



John Paul College



Headmaster's Welcome



I am proud to be the Headmaster of this very special College and I welcome and thank you for visiting us through the pages of this prospectus. Each page of this publication tells the story of who we are and what we stand for.

While we are one of Queensland's largest independent schools, our College campus is divided to create secure and familiar

'small school' environments for our students. This ensures children, of all ages, develop and learn in an environment that best meets their needs.

To join John Paul College is to become a member of our unique family where, as in any family, children are at the heart. We take our role in shaping their lives seriously, and I assure you that we regard our relationship with you, their parents, as a key ingredient in our success.

We understand the complexity of the decision you face in selecting the right school for your child, and affirm our commitment to offering them the very best all-round educational opportunities. We see our responsibility

as inspiring a child to realise their personal talents and abilities. We aim to provide them with an education that is relevant to their time, at each stage of their journey with us, through our innovative and internationally-orientated curriculum that delivers real world learning.

We can offer you only a glimpse of our College in these pages. I invite you to view our website at www.johnpaulcollege.com.au for further insights and information, and to visit our campus so that you can see for yourself the many outstanding qualities that make John Paul College a school like no other.

Warren Peat
Headmaster



We recognise that each child is an individual with unique potential. Early experiences, as they embrace learning and explore individual strengths, provide a foundation for future development. Our learning programs aim to develop and open minds, and we nurture the physical, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual development as each child builds skills for life.

We believe we have a truly great responsibility and we are privileged to share with you in preparing your children for their journey to adulthood and life in a real world.

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Ready

TO BELONG

Unity, Christ, Learning

John Paul College is a school with a strong sense of community and a proud sense of family. Built by our community for our community, our values are defined in our school motto *Unity, Christ, Learning* and remain as strong today as they were when we first opened in 1982.

As Queensland's first ecumenical school, we remain committed to the goal of ecumenism to bring about Christian Unity as echoed in Jesus' prayer to the Father, that His followers 'may all be one' (John 17:21).

In this ecumenical spirit, we affirm the individuality of our traditions as envisioned by our Founding Fathers from the local Anglican, Uniting and Roman Catholic parishes; we acknowledge our differences; and we rejoice in our efforts to understand each other's beliefs.

Today our community consists of children from many different Christian traditions beyond those original three; and together they learn and worship, as they strive to live out this commitment to Christian Unity.

While the aim of ecumenism is focused on the Christian tradition alone, its practices of acceptance and understanding of the other are applied naturally and easily to include families of all faiths. So in this way, ecumenism prepares our students for life in a world where religious tolerance and mutual respect are essential values for living in a multicultural, multi-faith, international environment.





Ready

TO GROW

School is not only a place for formal learning, it is a place where friendships are made, where life's lessons are learned, and like home, it is a place where values create character in a developing child.



Like all children, your son or daughter will face challenges and make choices that will shape and influence their life's journey. There will be moments of anxiety, indecision and even confusion. It is at these times, you need to know that the family values that are so important to you at home, are just as important to us at school.

We know that self-esteem and personal worth are the foundation of a happy child and success later in life. Our pastoral care programs which include the celebration of individual achievement and regular year-level retreats and camps build resilience, confidence and friendships, and teach children respect for self and for others.



Mutual respect forms the basis of our relationships at John Paul College. This is clearly reflected in our students' high standards of dress, behaviour and courtesy shown to others. Our social and environmental responsibilities are expressed through our commitment to care for our planet and its people. These standards have always set our students apart in the eyes of the community.

We believe that loyalty, fairness, compassion, contribution and tolerance in everyday life, are amongst the great virtues in life. These values foster a culture of mutual respect which forms the essence of all interactions with others.



Ready

FOR KNOWLEDGE

Our learning programs support and encourage the diverse and individual talents of each student. At each stage of the learning journey, our exceptional teachers identify the unique intellectual, social and emotional needs of their students and apply this knowledge to help each child realise their potential.



Ready

TO EXPLORE

Starting school is one of life's milestones and perhaps a child's first experience of life beyond the family. Now is the time to ignite their passion for a lifetime of learning.



The John Paul College learning journey begins as early as Kindergarten when our youngest students explore, question, experiment and play. The journey continues throughout the Junior School years when students learn within a global context through

the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). This progressive approach to teaching and learning focuses on total growth and encompasses the social, physical, emotional, cultural and academic development of a young child, while



recognising that each develops at their own rate and pattern of growth.

The blend of the PYP and the Australian Curriculum gives priority to foundation skills, knowledge and understanding in the context of a caring community.

The PYP aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who think independently, communicate openly and who are principled, balanced and open-minded students in learning and life.

Ready

TO CHALLENGE

Change, challenge and emerging confidence – middle years' learning is a time when students are experiencing significant emotional and physical growth. This is a time when influences such as self-image and peer pressure are at their greatest.



Our specialist middle years' pastoral and learning programs aim to engage each student in learning while challenging them to grow. We recognise that academic progress during these early adolescent years depends on students feeling emotionally and socially connected.

To support our students, our pastoral program focuses on

mutual respect and provides students with the freedom to grow as individuals within our Christian ecumenical community.

Academically, the middle years' curriculum is presented in a way that delivers relevant content for the learner while preparing them for more specialised study in their



later years of Senior School. While English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography are a focus, students have opportunities to further explore their individual interest areas through a range of electives.

Building relationships, creating confidence – middle years' schooling is all about shaping the person that is yet to be.

Ready

FOR TOMORROW

Senior schooling offers exceptional choice for our students as they make decisions about life after school.



Whether our students are destined for further study through an Overall Position (OP), Rank Pathway, International Baccalaureate (IB), Vocational Education or employment, we offer them an appropriate pathway to achieve success. Students are guided by our Careers and Pathways Manager and every year a number also

successfully experience the real world through traineeships, school-based apprenticeships or first year university subjects. Academic audits, regular online reporting and communication with parents enable teachers to work in partnership with the home. In this way, we can keep parents informed of their child's academic progress.



A full-time network of support personnel, including Heads of Years, a Chaplain, Counsellors, English as a Second Language and Learning Enhancement teachers, is available. A comprehensive tutorial program is designed to extend and support children in their pursuit of academic excellence.

With a variety of pathways to prepare them for the real world and different and exciting careers, our students really are – real world ready!

Ready

FOR THE WORLD

As a multicultural community, we are proud to welcome international students and families to our IB World School. Learning for life in our global community is very much a reality for our students.



In understanding each other's beliefs, values and customs, our students become more aware of their responsibilities within local, national and global communities. This global consciousness challenges our students to initiate humanitarian and aide projects in support of those in need.

John Paul College also offers a Homestay program,

administered through our International Student Services Centre, for overseas students who require home-away-from-home accommodation with an Australian family.

With an everyday link to other cultures and countries, our students experience the diversity of the real world without leaving their own country. However, each year



many students also choose to travel to one of our exchange schools overseas, or participate in international sporting and performing arts tours. Through these first-hand encounters, our students experience new languages, cultures and lifestyles. What better way to strengthen our understanding and deepen our global consciousness?

In the spirit of mutual respect and acceptance, we openly celebrate the cultural diversity within our College family and, particularly, within our student body.

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Ready
TO INNOVATE

At John Paul College we are proud of our reputation as one of Australia's most progressive and dynamic K-12 co-educational, independent schools. Innovation is integral to John Paul College; it drives our commitment to continuous improvement in teaching and learning practices.





Ready

FOR TECHNOLOGY

We have long recognised the value of technology in the learning process. Technology not only helps develop creativity and logical and lateral thinking in a child; its use also plays a vital role in developing digital and information literacy skills that are essential for life, learning and future employment in a digital age. This is why our students from Years 4–12 routinely use personal notebook computers as part of their daily life at school. It is also why the classrooms of our Kindergarten through to Year 3 students are equipped with desktop computers and interactive whiteboards to introduce our youngest learners to the digital world under the supervision of their teachers.



All College learning programs are supported by the latest digital online resources. These are easily accessible at school, via our campus-wide wireless network, and from home, via our internet portal, *JPConnect*. Staff and students have unlimited capacity to communicate, collaborate and explore via *JPConnect* which means that access to learning does not stop at the end of the school day.

Technology breaks down the walls of our classrooms for parents, who also have access to this sophisticated online community. *JPConnect* completes our 'connected learning community' and encourages continuous communication between the College and our parents, reinforcing the sense of partnership and family which are so important to us.



Parents access customised information relating to the academic and co-curricular activities of their children. This information includes personalised online reports, timetables and co-curricular activities, as well as news, messages, alerts, contacts and events from the College.

The JPC Parent Network also supports and connects our community through a network of parent volunteers as class representatives. Class 'reps' form a personal point of contact for our parents and are a vital source of information and support for busy parents.

Ready

TO CREATE

Reaching peak performance depends on many factors – talent, practice, persistence, confidence and above all, opportunity. With exceptional opportunities in the performing arts and sport, John Paul College gives all students the chance to excel.





Ready

TO COMPETE

Our sportsmen and sportswomen are spoiled for choice in the range of school-based and club sports available. With one of Australia's most extensive school sports programs, we give all students the chance to achieve their personal best.



With an emphasis on 'trying' and having fun, our younger students revel in the health and social benefits that participation in sport provides; while in the middle years our Pathways program identifies students with emerging talent and partners them with some of Australia's best coaches to guide their development.

In their senior years, the Horizons program allows our state and national level athletes the opportunity to complete Years 11 and 12 over three years. Access to expert coaches and health and fitness professionals provides our Horizons students with every opportunity for future success at the highest level.



Specialist academies in rugby, netball, basketball and cricket provide further coaching and development opportunities to athletes in these sports.

So whether your child is simply keen to enjoy being part of the team, with their friends, or has professional aspirations, they will be most welcome in our sporting program.

Ready

TO PERFORM

Play, sing, dance, paint, sculpt, perform! Our performing arts students enjoy exceptional opportunities to develop their talents and experience the sheer joy of creation.



Providing unforgettable performance opportunities is the focus of the School of Performing Arts. Abilities and talents of all levels are nurtured through our extensive instrumental, choral and vocal, cheerleading, marching band, drama, dance and visual arts tuition programs. Whatever

their gift, our students relish their moment to shine. Through performances in local, state, national and international productions, events and tours, our students enjoy unparalleled opportunities to showcase their talent.

While enjoying the endless creative possibilities, students



develop strong qualities of co-operation, perseverance and teamwork, values which serve them well in their approach to academic and life challenges.

Through orchestras, ensembles, rock bands, choirs, dance companies, drama productions and visual arts, we nurture talents, practise to perfection and create unforgettable experiences for every student.

Ready

FOR LIFE

As a student's journey through John Paul College comes to an end, a new journey begins, into a tomorrow filled with excitement, promise and adventure.

As their teachers and guides on that journey, we hope the knowledge they have gained, while with us, endures a lifetime. Confident, committed and compassionate members of a global community, they will always be a part of our family long after school has become a distant memory. But what of tomorrow? Our students are destined for successful careers and we trust they will find their own special place in the world.

Their first step may be university, TAFE or the workforce, but whichever road they travel, our interest in their progress remains.

It is with great pride that we see almost 100% of our graduates advancing towards their chosen careers within three months of graduating.

When we say our farewells, it is with pride, knowing that we have prepared our students well, ready to meet the challenges of work and life in the real world. We trust

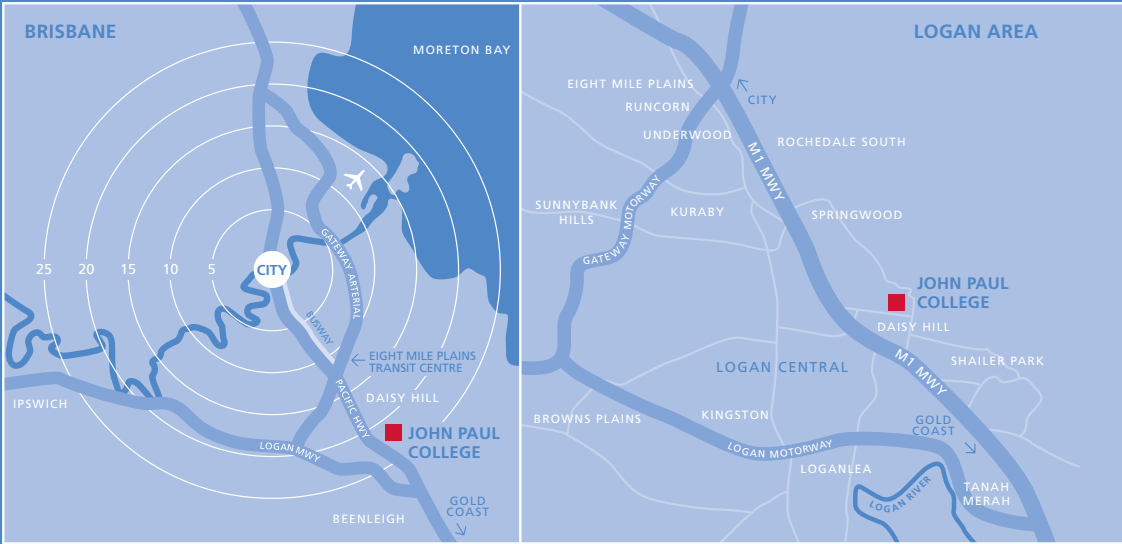
that each and every one will find personal happiness and professional fulfilment in every aspect of their life.





Now that you have had the chance to see us in print, we would love to see you in person. Why not contact the Registrar for your own tour of the campus or visit our website for further information?

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FACILITIES

Property Services	F1
Security	F2
Community Support Services	F3
Applied Design Centre	F4
Coleman Centre	F5
Aquatic Centre	F6
Dame Joan Sutherland Music Centre	F7
Techsphere	F8
Library	F9
Health Centre	F10
Main Administration	F11
Retail Centre (uniforms and books)	F12
Tuckshop	F13
Boomerang Building	F14
Cranmer Learning Commons	F15

SENIOR SCHOOL

Art	S1
Home Economics	S2
Bradley Building	S3
The Gorman Centre / Senior School Office	S4
Science	S5
Commerce	S6

MIDDLE SCHOOLING PRECINCT

Old Wesley	M1
New Wesley	M2
Drake Building	M3
Pines Building / Middle School Office	M4
Lockers	M5

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gilmour 1–5	P1
Gilmour 6–7	P2
Busch Building	P3
Wicks Building	P4
Primary School Office	P5
Burke Building	P6
Burke Annexe	P7
Ray Richards Building	P8
Doulin Building	P9
Enright Building	P10
Teacher Resource Room	P11
Child Care Centre	P12
Kindergarten	P13
ARC – Assembly and Recreation Centre	P14

JOHN PAUL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Crockett Building	IC1
Fanning Building	IC2
Administration	IC3

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