



ST COLUMBA COLLEGE

*A foundation for success*

# From the College Principal



As Principal of St Columba College, it is with great pleasure that I present to you our enrolment package. It is designed to give you a taste of the College, our values and educational offerings.

If after reading you would like to explore the possibility of enrolling your child(ren) at St Columba, feel free to either phone the College on 8254 0600, or direct a completed enrolment form to the College Registrar.

As Australia's unique Catholic and Anglican co-educational R-12 College, we believe in the potential and value of every student. That's why, at St Columba, we seek to provide first-class education with a team of dedicated and caring staff.

With modern facilities and a broad range of courses to cater to the skills and interests of all students, we create an environment which is underpinned by our Christian values of love, respect and forgiveness. We strive to be the best we can and constantly work to nurture student success.

As Principal, I am committed to working with staff, parents and students to create a positive community and educational experience. We sincerely believe that our greatest resources are the people who make up our College community. We strongly value each individual's contribution, gifts and talents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider educating your child at St Columba. Please be assured that they will always be valued, as the precious gift they are.

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Madeleine Brennan  
Principal



# Forever Looking Forward



From humble beginnings, operating from a temporary rented home office in Chelmsford Grove, and with the establishment of our Primary school campus, St Columba College has grown from strength to strength. We grow for our students, and with our students, ensuring that the College is constantly evolving to meet the needs of our community.

Our College was established with Saint Columba of Iona in mind. After much instability and clan warring in his native Ireland, Columba departed with twelve followers, to settle on the Scottish island of Iona. It was here that Columba established his church, drawing in many devoted monks and establishing his reputation for holiness. Just as Iona grew as a centre of Christian culture to both the Anglican and Catholic religions, St Columba College has grown as a highly progressive national model of Anglican and Catholic ecumenism.

**As a College community, we are forever looking forward. We constantly seek to enhance our environment and to expand our physical and intellectual boundaries, by striving to create first-class facilities and establish new campuses to accommodate an ever-growing number of students.**

We reflect on our history as a strong foundation for the future. In our reflections on what has already been, and the endless possibilities for our future years as a College, we strive to create an exceptional educational and spiritual experience for every student.



# Promoting Excellence



No matter the year level in which your child starts at St Columba, we ensure that they are involved in a collaborative and supportive educational process, which encourages them to use their unique gifts and talents to their fullest potential. We promote high standards in every dimension of College life, and encourage all to take pride in our community.

**We offer a wide-ranging curriculum which is specifically tailored for individual students' needs and abilities. As Christians, we believe that education must take into account the development of the whole person. As a result, we ensure that the education of St Columba's students encompasses spiritual, emotional, intellectual, physical and social elements, giving them the tools they need to excel.**

Our staff are highly trained, passionate and dedicated to providing the highest quality learning opportunities for our students. They care deeply for the intellectual and emotional welfare of each student, and support them throughout their schooling years. Staff work to nurture positive relationships between students, their peers and teachers, instilling in them ideas of mutual respect, courtesy and creativity.

From day one, students are inspired by our College keys: Organisation, Persistence, Confidence and Getting Along. These keys are integral in our educational program, and represent emotional and intellectual facets that are fundamental tools for success.



# A Culture of Discovery



From their very first day at St Columba, Primary students are welcomed into a caring and exciting environment, where their intellect and creativity are constantly stimulated with a progressive curriculum, outstanding facilities, and the latest innovations in educational technology. We encourage Primary students to actively participate in all areas of school life, developing key relationships with their peers and teachers.

Literacy and numeracy form the cornerstones of our Junior Primary education, encompassing a broad range of reading programs and special education services, to equip students with a passion for literature and a love of learning. In the later years of Primary school, we increase the students' participation in other specialist curriculum areas, including Society and the Environment, Technology, Health and Physical Education, the Arts, Science and Indonesian.

There is a culture of discovery to be experienced at the Primary School. Students take part in the discovery of new ideas, new skills and new people. With the support of their teachers and their relationships with their peers, they begin the journey of discovering who they are, and who they can become.



# Shaping their Future



In the 7-12 years, students continue to build upon the foundation of their Primary years, shaping their study paths and ultimately, their career aspirations. Our Middle (Years 7-9) and Senior (Years 10-12) sections challenge students to actively participate in a dynamic curriculum that is both relevant and accessible. They engage with a number of different teachers across a broad range of subject areas.

**A wealth of study options are available to Middle and Senior students. In addition to core subjects such as Religious Education, English and Mathematics, students have the opportunity to further their learning in History, Geography, Tourism, Food and Hospitality, Information Technology, Desktop Publishing, Indonesian, Music, Physical Education, Drama, Design Technology and Visual & Creative Arts.**

Throughout Year 10, it is emphasised that their subject choices underpin future study and career directions. In Years 11 and 12, students embark on their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). We provide a strong Career Education experience, enhanced by our state-of-the-art Careers Centre, seminars and workshops, Vocational & Educational Training work placement programs, and dedicated Careers Counsellors. These resources are available to support students as they pave their own personal pathway for success.



# A Culture of Kinship



As a key element of our concept of developing 'the whole person', we strongly encourage students to take part in our wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular groups and activities.

**Students' participation in, and contribution to, our many co-curricular and extra-curricular activities is integral in enhancing our College identity and establishing a culture of kinship.**

Students can take part in our sporting teams, or display their athletic talents and healthy sense of competition in our co-curricular and extra-curricular sporting carnivals. Retreats provide a context in which students can develop their spirituality, while College camps are an opportunity to unwind from the liveliness of daily school life, within an educational context.

Musical and dramatic productions showcase the fabulous talents of students from across the College spectrum, while private instrumental lessons are offered to both Music and non-Music students. Charity fundraising events, such as our annual Coin Line and Can Can Charity Shield Relay, are platforms for students to approach the world with a compassionate and generous spirit. Book Week Parades are a colourful way to celebrate the literary world.



# The Power of Worship



Throughout all year levels of the College, students' spiritual wellbeing is nurtured with an invaluable Pastoral Care program that is tailored to provide for the varying needs of students. It gives students access to a strong support network, and provides an opportunity for personal and group prayer and reflection. Our unique Pastoral Care curriculum addresses issues that affect modern children and adolescents, and is constantly refined to equip them with the confidence, compassion and knowledge to venture into their place in the world.

**Worship and liturgy play a major role in the spiritual life of the College. Regular liturgies provide opportunities for community worship, and empower students with a deep sense of the role that God's love has in their lives.**

Students can also benefit from a range of additional support services, including confidential student counselling and career study programs. Staff work constantly in the service of their students, with emotional wellbeing and educational achievement their top priority.

At St Columba, every student is truly valued. In our community, your child has a real opportunity to realise their potential, and prosper.





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