

*Inside*  
CALROSSY  
ANGLICAN SCHOOL





# SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY...

## *take it with Calrossy.*

As a parent, choosing the right school for your son or daughter is one of the most important decisions and greatest gifts you can give your child. Since 1919 Calrossy Anglican School has been that choice.

Calrossy Anglican School, based in Tamworth, is a unique educational opportunity for your son or daughter. It is one School, two campuses and four learning environments. It is a “Diamond School”, meaning boys and girls are taught together until Year 6, separately from Year 7 to 10, before combining for senior classes, at all times being accommodated in separate boarding facilities.

This “diamond” model allows Calrossy to tailor teaching and pastoral care to meet the gender specific needs of its pupils, while also preparing them ultimately for a co-educational world.

Calrossy is a unique and personalised educational experience. You want your child’s learning journey to be a rewarding and successful one. A pathway that leads to lifelong success... Calrossy is that pathway.







# PRINCIPAL'S *Message*

Calrossy Anglican School has been successfully educating students for nearly 100 years. In a rapidly changing and diverse world, the school experience has changed but we remain focussed on preparing our young men and women to succeed in the global and future focussed world they will enter.

We are strongly committed to a rigorous academic program and preparation of students for life beyond school but there is much more to the Calrossy experience than the classroom.

We also focus on the character of our students, promoting their wellbeing and supporting engagement in a range of activities. We want them to explore and develop passions. Relationships are a key emphasis of our school and we seek to be a community in which each student is known and valued.

The experience of students at Calrossy is rich and diverse, designed to be one that enables students to prepare for the future and flourish academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

*Mr David Smith*





# A JOURNEY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL...

## *inside Calrossy.*

Calrossy is a vibrant learning community committed to the pursuit of academic excellence and equipping children to thrive in an ever changing world. It is a place where rich traditions unite with a dynamic academic curriculum and co-curricular experiences to provide a quality education and foundation for the future.

We aim to encourage each student in a positive, caring and Christian environment. Calrossy offers a supportive, innovative and stimulating community for its students. Our aim is to nurture and equip boys and girls, of all ages, with the qualities, values and skills they'll need to thrive in a rapidly changing world, while maintaining their enjoyment of learning. We want our students to reach for their goals with confidence.

At Calrossy we believe success is more than just a destination, it is experiences and it is a journey. We understand as a parent you want that journey to be a satisfying, fruitful and illuminating experience for your son or daughter. Calrossy strives to provide each of its students with an education that is a successful journey of the mind, heart and soul.









## OUR *Values...*

At Calrossy Anglican School we seek to create a dynamic, caring, Christian environment in which all boys and girls may grow to be adults of faith, integrity, resilience and compassion. We strive to equip our students with a love of learning, confidence, initiative and respect for others.

Our School is based around the four key values of resilience, selflessness, integrity and inclusiveness. It is a journey firmly based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and all students are encouraged to explore the Christian faith. At the same time Calrossy welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds and extends a vision of tolerance and inclusiveness.





  
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# OUR *History...*

On 5 July 1918, Bishop Wentworth Shields wrote a letter to Canon Rupert Fairbrother saying 'it seems a thousand pities in a big town like Tamworth not to have a Secondary Girls' School.' It was the next day that the council of St John's Anglican Church first met to consider a proposal for the establishment of a girls' school using the facilities of the parish hall. In 1923 the School moved to its present site in Brisbane Street, a property formerly owned by Mr John Patterson. His fine old home was named 'Calrossy' after the family property in Scotland and the School eventually adopted this name in 1969.

In 1999 William Cowper Anglican School commenced, named for the Reverend William Macquarie Cowper, the first Anglican clergyman to conduct services in the Tamworth region.

With 31 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and operating at first at the Brisbane Street site, the school quickly became a close, supportive community of students, parents and staff - a culture which remains to this day. With the support and energy of this community the Secondary Boys School was added in 2001. Both the Primary and the Secondary Boys relocated to a new campus on the outskirts of Tamworth in 2002.

A few years later in 2006 the decision was made to amalgamate all three campuses of the school and in 2008 the name Calrossy Anglican School was adopted and the School has continued to thrive – now home to more than 1000 students.







# THE JOURNEY *Begins...*

The primary years of education – Preschool to Year 6 - are precious. These years form the basis for all future learning. At Calrossy Anglican School we pride ourselves on providing a nurturing, encouraging and inspiring platform that will bring out the best in your child and prepare them for future learning.

Calrossy recognises that each child is an individual and strives to give each boy and girl the best learning experience every lesson, everyday.

The Preschool years are a time when children have the opportunity to grow in skills and confidence through play and exploration. At Calrossy Preschool our focus is on providing a warm, happy, personal and secure environment, where your child can thrive and begin their learning journey.

The Calrossy Preparatory Class paves the way for formal schooling. Your child will be equipped with the skills and a firm foundation for Kindergarten. The Prep class offers all the benefits of a school environment with the security and warmth that small children need. All Prep children have access to all School facilities including the library, computers, sporting facilities, playgrounds, hall and music room. In addition the children have their own designated play area on the William Cowper Campus.

In the Primary School the Key Learning Areas of the curriculum are taught in a stimulating and creative way. Maintaining a focus on the development of literacy and numeracy skills is paramount as is encouraging children's interest in other activities in the classroom and beyond.

Ongoing assessment programs aim to quickly identify children requiring extra support or extension work, ensuring your child receives a personalised education experience. The Christian Studies Program, specialist music lessons, library time, musicals, performance opportunities, excursions, special events, our Makerspaces and sporting activities all contribute to a satisfying, well-rounded educational experience for your child.













# THE JOURNEY *Continues...*

Calrossy provides a single-sex secondary education for students from Year 7 to 10 – with mixed gender classes in the senior years. This “diamond structure” allows us to tailor teaching and pastoral care that is gender specific in the formative years of high school, before bringing the students back together for senior classes in preparation for a co-educational world.

Our Secondary Boys are based on the expansive William Cowper Campus, on the north western outskirts of Tamworth. Our Secondary Girls are located, just minutes away, at Brisbane Street Tamworth. Students in the senior years have the opportunity to take elective units at both locations.

*Our unique structure also allows us to offer the benefits of a smaller school such as small class sizes, a personalised education and individual attention, yet the advantages of a larger school, including diverse learning and co-curricular opportunities. A Calrossy education truly does provide your son or daughter with the best of both worlds.*

Calrossy has a long and proud history of boarding, with a focus on meeting the individual needs of each student. Boarding at Calrossy Anglican School is a unique experience supported by committed and caring staff who are actively involved in the day to day lives of all our boarders.







# ACADEMIC *Pathways*

Calrossy places emphasis on developing students who are 21st Century learners. As a school we have been recognised as a leader in the Maker Movement, introducing new and emerging technologies, project based learning and problem solving strategies into the classroom. Children are encouraged, from the youngest age, to become lifelong learners who will be able to take their place in a world that is connected, adapted and evolving.

At Calrossy we strive to provide a centre of learning excellence for every student, in every lesson, everyday. This is achieved through a personalised academic program. While academic standards are high, Calrossy caters for all students and is non-selective. Every student is encouraged, extended or supported as required so they can achieve their best.

Once again in the 2016 HSC Calrossy was the top performing school in the New England and North West, the only school in the region to make the prestigious top 150 schools list. We had 26 students named as Distinguished Achievers and 54 “top band” results making our success rate more than three times that of other regional state and independent schools.





# CO-CURRICULAR *Pathways*

At Calrossy we offer a broad and diverse range of co-curricular activities that all our students are encouraged to explore and develop their talents and interests.

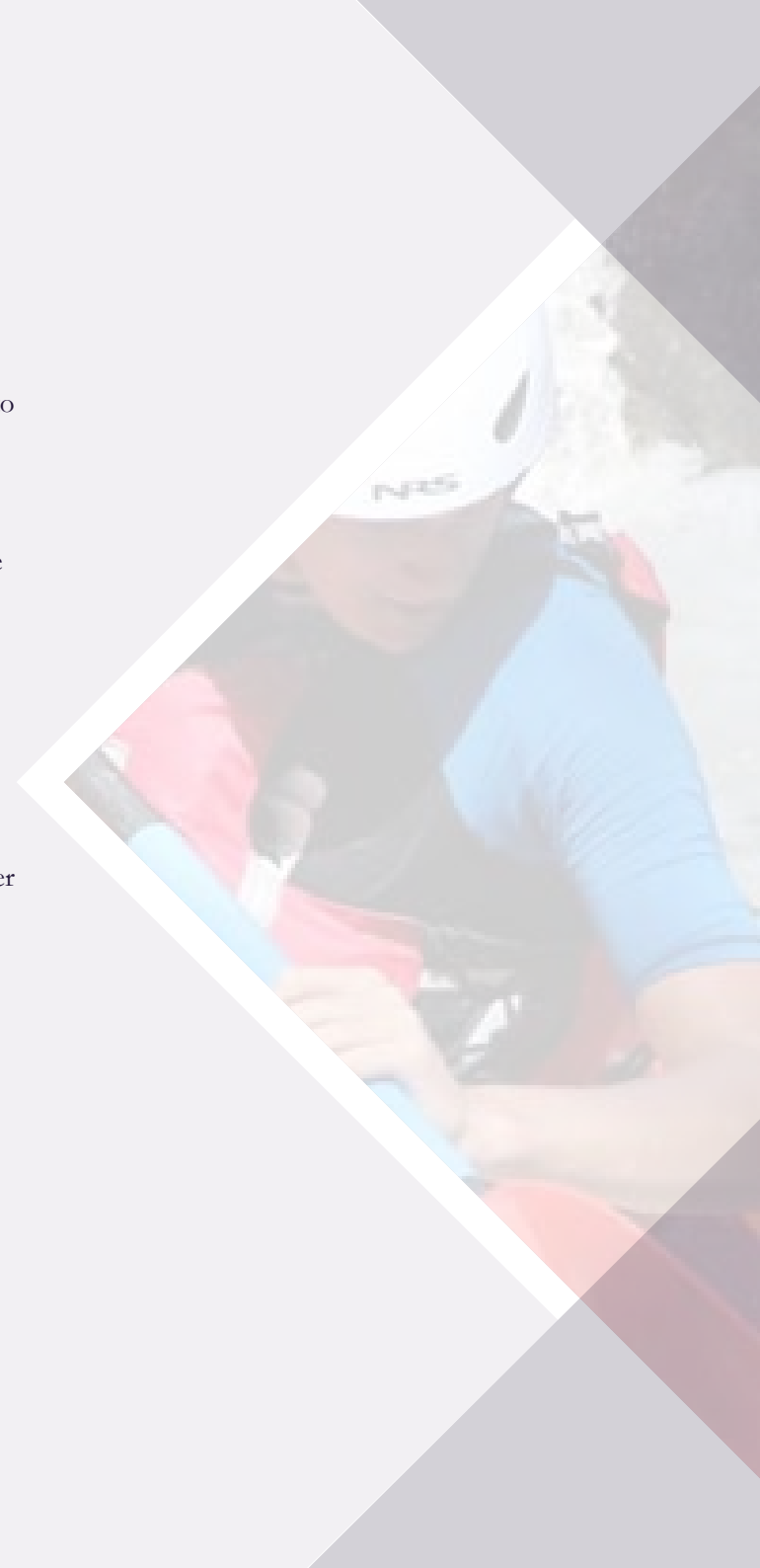
Calrossy has a long tradition of nurturing elite athletes but beyond that sport is an integral part of School life. Students are encouraged to play a wide range of sports, participating at whole school, team and individual levels. The School believes a healthy competitive spirit and teamwork are essential elements to developing well-balanced children and young men and women. Students have pathways to compete in the Combined Independent Schools, New South Wales All Schools and School Sport Australia, again in 26 different sports.

Calrossy has a dynamic and progressive music department, with outstanding HSC results including a first, second and sixth in the State in recent years. Unique to Calrossy, our Classroom Instrumental Program offers the opportunity to learn in small groups, an orchestral instrument of their choice from Primary through to their Secondary schooling.

Students undertaking Agriculture at Calrossy are enthusiastically engaged in challenging and rewarding components of modern agriculture and they continue to excel at HSC and competition level in both Agriculture and Primary Industries. The students also have the rare opportunity to learn in a commercial agricultural setting, through Calrossy's Rural Trade Training Centre at Tangara and our very own cattle stud, Kamilaroi Shorthorns.

Calrossy has a proud and highly acclaimed equestrian team that includes students from across the Primary, Secondary Boys and Girls. The team has won the most successful school title for the fifth year running at the North West Equestrian Expo, among a number of other prestigious titles at the event.

There are vast opportunities in the Creative and Performing Arts, allowing students to explore, develop and strengthen various arts. Visual Arts, Photography, Dance and Industrial Technology are popular electives, that vary across the campuses. Public Speaking, drama and debating also play an important role at Calrossy.







# LEARNING *Spaces*

Calrossy is a unique learning landscape, combining the sprawling rural setting of the William Cowper Campus with the history of the Brisbane Street Campus and the agricultural backdrop of the School farm, Tangara.

The School boasts a number of remarkable fully equipped learning spaces including three resource centres, two halls and three Makerspaces. These areas ensure they are outstanding spaces and equipment for all our students to explore, learn and study at all times.

Calrossy also has special spaces for science, music, industrial technology, food technology, textiles, art, drama, PDHPE and agriculture, promising the best learning every lesson. The School is a space where traditional buildings integrate with modern facilities providing the best in education spaces and places for your child to become a lifelong learner, a successful young adult and make friends and great memories.

A young woman is rappelling down a reddish-brown rock face. She is wearing a blue helmet, a red t-shirt, blue shorts, and a climbing harness. Her arms are outstretched to the sides, and she is smiling. A red rope is attached to her harness and extends down the rock. The background features a large, calm lake with several small islands, surrounded by forested hills under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

*"ADVENTURES  
are the best way to learn..."*



# BEYOND *Calrossy...*

The expedition program strives to provide experiences that develop and nourish each boy and girl outside of the school environment. The Calrossy calendar involves many excursions, both the major expeditions and those which are subject based. All excursions are considered to be part of an important part of a student's education, that give our boys and girls the opportunity, confidence and maturity, to experience new challenges and build bonds between staff and students.

Expeditions also complement the learning programs implemented across the School in Primary and Secondary. The expeditions culminate in a Year 11 camp at Emu Gully Adventure Education near Toowoomba, based on the Anzac story. In Year 6 our students visit the nation's capital on a week long learning adventure.



*"We want each student to feel they are valued as an individual and as a member of our community."*





## OUR *Commitment...*

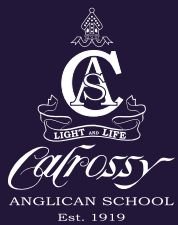
When your son or daughter starts at Calrossy their learning journey and personal wellbeing become our highest priority. We are dedicated to providing the most up-to-date learning opportunities for your son or daughter and to ensure that they are encouraged and equipped to extend and explore their understandings within, and beyond, the curriculum.

As previously discussed Calrossy regularly achieves outstanding academic results in the HSC and engenders the same level of support to all students – with consistently pleasing achievements in the middle range of students.

“Our focus is not just on the elite students but on the success of all our students, ensuring they achieve their best”, says Principal, Mr David Smith.

Calrossy’s staff members are valued for their enthusiasm and dedication. Our recruitment strategies ensure that our teachers have the perfect blend of experience, academic and real-world experience. We have a strong established platform and focus on professional development, ensuring our academic staff are at the forefront of learning and curriculum developments.

We do this to ensure we can effectively engage your child in their education, every lesson, everyday. That is our commitment to you and your child.



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