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Education choice is important



Education is the single most important activity Central Queensland's children will pursue as they grow and develop into fully-grown citizens.

The school that they attend and the critical faculties they build up during their school-years will influence their outcomes in life to a significant degree.

With this in mind, choosing the right school presents a daunting task for any parent.

Fortunately, we are blessed with an abundance of excellent options across the region and we present them here in our special CQ Today schools feature.

Whether it is a focus on sporting programs, community engagement or early-childhood education, the schools across CQ present a broad array of educational pathways.

Across the board, a focus on student well-being and curiosity, engaging learning-environments and high-quality instruction feature prominently. Spiritual instruction and development is also a core concern, and whether it is a school dedicated to a particular faith stream, or a secular state-run enterprise, all place an emphasis on guiding students towards maturity and integrity of character.

The world today is characterised by rapid change and technological development, and this sense of movement and change will likely

escalate as time progresses.

To meet this challenge, a central component of contemporary education must be to prepare students to thrive in highly fluid workplaces and develop a commitment to constant learning and growth. Only with this kind of agility will Central Queensland's students prosper in the world of today and tomorrow.

With this in mind, we believe our schools feature provides parents with a clearer understanding of the options available to them to prepare their children for a world in constant flux.



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Our children graduate kindergarten as confident and capable individuals who know 'how' rather than 'what' to think and who feel ready for the next step of school.

In the past few years, Allies has expanded to offer new facilities which include healthy and delicious meals made by our dedicated onsite chef, larger natural outdoor spaces for all ages with purpose built areas for both our Kindergarten and OHSC programs as well as a special sensory area for children with particular needs for calming and restorative downtime.

Allies is also very proud to have an ingrained sustainability program where children are involved in all aspects of protecting the environment - caring for animals, watering gardens, recycling, worm farms, planting, collecting chicken eggs and producing their own fruit and vegetables.

Based in Allenstown, Allies Early Learning is equally well known for supporting and connecting with our local businesses, charities and communities through a number of initiatives and events.

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Website: www.alliesearlylearning.com.au 12555037-Al30-22 **BILOELA** State High School is committed to developing the whole student through quality education with alternative learning pathways on offer for our students.

Part of our school's core framework is Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), teaching and reinforcing positive behaviour with our students. This proactive, preventative approach assists to enable the appropriate level of support ensuring all students succeed at school.

As a registered PBL school we make sure students are explicitly taught expected behaviours with consistent boundaries.

We value this approach, enforcing our high expectations using the following behaviour values:

- I am safe
- I am my best
- I am respectful
- I am responsible

As a school we value positive actions and outcomes which will enable us to achieve our key mission, which is to provide active learning opportunities through explicit instruction where students are inspired to become confident, creative, lifelong learners and informed citizens.

Our staff endeavour to encourage individual growth and achievements personalised to meet the needs of each student in a supportive environment. We encourage students to; demonstrate pride in themselves, their school and become productive members of society. We encourage students to accept the challenge of leadership and mentor roles within our school and remain true to our school motto 'honor supra honores'.

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Our School Benefits

Highly experienced executive leadership team with an on going commitment to continuous improvement

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- Comprehensive Support Hub

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A century's worth of experience

GRACEMERE State School is the oldest state school in Central Queensland, opening in 1871. Gracemere State School's reputation for educating children to the very highest standards has been built up over 151 years since its beginnings in 1871.

We value strong links to a proud history, whilst evolving into a contemporary school for 21st learners, providing modern facilities including access to 21st technology.

The School's core purpose, building a healthy and engaged community, is built on established traditions and high expectations with strong parent and community engagement and support.

This is underpinned by our four school values: Always Present, Always Safe, Always Respectful and Always Learning.

As a professional learning community committed to continual improvement, our long established school motto, "Our Best Always", is evidenced in the daily learning of the students and the teachings of the school staff. Everyone is empowered through high expectations to nurture and inspire our students to do their "Best Always". Though our vision "United in Success", staff share a common goal and direction towards developing life-long learners with a continued focus on student success and wellbeing for all. Through quality teaching and learning based on the Australian Curriculum, we aim to personalise the learning of every student to support the achievement of their individual learning goals. Students have access to high quality academic, language, arts, sporting, music and digital technologies programs with specialist teachers.

Our Wraparound Services Centre, which focuses on building student wellbeing, collaborates with community organisations to

GRACEMERE STATE SCHOOL



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Gracemere State School was established in 1871.

provide our parents with opportunities to learn about and access programs that can assist their families.

The school works with local Indigenous Elders and community groups to help our students achieve well academically and socially.

As Principal, I am proud of our great school, my door is always open. I believe by working and learning together, we can achieve great success as a school community.

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A place of learning and achievement

ROCKHAMPTON State High School is one of the oldest schools in the region, found in 1919, it has continued to provide a positive and welcoming environment for 103 years.

The school is currently led by principal Kirsten Dwyer who commenced at the school in 2013.

Our motto Aere Perennius 'More Lasting Than Bronze' and vision of ROCKS (Respect Opportunity Challenge Knowledge Success) encapsulate our ethos of a strong, dynamic, socially-aware and highachieving school.

We have experienced steady growth over the last decade, and enrolments are now limited according to the government-gazetted Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) and capped at 1300. However, we accept invitations for enrolment interviews into our excellence programs and to general applicants with a special connection to the school.

Our teachers are committed to providing the best academic outcomes, and we have strong networks and clear pathways to support student engagement and achievement.

At Rockhampton State High School, we also have high expectations of students, which are communicated through policies, procedures and routines.

We work to provide students with many extra-curricular and co-curricular opportunities and celebrate and reward success.

Some of the opportunities include:

- Creative Writing School of Excellence
- Queensland Virtual STEM Academy
- Queensland Virtual Languages Academy (Japanese)



Rockhampton State High School was established in 1919.

- Comprehensive Sporting Programs (e.g. Rugby League, AFL, Netball, Basketball, Volleyball)
- Music and Instrumental Music
- Show Cattle and Campdraft
- Human Powered Vehicle competitions
- Airforce Cadets
- \$3.7m Aquaculture facility built in 2022

This is a school with a long history, and pride in its many achievements is shared with our community.

We have a highly committed group who work on our Parents' and Citizens' Association, who actively fundraise and contribute to the quality of our environment and resources, and have important input into school-based decisions.

We respect and greatly value the efforts of all whose contributions continue to make Rockhampton State High School an important place of learning and achievement.

WELCOME TO ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Rockhampton State High School (RSHS) welcomes students in all year levels and we look forward to meeting your needs and helping you to reach your goals.

At Rockhampton State High we actively seek the contribution and involvement of our community. The school offers our students numerous academic, cultural, citizenship and sporting opportunities.

'More lasting than bronze'

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Tomorrow's Success Begins Today

FOR the past 137 years, Yeppoon State School has proudly been a place for learning and development for primary school students along the Capricorn Coast.

The school, which opened in 1885, is Yeppoon's first and oldest school and was moved to its present location in 1957.

To complement this history, we strive to educate our students for the 21st Century.

Yeppoon State School is situated on 10.9 hectares of school grounds, which feature an environmental studies area, two sporting ovals and a basketball court.

In addition, Yeppoon State School boasts a 25-metre swimming pool, new multipurpose hall, new resource centre and generous teaching spaces which allow for creative teaching and learning.

We are committed to providing a quality futures curriculum rich in technology experiences, creative and divergent thinking and real-life application.

Our specialist STEM teacher delivers classes in a designated STEM space.

We cater for, value and celebrate individual differences in children's culture, ability, learning styles and knowledge.

Our school has a strong community culture, and our goal is to make a positive difference for all students.

We strive to provide a safe and supportive learning environment where risk-taking is encouraged and errors are viewed as a necessary part of the learning experience.

We acknowledge that people must have highly developed literacy skills to maximise success in the workforce.

For this reason, Writing, Spelling, and Reading form the cornerstone of all subject areas.

The dedicated staff of teachers, teacher aides, administration, cleaners and groundskeepers, coupled with the solid backing of parents and the community and the enthusiasm and energy of the students, work together to provide a positive and supportive educational setting.

We understand that effective teaching and learning depend on a worthwhile working partnership forged between home, school and student.

We are renowned for our sporting achievements and our positive community engagement.

The school provides a range of quality learning experiences for students from Prep to Year 6.

We also have an ECDP space for students with additional needs between the ages of 0-5.

A play group operates every Thursday between 9:15 – 10:45 for ages 0–5.

Yeppoon State School provides a wide range of extra-curricular activities from LandCare to Chess to Choir and Karaoke.

For the remainder of the school year, we have many events planned.

These include a colour fun run and carnival, a spooky disco, community events and enrolments for 2023 and beyond.

We aim to follow our school traditions while encompassing the changes essential to preparing our students for future challenges.

At Yeppoon State School, we believe every student will succeed and that our innovative curriculum and pedagogy will prepare our learners for the future.

This is why "Tomorrow's Success Begins Today at Yeppoon State School".



Yeppoon State School believes every student can succeed.



The school offers education from Prep to Year 6.



The school is situated on 10.9 hectares of land.

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YEPPOON STATE SCHOOL

Tomorrow's success begins today!

The school provides a range of quality learning experiences for students from Prep to Year 6 and situated close to the heart of Yeppoon.





Students are offered a rich variety of academic, cultural, sporting, citizenship and social skills at Yeppoon State School.

Participation in such activities enhances student confidence, builds resilience and develops skills such as teamwork - all vital qualities if students are to maximise life's opportunities.

Tomorrow's success begins today at Yeppoon State School.

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Catholic schools celebrate their WHY

QUEENSLAND'S Catholic Education Week 2022 (24-30 July) will see communities in 39 kindergartens, primary schools and colleges that comprise Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR), join in statewide celebrations honouring their distinctive mission.

Under the theme Communities of Faith Hope Love, over 20 000 CEDR students, staff, volunteers and family members in regional, rural and remote centres from Mackay to Bundaberg and west to Longreach will join with their counterparts from around the state to participate in a range of celebrations including liturgies, award presentations, special assemblies and gatherings, fun activities as well as outreach to the wider community.

It's a time to celebrate our 'Why', according to Catholic Education Director Leesa Jeffcoat.

"In Catholic Education Week we focus on the unique role of Catholic schools in the community where, through our Catholic identity and the religious life of the school, we seek to be true witnesses to Christ's message of hope and love for the world and to assist all in their lifelong search for meaning," Miss Jeffcoat said.

"The specific religious dimension of Catholic schools gives our spirituality solid ground and a real depth. It links and ties us to people and places and things and ultimately to the God who created us and loves us. It gives our spirituality strength and substance. It's our Why," Miss Jeffcoat said.

"It leads us to really appreciate the blessing of vibrant and dynamic communities within our Catholic kindergartens, primary schools and colleges where our students experience high quality teaching and have the opportunity to reach their goals in life," Miss Jeffcoat said.

"It calls us to reach out to those in our parishes and wider communities to say thank you for their support and, inspired by Jesus' example, to look for opportunities to help others in need through our acts of kindness and social justice," Miss Jeffcoat said.

This year's Diocesan Catholic Education Week Mass, to be celebrated at Holy Family Church, North Rockhampton at midday on Wednesday 27 July, will be livestreamed to Catholic school communities across the diocese.

Catholic Bishop of Rockhampton, Bishop Michael McCarthy, will preside at the mass which will include a special presentation to this year's diocesan recipient of the statewide Spirit of Catholic Education Award, Helen Howell, from Emmaus College, Rockhampton.

Miss Jeffcoat said acts of kindness were a real feature of the weeklong celebrations with staff and students undertaking creative and meaningful activities in service to others including delivering baked treats to local businesses, connecting with the elderly and those isolated in the community, participation in charity drives such as the Vinnies Winter Appeal and simple acts like delivering written





Catholic Education Week focuses on the unique role of Catholic schools in the community.



affirmations to staff and classmates.

"Without a doubt, this is the aspect of Catholic Education Week most loved by all our communities, the opportunity to do something for someone and the sense of joy and happiness that always follows," Miss Jeffcoat said.

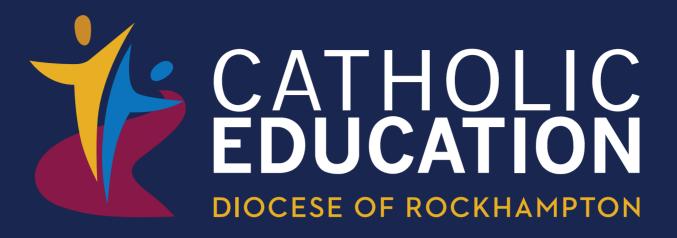
Miss Jeffcoat paid tribute to students, parents, families, teachers, staff members, Board and P&F members, volunteers, priests and religious, and parish and community members for their great contribution to Catholic education over many decades.

"All are important and cherished members of our Catholic Education family for whom we are most grateful," Miss Jeffcoat said.



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Pathways for the future

AT St Brendan's College, we believe that every student is an individual who should have different opportunities and pathways to develop their own academic focus while becoming young men of faith, knowledge, and respect.

Boys' education must focus on specific requirements to meet these needs, a framework St Brendan's College has developed over an 80-year legacy of innovating and advancing boys' learning.

St Brendan's is constantly advancing our resources to allow access to state-of-the-art facilities for our students.

Our recently constructed STEM Hub provides students an immersive environment where they can apply creativity and insight into their learning journey.

Our partnerships with industries in manufacturing, technology, and agriculture ensure our boys benefit from the latest best practices and experience in a diverse range of vocational and technical training.

The College prepares students for the workforce by creating real-world work practices in simulated workplace environments as well as implementing LEAN manufacturing processes.

In our pursuit of a holistic education, no opportunity is overlooked.

The College has the largest manual arts and training centre of any school in Central Queensland with a dedicated automotive facility and significant first-class equipment across automotive, engineering, furniture making and construction.

The dynamic and progressive agricultural program boasts a dedicated agricultural facility, rodeo arena and yards.

With direct access to onsite outdoor learning environments combined with the implementation of the latest and best practices, students are afforded the opportunity to complete formal qualifications in their chosen area of study. We have attained the status of a Registered Training Organisation, which means our boys can gain nationally recognised qualifications on-site during their school day.

Our 300-acre campus, which is located minutes from Yeppoon's beautiful beaches, is an ideal environment to provide an enjoyable boarding experience.

At St Brendan's we foster a sense of belonging and brotherhood that is unique.

Our solid College Community works towards laying the foundation for men with strong minds and gentle hearts.

The boarding residences provide a wonderful living environment for boarders, nestled amongst beautiful gardens, abundant sporting fields and adjacent to the first-class academic facilities of the College.

Students leave the College at the end of their education with lifelong friendships that span time and geographical location.

Every opportunity is at the boys' fingertips and with guidance from our Head of Boarding, the Heads of Residence, House Parents and members of the support services, there is space for them to grow and mature.

Beyond the classroom, co-curricular activity offerings include Robotics Club, Debating, Rotary Club, Chess Club, Cattle Club, Horse Riding and the only school-based Rodeo Club in the nation.

We are a vibrant and welcoming community founded on the values of the Gospel.

These rich foundations and diverse environment give our students every opportunity to succeed as we provide more than an education.

St Brendan's College is confident that in providing a well-rounded education in partnership with parents and families, the young men of the College will enter the world with the knowledge, confidence, values and skills to make a difference.



St Brendan's College is an all-boys day and boarding school located in Yeppoon. 10 Issue 2, 2022



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ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE

is a Catholic day & boarding school for boys from Years 7 - 12 located on a beautiful 300 acre campus in Yeppoon. Operated in the Edmund Rice tradition, the College is

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Pathway to success

WHEN choosing a school for your child the options can be overwhelming. Add in long road trips or flights, boarding, children away from home and the many barriers faced by isolated families and this opportunity to explore and evolve in a new and exciting environment can present many questions. What are we looking for from a school environment, curriculum, community? Can our child access a diverse learning and co-curricular program? How do we cover the costs associated with a boarding education? Blackheath & Thornburgh College (BTC) has over 100 years of tradition to draw inspiration from to provide high quality, equitable educational opportunities inspired by our history, moving boldly into the future. Our team of educators and residential staff are dedicated to providing the environment and community to foster outstanding young people from rural and regional areas across Australia.

Blackheath & Thornburgh College offers a diverse curriculum focused on developing a pathway to success for each child in our community. With students engaging in traditional curriculum areas alongside school developed interest based electives, weekly house based challenges, community events, interschool sports, academic activities and state wide QISSN and Confraternity carnivals they are asked to Go It Blue! This motto not only forms the basis for many College traditions it also encompasses the key values and beliefs that provide the answers to the questions many families consider when looking at schools.

As a small community with many year groups nearing capacity the College has been able to make some significant improvements to our fee structures to support families making the choice to send their children away. One of the key adjustments has been the introduction of an all inclusive tuition fee that covers expenses such as subject levies (7-10) and Year group biennial camps to ensure all students have full access to the programs and opportunities on offer at BTC. Our learning environment relies on each and every student having a sense of belonging, connectedness and pride in who they are within our community, something founded in participation in a broad curriculum supported by a strong co-curricular program.

Students at BTC have big school learning opportunities in a small and supportive environment. We have a dedicated team of staff who work collectively to enhance the learning and boarding environments for students at the College. From PP-12 your children will explore all elements of core and elective curriculum through traditional classroom learning programs, specialist learning opportunities, engagement with community, house based activities, an extensive co-curricular program and a wide range of school developed opportunities. From our youngest students starting their schooling journey through to our Year 12 cohort ready to launch into their lives after school our team of educators and boarding staff are focused on providing opportunities for individual growth as part of the BTC community.

Maintaining the strengths of our small community is a key focus for our education team moving forward. With year group caps in place to maintain small supportive classroom structures we are committed to knowing your child and partnering with you in their education. Currently catering for 304 students (166 day students and 138 boarders) our team of educators and boarding staff supported by an extensive learning support and pastoral team, Student Support Officer, Psychologist and Community Education Officer provide each student with access to a strong network of support to assist them in developing the skills to navigate life's challenges. This diverse education team provides an authentic and inclusive setting for a wide range of learners from across Australia and the Pacific. Blackheath & Thornburgh students are encouraged to understand and embrace the beauty this diversity brings to their lives as young people preparing for an ever changing world.

For our boarding families in particular we understand the huge sacrifices made by families sending their children away to boarding



Blackheath & Thornburgh College students.

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school. The transition is not always smooth and can have some ups and downs as students and their families adjust to a new environment. Our boarding team has worked to develop communication pathways and opportunities to connect with parents alongside initiatives to promote a healthy and positive environment for their boarding communities. Students have access to high quality nutrition, comfortable living conditions and a range of active opportunities to keep the blood pumping and minds moving. Whether it's volunteering with the local cricket club to prepare fields and facilities, supporting our P&F ladies in the canteen at the sale yards, assisting behind the scenes at the local eisteddfod or lending a hand for the annual show our boarders have regular opportunities to actively engage with the community.

Whilst the College song encourages our students and community members to sing our praises, we are not going to tell you to enrol now, instead we invite you to make a time to tour the College with our Principal and experience what it means to Go it Blue!







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Students participate in work placement that is integrated into their senior school timetable. Work placement is supported by Tec-NQ's industry team allowing regional students to access work placements in Townsville or elsewhere.

Tec-NQ aims to deconstruct the "traditional school" mindset of students. Engaging students in the applied use of problem-solving, communication, critical thinking, and digital and practical skills in demand in today's job market. To develop these skills, the curriculum has been designed to support "active" learning, where students are actively involved and learn in the context of how skills and knowledge are used in industry.

"Tec-NQ offers something a little bit different because we are growing the next generation of industry to be 'work ready' in every sense by supporting skills development, work experience and resilience." Heather Rice, Tec-NQ student welfare manager said.

Students learn from professional academic and trade qualified



Tec NQ offers an alternative learning environment.

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facilitators with the capacity to develop projects that mirror work undertaken in industry. This gives students the opportunity to build skills in a "real" rather than "simulated" environment.

The Tec-PREP "Try Every Trade" program, enables Year 10 students to explore their career aspirations. Students participate in practical skill-building subjects that relate to Year 11 and 12 preapprenticeship pathways. Trade immersions in Health, Hospitality, Electrotechnology, Automotive, Carpentry, Plumbing and Engineering Pathways ensure students get hands-on experience while building an understanding of each of the trades.

Enrolments are now open for Year 10 and 11 in 2023.

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ST URSULA'S COLLEGE, Yeppoon, ticks all the boxes for your daughter to live, love, learn and lead during her Secondary school education.

A recent survey conducted by the College revealed students selected St Ursula's due to the curricular and co-curricular opportunities available, while friendships, independence, and the routines of Boarding life also held sway.

The only all girls Catholic Boarding and Day Secondary College in Central Queensland, St Ursula's has an enrolment of 530 students across Years 7-12, with 90 Boarders living on campus during the school terms.

Survey responses indicated that curricular options - tailored to expand and diversify students' skills and knowledge – ranked highly as a reason for choosing St Ursula's College, Yeppoon.

Aquatic Practices, an Applied subject in the Queensland Senior Syllabus, is studied by just under 30 per cent of the College's Year 12 cohort.

Year 12 Aquatic Practices student, Brodie Craig, said she chose Aquatic Practices because she wanted to learn how to operate a boat and jet ski, which is part of the curriculum.

"I'm from Mistake Creek (NT); I think being able to gain a boat license as part of my schoolwork is great because you never know when it might be handy to have that skill," Brodie said.

Students also suggested the readily available plethora of cocurricular opportunities on the Capricorn Coast as their reason for attending the College.

Maddison Johnson, a Boarding student from Moura who joined the Year 10 cohort in January, said the College's co-curricular offerings



St Ursula's Year 12 student leaders with Principal, Mrs Deborah Ryan. Picture: Supplied

helped her settle in to Boarding life.

"I joined the Airforce Cadets here in Yeppoon and I love it," Maddison said.

"It has me thinking about what career I want to follow," said Maddison.

Year 11 Boarding student, Sharlena Matainavora, said she thrived in the routine-oriented lifestyle of Boarding.

"The routines in the Boarding House suit me; there is time for study, and time to relax with friends," Sharlena said.

Sharlena's Year 11 classmate and fellow Boarding student, Chelsea Williams, said the friendships and 'sisterhood' at the College appealed to her.

"The friendships are the best," Chelsea said.

St Ursula's College, Yeppoon, is currently accepting Applications for enrolment for 2024 and beyond. Contact Business Development Officer, Mrs Natalie Salisbury, on 4939 9627 or email natalies@ stursulas.qld.edu.au to learn more.



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A home away from home

COMMUNITY and connection lie at the very heart of boarding at St Peters and the bonds forged within the College's four boarding houses last a lifetime.

For over 75 years, St Peters has provided a home away from home for rural, regional, interstate and international students. Today, 120 students form the tight-knit St Peters boarding family; a multicultural family that celebrates diversity and cultural exchange. St Peters Boarding is the only co-educational boarding school in the Brisbane municipal area. Being co-educational means all siblings can attend the one school, providing a sense of stability and continuity for families.

From Year 6, boarders are welcomed to take up residence on the College's leafy 21-hectare campus, just 7km west of Brisbane's CBD. St Peters' location is ideal for boarders new to Brisbane, as it provides students the space they need for focussed learning during the week, and they can also gain a taste of 'city living' when they explore further afield on the weekends.

Within Girls and Boys Boarding, students have access to common rooms with kitchen and media equipment, outdoor activity spaces, networked Wi-Fi and secure dormitory 'cubes' (two to a room for junior-level students and a 'cube' each for Seniors). The College has an on-site laundry; a Health Centre; the College Chapel (used for devotions and Sunday worship) and Cafe 45, where boarders gather to share mealtimes together. In addition, St Peters boarders can access the College's state-of-the-art sports facilities (including a weights room, gymnasium, 25 and 50m pools, and three ovals) outside of school hours.

Care and support are integral to life in St Peters Boarding. From the moment new boarders set foot in the boarding house



St Peters Lutheran College has a proud boarding tradition.

they become part of a special 'Family Group' with a mix of students from different year levels, led by a Year 12 boarder who is the 'parent' and supervised by a junior boarding resident or 'cool aunt/uncle'. The 'families' gather regularly for social activities, celebrations and support.

Another wellbeing initiative providing an additional layer of support for boarders is the 'Adopt a Boarder' program, now in its 14th year. Through this program, staff members are paired with a boarding student, and they meet up each term over lunch. Staff may also take their boarder on outings, treat them to their favourite lunch or cheer them on at sporting events.

St Peters Lutheran College has a proud boarding tradition, and its boarders enjoy myriad educational, sporting, cultural and social opportunities. No matter where our boarders end up in the world, they regularly keep in contact - once family, always family.

For details about Boarding at St Peters, please contact Admissions at admissions@stpeters.qld.edu.au or 07 3377 6222.

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Enhancing the boarding experience

BOARDING has been at the heart of Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) for more than 100 years.

Accompanying this proud heritage is a dedication to providing the very best facilities and services a boarding school can offer.

This commitment has resulted in the recent stunning refurbishment of Churchie's boarding houses.

The refurbishment includes common areas that are welcoming, light-filled and spacious, where boys can spend recreational time with their friends. These lead into residential wings with rooms that offer students increased privacy.

Senior boys will have larger beds (king singles), and all rooms have space for a small fridge.

Throughout the buildings, technology is future compatible, with power outlets and docking stations reflecting current and future needs for devices, with additional wi-fi access points.

Director of Boarding Jason Wynne-Markham said, "The driving force behind the boarding house refurbishment is to ensure Churchie offers the best facilities in the boarding school sector. It is wonderful to see the boys enthused about the remarkable transformation."

Churchie's purpose-built boarding precinct, together with our spacious 22-hectare campus, provides the ideal environment in which boys can thrive. All academic and sporting facilities are located on a single campus.

To learn more about a Churchie education for your son, contact Churchie Admissions on 07 3896 2200 or email admissions@ churchie.com.au. You can also take a virtual tour of Churchie's boarding facilities at churchie.youtour.com.au.



Boarding students enjoying the new common area in Goodwin House.

THE MAKING OF MEN

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.

Boarding has been an integral part of the Churchie community since 1918 and is available for students in Years 7 to 12. Churchie's boarders live on the school's large inner-city Brisbane campus, with easy access to all the services and recreational opportunities of a thriving world city coupled with a seven-day-a-week boarding program.

Visit www.churchie.com.au to learn more.



Community of security and support

FOR boarders, St Joseph's Nudgee College is not just their school, it is their home. This is evidenced by the many ex-boarders who return to the school as supervisors, coaches, or simply spectators of sport.

You don't have to look far at a country pub to hear Old Boys reminisce about days gone past or share anecdotes from within the Boarding Village.

For many of our boarders starting in Years 5, 6 or 7, their Nudgee College Boarding journey can be up to eight years, thus most of their teenage years are shaped by their experience in Boarding.

Mr Jeff Campbell is Head of O'Brien Boarding House, which is where the boarders from Years 5 to 9 call home. As a parent with three young children himself, Jeff said one of the best things about being part of a Boarding community is the security and support.

"Everyone knows each other and everyone looks out for each other," he said.

For young boarders adjusting to their new normal, a warm, welcoming environment is so important. With many Nudgee College Boarding staffs' families living on campus, the village is often infused with pets, spouses and children, creating a feeling of a 'home away from home'.

The senior boys, who are housed in the College's three other Boarding Houses, take their role as 'big brothers' seriously, and are always there to guide and support the youngest boarders.

In 2022, the College's Boarding community is led by Dean of Boarding Mr Casey Brealy, who considers boarding a way of life.

"Simply put, Nudgee College Boarding is truly the heart of the College," he said.



Boarding is a way of life for the students at St Joseph's Nudgee College.

"This is evidenced by its central location on campus, and the fact that boarders are at the centre of all decision-making from school leadership.

"I am so pleased to say that each day I witness the young men of Nudgee College living out the five core values that we hold dear in our community: faith, brotherhood, trust, integrity and resilience."

Parents can be assured that boarders' health and wellbeing is of the utmost importance to College staff. The on-campus Health Centre provides 24/7 care to students, ensuring that at any time, day or night, they can receive care. The College also has a boardingspecific psychologist, who assists with proactive wellbeing initiatives and provides support for boys in need. 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.

If you're interested in finding out more information or taking a tour, please contact our Admissions team on (07) 3865 0422 or email admissions@nudgee.qld.edu.au.



Early years of learning

THE early years of learning at Girls Grammar aims to provide the best possible learning experiences for each student, in a supportive and inviting space.

We create a safe and nurturing environment where risk-taking and 'having a go' are encouraged and valued.

It is an objective of ours to ensure students regard learning and school as a fun, exciting and rewarding experience.

We foster a positive attitude towards learning, independence and confidence and thinking and problem-solving skills.

The Australian Curriculum is delivered with a strong focus on early literacy and numeracy skill development.

The learning of phonics is essential for developing students' reading and spelling proficiency, and therefore makes up a large part of our daily learning.

Students are engaged in explicit phonics instruction to help them master the essential code-breaking skills required.

Every day in our classroom students are immersed in a growth mindset culture.

They are praised not for their mental quickness or natural intelligence, but for approaching the process of learning with grit and determination.

Creating strong relationships between students and staff is essential and we have an unwavering belief in each child to realise their potential.

We enjoy a classroom environment filled with shared stories, singing, dancing, puzzles and games.

Whole class and small group discussions allow opportunities for



Girls Grammar aims to provide the best learning experiences.

students to share and feel valued.

We provide learning experiences for students to develop initiative, responsibility, cooperation and increased independence.

We are always striving to foster and nurture student's enthusiasm and curiosity about the world around them, develop confidence in themselves and an excitement for continued learning.

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Healthy school lunches

By Khrysti Balanay

THE school holidays are over, and the term is upon us.

Aside from early morning wake-ups, after school activities, helping with homework, parents also look forward to the school lunches.

CQ Today has approached CQ Nutrition to get their top tips to assist parents with packing healthy lunches for their children.

For parents making their child's lunches, dietitian Kristen Nugent advises that there are two main things to consider.

"We want to include a variety of foods from the five food groups to ensure we're ticking all the right boxes and giving our kids the energy and nutrients they need to learn and grow," she said.

"Planning and preparing ahead will help to ensure we're getting in this variety - and avoiding the early-morning panic. To ensure a healthy lunch box include these four components: the main item such as a sandwich, sushi, pasta, or a mini quiche.

"Two snacks with at least one being a piece of fruit or vegetables; the other could be reduced-fat yoghurt, wholemeal fruit muffin, or air-popped popcorn. Finally, don't forget a drink - tap water is best."

To keep food safe at school, choose an insulated lunch box and consider using ice bricks or a wrapped frozen water bottle.

Kristen recommends that a healthy lunch box should avoid items high in sugar, fat, and salt.

"Sweet drinks, dried fruit bars, muesli bars, biscuits, chocolate, and sweet spreads are all high in energy but can lead to weight gain and oral health problems," she said. "If cost is an issue, aim for seasonal fruits and vegetables or visit your local farmer's market for cheaper



Lunchboxes should contain a variety of foods from all five food groups. Picture: Supplied

fresh produce. Making your own snack packs and mixes from fresh ingredients you can buy in bulk is also a great way to try new combinations while avoiding the 'single-serve' prices."

Understandably, some families may not have time to make homemade alternatives, so Kristen suggests when purchasing items look at the ingredients list.

"If sugar, salt or saturated fat is listed in the first three ingredients, it might not be the healthiest choice," she said.

"If you are including some packaged foods in your child's lunchbox, try looking for the option with the highest Health Star rating – this is also a great way to get kids involved in making healthier choices.

"The most important thing is that their lunchboxes contain a variety of foods from all five food groups to give them the energy and nutrients they need to learn and grow - and of course, water to drink."

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Students at the centre of all we do

THE school is in its third year of operation, and the work of students and staff in building the school and school culture has been tremendous.

After opening in 2020 with Years 7 and 8, Gladstone's youngest high school now accommodates year 9 and 10 students. Each year following CSHS will progressively add a cohort, and 2024 will see our first Year 12 students graduate.

Stage 2 of the school build is nearing completion and will see a large senior learning block and senior technologies block added to the already impressive learning spaces for students. Calliope State High School may be less than three years old, but it is confidently establishing itself as a provider of high-quality education centred on evidence-based practice.

A point of difference at Calliope State High School is that staff across the school take a collective interest in ensuring that they know every student. From their leadership team to administration and support staff across the school, they want to know every student and how they can work together so that every student grows.

"At Calliope State High School, our core business happens in the classroom, and our students are the centre of all that we do – day in, day out," Principal Pete Stansfield said.

"The strength in what we do here is that we do it together, with students, their families and our broader school community.

"This is a community school.

"We educate our students together."

Calliope State High School operates a complete BYOx program, with all students experiencing learning through modern platforms,

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capitalising on digital resources, hybrid learning platforms, and developing 21st-century capabilities.

Outside of the classroom, the learning opportunities continue. Calliope SHS's Rugby League Program of Excellence is continuing to gain momentum, as is the work being completed in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts, and Mathematics) field, evidenced through drones, HPV, robotics and 3D printing. Closing in on handball and basketball as the most popular activities at lunchtime is chess, enjoyed by many students across all year levels.

The Ag (agriculture) program continues to make strikes and aims to introduce students to the future of agricultural practices through the use of innovation and technology. This will be achieved by combining traditional agricultural practices with emerging technologies such as aquaculture, drones and environmental management strategies.

There is no doubt that Calliope SHS is going from strength to strength and is a school to watch in the years to come.

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Kin Kora: Caring for every child

THE entire team at Kin Kora State school pride themselves on caring for every child at this school.

The teaching team are experts in their field and are always learning more about their craft to ensure the very best teaching and learning occurs in every teaching space.

For our Prep Students, we spend time knowing every child and ensuring that their learning and well-being needs are meet.

The early years of schooling we know are a special time in the educational experience of children. These years are crucial in a child's development providing the foundation for success as life-long learners. We believe that such a foundation is built in a safe, happy and supportive environment where students remain enthusiastic learners.

This is facilitated through positive relationships between teachers and students, programs that are responsive to the needs of learners and teaching strategies and learning experiences that motivate students to learn.

We believe that with high expectations, children will rise to meet those expectations. Our staff value high levels of respectful behaviour and that students take pride in their work. We value Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. These values are clear to any on-looker in our school.

Our priorities for development over the next four years include the teaching of English; building teacher expertise in innovative teaching methods through teacher collaboration; community engagement and reading.

The Kin Kora State School Prep gives all young children the very best start to school by helping them make a smooth transition to Year 1 and settling them on the path to life long learning.

Our Prep classes will provide the foundation children need to succeed at school by developing:

- A positive approach to learning
- Independence and confidence
- Thinking and problem solving skills
- Language skills
- Early literacy and numeracy
- Gross and fine motor skills

Here at Kin Kora State School we pride ourselves on doing whatever it takes for our students to succeed.

Our hands on approach to learning provides a holistic approach creating a fun, vibrant and dynamic learning environment.

The school exists on a hilly site surrounded by native trees and gardens and is in close proximity to shopping facilities and sporting grounds.



The teaching team at Kin Kora State School are experts in their field.



The Kin Kora community values Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Our Prep facilities are state of the art with a custom built waterfall play area and a brand new nature play with a wide varieties of areas to play, explore and learn together.

Students are involved in a range of cultural, sporting and academic pursuits and take great pride in being 'Kin Kora Kids'. All students wear their school uniforms and have a commitment to being safe, responsible, respectful and keen learners.

Kin Kora State School actively promotes excellence in teaching and learning to optimise learning outcomes for all students by fostering a supportive school environment where positive relationships between students, teachers and members of the school community are valued.

If you are not already a part of our Kin Kora village, why not make an appointment with the to learn more about how we can work with you to make the best your child can be.



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Welcome to Kin Kora State School, a proud and well respected educational institution, recognised across all sectors of education and the wider community for maintaining a consistent approach to academic, sporting and cultural excellence.

Since 1982, Kin Kora State School has established a caring and supportive environment with professional personnel working in partnership with our parents and community to ensure that all students reach their potential.

At Kin Kora, students are valued and treated as individuals with a focus on all aspects of their academic and social development. Our motto of 'Strive for Success' encapsulates our commitment to providing the best possible educational environment for your child. Our students display enormous pride in being 'Kin Kora Kids'.

We welcome you into our school community and trust that you will enjoy your association with us. - Jorgen Neilson

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