolment is approximately 1900 students, lead by a team of 200 teachers and support staff.

The vibrant, Catholic culture within St Laurence's College contributes to the development of young men, providing an authentic Catholic education in partnership with staff, parents, families and the wider community. This authentic Catholic education aims to promote spiritual, moral, intellectual, emotional, physical, cultural and social aspects of life through the provision of a wide variety of faith experiences and academic, cultural, sporting and service opportunities.

Mission

St Laurence's College is an evangelising faith community with the Gospel imperatives of love, reconciliation, renewal and care for the poor as central to its purpose. We are all called to a relationship in the community demonstrating the Catholic Church's commitment to the dignity of the individual, recognising that each person is made in the image of God and is a reflection of God's goodness.

The College offers a distinctive educational philosophy based on a commitment to education as liberation. Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers, attempted to change and transform people and society by being counter-cultural. He assisted those in need, protected the weak and vulnerable, and challenged all 'to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with their God'. These values of leadership, service and co-responsibility are core to the educational opportunities provided within the College.

The educational program at the College aims to enable people to be transformational in their own lives and the lives of others. To this end, each member of the community is encouraged to develop relationships in which every person is empowered and enriched by active participation, cooperation, collaboration and enthusiasm - a community where life may be enjoyed and celebrated with creativity and passion.

Student Welfare

The welfare of every boy is paramount at St Laurence's College. The College fosters an ethos which encourages students to pursue their studies with purpose and confidence, through personal excellence in all they do. Great value is placed on developing positive characteristics which are conducive to learning, whilst providing 21st century skills for success outside the classroom.

The College has high expectations of student behaviour, promoting Catholic values, self-discipline, resilience and a growth mindset. Our principles for personal appearance, attendance, punctuality and good conduct enhance self-confidence, self-esteem and good habits for later life. Student welfare is the concern of every staff member. In its broadest context it covers the care of all students, including their emotional, social, spiritual and intellectual wellbeing.

The Student Handbook/Diary provides a means of communication between parents and teachers, and encourages students to learn organisational skills. Our Peer Support Program with Senior Students enables them to support younger students, especially during their first weeks at the College. Students have the opportunity throughout Primary, Middle and Senior years for leadership roles, culminating in Year 12 with formal leadership positions including College Captains, House Captains and Prefects.

The Lauries Journey

Every boy feels known and valued for being the person that he is.

'The Lauries Journey' is the pastoral program aimed at developing the 'Lauries Gentleman'. The 'Lauries Gentleman' is focused on three pillars including: service to others, humility and action. As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, it expresses the care and respect for the dignity of each individual both within and outside the College

Metaphorically, it is the journey that each boy will take at the College which will see him grow from a young boy into a young man, centred on respect. It is not a journey that they will take alone, but one that will have the comforting support of their parents, friends and teachers.

'The Lauries Journey' seeks to ensure that every boy feels known and valued for being the person that he is. It seeks to equip him with the knowledge, skills and qualities to develop his character; deepen his faith, widen his friendships and strengthen his belief in his own potential. It also seeks to establish good relationships.

It is within the context of meaningful relationships between student and teacher that true learning takes place. St Laurence's College has a long, proud tradition of Old Boys who see themselves as still on 'The Lauries Journey' because of the significance of the relationships they experienced at school.

Outdoor Education

Outdoor education is an essential part of the College curriculum. These developmental programs enhance a boy's self-esteem and team skills. Students follow a program of increasing challenge, culminating in a journey requiring significant self-reliance and resilience.



“Being School Captain of St Laurence’s College is an honour and a privilege. I am inspired by the values and traditions of the students who have come before me.”

– Harry Kidd, College Captain for 2018

History & Tradition

The College is a place of learning; a community of learners and teachers.

The first development on the hill where St Laurence's College now stands was the foundation of a minor seminary for boys called St Kilian's by the first Bishop of Brisbane, Dr Quinn. In 1874, the Bishop urged the Christian Brothers to take responsibility for St Kilian's as the first of their schools in Brisbane. Br Barrett was unimpressed, as he put it, by the frequent flooding of the streets by the river, and so he declined.

In 1899, this historic school, which was in turn under the control of the clergy and lay staff, was destroyed by fire. The new school, St Laurence's owes its foundation to Dr Duhig of whom the Advocate wrote 'His Grace Archbishop Duhig has thrown himself into the work of establishing St Laurence's with his accustomed vigour'.

The first staff members, Brs J Hogan, A Brennan, N Doran and D O'Connell and Mr Dean, faced 270 boys on the opening day in 1915. The original building is still standing. Two years later the Brothers' Monastery was completed, and these two fine buildings with unpaved playing area between them on the crest of the hill, fulfilled the accommodation needs for many years.

During World War II, the College was taken over by the Army and classes were moved to Greenslopes. A new classroom block was completed in 1961, providing much needed accommodation, and in 1968 the main classroom block over the cliff and the Science block were completed. The needs of the Catholic population of the southside of Brisbane drove this rapid expansion.

The College campus has grown and flourished over the last 20 years to one of the best equipped learning environments for boys in Brisbane, supporting boys of diverse backgrounds and talents.



College Campus



Curriculum

The College is committed to growing each student's learning potential to gain mastery within his chosen field of study.



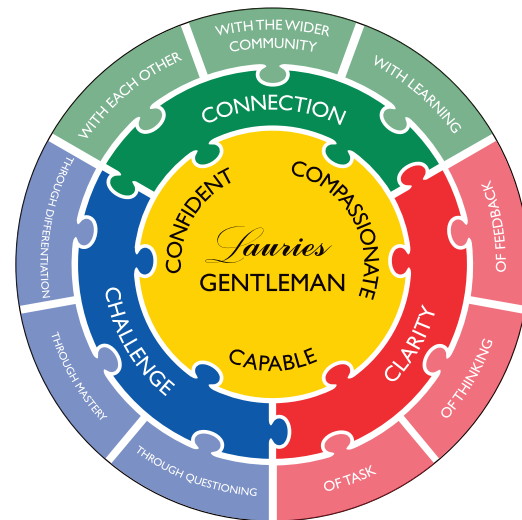
St Laurence's College offers a program of studies from Year 5 to 12 where the vision of a holistic education for each student centres on liberation for 'life to the full' (John 10:10).

Our Vision for Learning

Our students graduate as confident, capable and compassionate men of faith. As self-directed lifelong learners they exhibit a growth mindset and form positive relationships with others.

Belief About Learning

Learning at St Laurence's College is student-centred, where active engagement occurs in dynamic and relevant learning environments that enable the learner to acquire new knowledge, deepen their understanding, and apply concepts to new contexts or ideas.



The 21st Century skills and discipline-specific literacies form the foundation of the metacognitive processes that lead to mastery within a field of study.

While offering a variety of courses at all levels which cater for a range of students' ability, the College has high expectations of student application and achievement. Clear standards expected for classroom work, assignment presentation, homework and examinations are communicated via numerous forums.

It is expected that parents will work in partnership with the College to achieve the best outcomes for students. Students' academic progress is carefully monitored and formal reporting to parents occurs three times per year.

From Year 5 to 12 the College offers both support and extension programs to ensure that all boys receive a high quality education.

Extension programs include:

- Immersion opportunities
- Gifted and Talented programs
- Days of Excellence
- Local, State, National and International Academic and Vocational Education competitions
- University Partnerships
- Career Education and Counselling
- Targeted programs in Mathematics and English

Support programs include:

- Literacy and Numeracy support
- ESL programs
- Work Education and Transition

Facilities

St Laurence's College offers outstanding facilities, harnessing the perfect blend of heritage buildings and modern, student-centred learning spaces.

St Laurence's College has excellent buildings, grounds and facilities which are conducive to promoting an effective learning environment.

Special features include: well-equipped classrooms, science and computer laboratories, library and resource centre, specialist rooms for music, television, graphics, design and technology. These facilities are complemented by a modern Performing Arts Centre, Chapel, rooftop field and newly opened STEM building and indoor Sports Centre.

The College's playing fields are located at Runcorn, adjacent to the railway station. Eight fields are enhanced by new change rooms and a function centre.

St Laurence's outdoor education centre is located on five hectares on the western bank of Lake Moogerah.

Primary School Years 5-6



The St Laurence's College Primary School sits within the overall structure of Years 5 to 12, while maintaining a distinct and significant identity.

In 2018, the Br Hogan Building was completely renovated and modernised to deliver a self-contained, state of the art Primary Precinct. The precinct includes six flexible learning classrooms, a learning support room, learning gallery, student bathrooms and a student services/administration office. In addition to this, Primary students also have the opportunity to access all of the College facilities, particularly specialist areas such as Art, Music, Drama and Sports.

Primary boys are well supported by the Year 12 'Peer Mentor' and 'Transport Buddies' programs, which aim to develop a strong sense of belonging and support.

In the Primary School, the 'Lauries Journey' is the basis of the pastoral care program, with an emphasis on forming supportive relationships. This program includes significant community celebrations such as Mother's Day and Father's Day, as well as liturgical ceremonies for each year level.

Primary School Subjects

The subjects currently offered in the Primary School are:

- Religion
- English
- Mathematics
- HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)
- Science
- Expressive Arts (Art, Music, Drama)
- Health and Physical Education
- LOTE (Chinese, Cultural Studies)

Information Technology is embedded in each of these subjects and is supported by the use of interactive televisions and laptops in all primary classrooms.

Primary students also have access to, and are encouraged to engage in, the extensive Co-Curricular programs in sport, music, service, culture and community.



Middle School Years 7–9



The Middle School comprises Years 7 to 9, and encompasses a unique and challenging period for boys. Students are encouraged to develop independence and take responsibility by becoming accountable for their own learning and interpersonal behaviour in preparation for the Senior School.

21st Century Skills

Students build on the learning dispositions developed during their Primary years as they deepen their 21st Century skills in agile learning spaces designed to cater for all students.

Young people are increasingly required to be innovators, entrepreneurs, responsible global citizens and lifelong learners.

Underpinning these dispositions are the following skills:

- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Communication
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Personal and social skills
- ICT skills

Year 7 Subjects

- Visual and Performing Arts (Music, Art, Drama)
- Chinese
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Technologies (Digital, Design, Graphics)
- Mathematics
- Religion
- Science
- History
- Geography

Years 8 & 9 Core Subjects

- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Religious Education
- Science
- History
- Geography

Years 8 & 9 Elective Subjects

- Art
- Business Studies
- Chinese
- Drama
- Engineering and Industrial Design
- Graphics and Design
- Information Technology
- Media
- Music



Senior School Years 10–12

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, the St Laurence's College Senior School provides a curriculum attentive to the needs of each person.

In Year 10, students complete core and elective subjects. The subject planning process begins in Year 9 to prepare students for their Senior School years. Two main pathways exist in the Senior School. These are a 'QCE plus ATAR' pathway (recommended for Tertiary entrance), and a 'QCE only' pathway (recommended for Vocational students). Opportunities to refine their pathway are presented through senior transition subjects. The Year 10 curriculum deliberately mirrors the Year 11 and 12 subjects so that students are prepared for success in their chosen pathway.

In Years 11 and 12 at St Laurence's College, students study two Core and four Elective subjects in order to be eligible for the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Students are encouraged to select a studies pathway that is suited to their interests, abilities or eligibility needs. The benefit of studying at St Laurence's College is the variety and depth of available subject offerings.

We are proud to value and encourage all students, regardless of their post-school pathway.

The Year 10 to 12 program, offers:

- More flexible choice of study options
- A 'QCE plus ATAR' (tertiary) pathway
- A 'QCE only' (vocational) pathway
- Opportunities to study university level subjects
- Opportunities to be sponsored by industries in 'cadet' situations
- Opportunities to study at TAFE
- Work placement opportunities
- School based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

The compulsory elements of the curriculum are:

- Catholic Studies (an experiential based subject which links the teachings of Blessed Edmund Rice, with authentic classroom activities focused on the rich religious life at the College)
- An English subject
- A Mathematics subject

Year 11 & 12 Core Subjects

General Subjects

- English; or English as an Additional Language; or Literature
- General Mathematics; or Mathematical Methods

Applied Subjects

- Essential English
- Essential Mathematics

Senior School Elective Subjects

General Subjects

- Accounting
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Design
- Digital Solutions
- Drama
- Economics
- Engineering
- Film Television and New Media
- Geography
- Health Education
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Music
- Philosophy and Reason
- Physics
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Specialist Mathematics
- Study of Religion
- Visual Art

Applied Subjects

- Arts in Practice
- Business Studies
- Furnishing
- Industrial Graphics Skills (Year 10 only)
- Recreation
- Religion and Ethics
- Social and Community Studies
- Tourism
- Applied Science (Year 10 only)

Certificate Subjects

- Certificate III in Business (BSB30115 - RTO22557 Foundation Education)
- Certificate III in Engineering – Technical (MEM30505 – RTO31396 SkillsTech Australia)
- Certificate III in Fitness (SIS30315 – RTO22557 Foundation Education)
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (UEE22011 – RTO31396 SkillsTech Australia)
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (MEM20413 - RTO31396 SkillsTech Australia)
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation – Year 10 (SIS20115 - RTO22557 Foundation Education)
- Certificate II in Sport Coaching – Year 12 (SIS20513 – RTO91345 College of Sports and Fitness)
- Certificate I in Construction (CPC10111 – RTO30357 St Laurence's College)

All of the above subjects contribute to a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Calculation of an ATAR is based upon:

- A student's best five General subject results
- A student's best results in a combination of four General Subject results, plus one of the following applied learning subject results:
 - The best result in a QCAA Applied (currently Authority-registered subject or Subject Area Syllabus subject)
 - Certificate III
 - Certificate IV
 - Diploma or Advanced diploma.

Co-Curricular Programs



Sport

St Laurence's College enjoys a proud record of sporting achievement. Participation in sporting activities, especially team games, is an integral part of the life the College.

Students have a chance of selection in the school's representative teams, which play in the Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) competition. Teams are represented in Cricket, Swimming, Track and Field, Volleyball, AFL, Rugby, Football, Chess, Cross Country, Basketball, Golf, Tennis and Rugby League.

Other sporting opportunities are offered through the Metropolitan East Region Sports program and other local club competitions.

The Arts

The College has an extensive and internationally recognised music program which works together with curriculum music to develop skilled and confident musicians. Students can participate in the instrumental tuition program during the school day and join orchestras, bands, ensembles and choirs

which practise outside school hours. Ensembles perform with groups including the University of Queensland Orchestra and the Queensland Conservatorium Orchestra. Students also enjoy performances with other school groups, as well as in both national and international festivals. Music ensembles periodically tour interstate and overseas. The College is proud of its reputation in this area and encourages all students to be involved in the music program.

The College also offers a range of creative and cultural activities including Art Club, Film and Television Club, debating, public speaking, musicals, dance and drama productions.

Career and Vocational Education

Guidance towards the choice of a career is given through both formal career education and the work experience program. Careers counselling is provided through the Careers Advisor. A careers centre is centrally located on the campus.

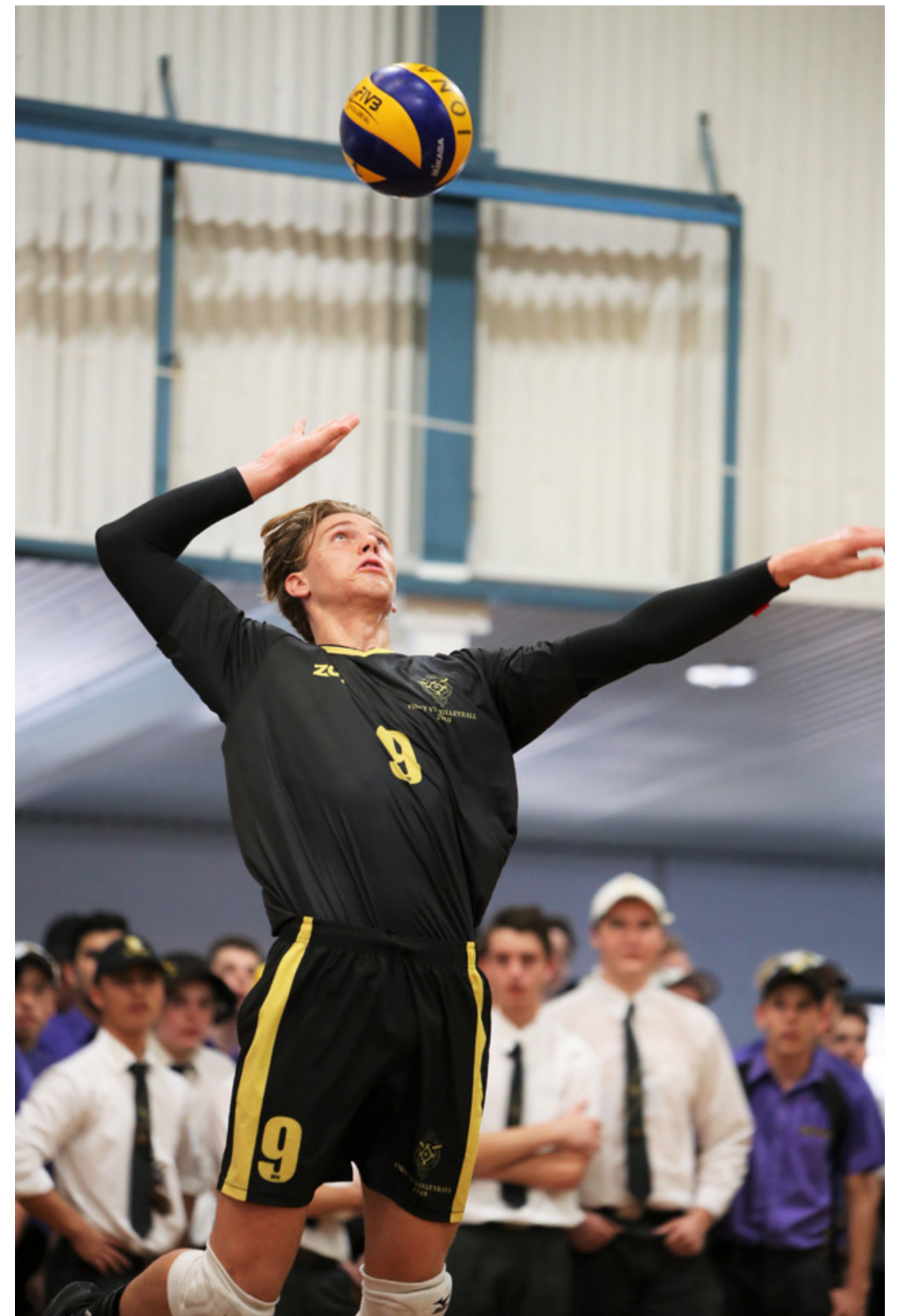
Service Learning

St Laurence's College has the commitment to provide an education that is 'inclusive, relevant and outreaching'. Service and Solidarity Learning (SSL) supports student educational development while contributing to the formation of a more just world. Students learn valuable knowledge, skills and values through transformational experiences that help them grow into successful, compassionate and just members of society.

Many opportunities are provided to bring people together (solidarity) through acts of charity and justice (service). All who engage in these activities experience some personal transformation. A range of activities is provided to suit student needs and these are expanding as we develop more opportunities for students to be involved in community service.

Students can become involved in:

- Structured Service Learning programs in Year 11 and 12
- Homework help
- Peer mentoring
- Café Edmund
- Sony Camp and a special schools sports day
- Building Across Borders – Immersion program
- HELP – Timor, Vietnam and Malaysia Immersions
- Project Compassion, 40 hour Famine, Walkathon, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- Winter Appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society
- Edmund Rice Camps support



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