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ST TERESA'S
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



COLLEGE LIFE



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As parents, you make decisions every day for your child. Of these, few are as significant and have the impact of changing the course of their life.

How will my child feel at school? Will their natural talents and skills be identified and nurtured? Can they achieve academic success? Will they receive opportunities that offer additional possibilities in life?

What you want for your child is more complex than 'getting into university' or 'getting a good job'.

No doubt you want them to develop self confidence and resilience, to believe in their abilities, to recognise their power to make a difference within a community, to have a love of learning, to have the courage to share their voice, to have the persistence to work toward their dreams, to develop lasting friendships, to know their innate value and to feel loved and respected.

Our unwavering commitment to each student produces young men and women with the passion, courage and tenacity to 'Dare the Dream'.

FAMILY SPIRIT

From their first day at St Teresa's your child is welcomed into their family away from home.

The Vertical Pastoral Care system provides deep connection with peers and teachers, where differences are celebrated and each student's contribution is valued.

Our students strive to be people of integrity, humility and sincerity and to be truthful, open-hearted, transparent and easily understood in their relationships.

St Teresa's is more than an education. It is an experience, a place to realise dreams, to develop lifelong friendships, to be guided and supported, to feel safe. It's a place where you are allowed to make mistakes and learn from them, where your son or daughter will come to understand they have skills, talents and abilities and they are good enough as they are, where they learn the value of hard work and where they recognise the humanity within others and themselves.

The spirit of the College is that of a family that provides a safe and positive learning environment.



INDIVIDUAL CAREER PATHWAY

Every student at the College creates an Individual Career Pathway (ICP). The ICP is a student-centred, teacher/parent supported web based app for students to meaningfully and actively engage in their learning. At its core, the ICP provides:

- Student Learning Goals - SMART goals, co-constructed between student, parent/carer, teacher, to foster shared ownership and layers of accountability
- In real-time results - student assessment grades are made available to students and families immediately after grading
- Feedback - we know effective feedback practices can significantly improve student learning and teaching quality

Your student will be individually mentored in understanding how they learn by identifying their individual learning strengths and areas of growth and development, as well as the skills required to pursue their chosen pathway. Students work collaboratively with their House Group Leaders (HGLs) and teachers to create an Individual Career Pathway ensuring a successful transition into life beyond school.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students in Years 7 - 10 engage in the Australian Curriculum, providing opportunities to stretch and challenge learners as they further develop their strengths, pursue their passions and discover potential career prospects.

As they manage and adapt to the academic rigour of high school, students have access to learning extension and support by highly specialised teachers, as well as the student-led SLAM (Student Learning and Mentoring Program).

Programs such as Dreamers@Dusk, CLP (Capable Learners Program), Virtual French Exchange, Arts and Technology Rotations and the Year 8 Reflection Day encourage students to dream beyond the boundaries of the everyday, to look toward a global community

and to undertake critical enquiry and creative risk-taking.

In these formative years of early teenagehood, all students in Years 7 - 10 are involved in the ACCESS program to foster positive relationships and build happy, healthy and confident students who are holistically educated, academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually, and who are empowered to be their best self.







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SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School experience at St Teresa's prepares our graduates to thrive in an evolving workplace and ever-changing world. We value diversity and recognise that leadership is not just for students with tertiary academic aspirations.

The new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system underpins the senior learning journey. All senior students are expected and challenged to graduate with a QCE. Furthermore, students pursuing tertiary entrance are mentored and supported in achieving their potential to maximise ATAR scores, while students on a work transition or preparation pathway are similarly mentored to attain relevant certificates and work experience.

In a fast-paced world, our students are encouraged to reflect upon themselves, their education and their character. The Year 10 Retreat is a time for students to contemplate on what they have learnt at St Teresa's, and how they will use what they have learnt to successfully undertake the next two years of senior studies.

In Year 11, students undertake a rigorous leadership program, to build and develop leadership skills for life. The College offers a

range of formal and informal opportunities to prepare your student for leadership challenges they will face in life.

Along with preparing students academically to achieve their goals, our Year 12 program sets students up for success beyond high school. The Year 12 Retreat is structured time away from the normal routine of home and school where students are given the opportunity to listen, ponder, share and express their relationship with themselves, significant others, God and creation.

Our Ministry, Learning and Wellbeing programs are specifically designed to encourage students to think rationally and creatively, to be problem solvers and to know how to persevere. A lifelong love of learning is fostered through positive education experiences. Our graduates go on to pursue a variety of careers that are individually satisfying and contribute to a better world.



ENVIRONMENT



Located in stunning Noosaville on the Sunshine Coast, your student will enjoy a natural environment with kangaroos regularly visiting the campus.

The learning environment of the College respects and promotes an environmentally sensitive design in relation to water efficiency, energy consumption, sustainable building materials, forestation, animal and plant conservation and waste management.

A love and stewardship of the environment can be found inside and outside the classroom. Stroll around the College and you will see classes enjoying the native surrounds, making the most of the Queensland weather.

Consideration has been given to the physical, environmental and aesthetic surrounds so that the spiritual development of staff, students and families within the Catholic traditions is enhanced.

An appreciation of nature and a responsibility to take care of it will become instinctive for your child studying at St Teresa's.

*“Look deep into nature and
and then you will understand
everything better.”*

Albert Einstein

FACILITIES



As part of the Capital Works Projects around the College, 2020 saw the renovation of the Pinbarren sports hall into an enclosed, multi-purpose centre. A new 200 seat state-of-the-art auditorium, Barungam, was also built that significantly enhances the experience for students. In 2021 our courts were resurfaced and a new all-weather roof covering built.

The College boasts many subject dedicated rooms including a large, comprehensive, vibrant

learning centre, science labs, hospitality kitchens, dance studios, a fitness gym, drama studio, specialist art studios, design technology studios, specialist instrumental music rooms, multiple sporting venues and a bush chapel.

The Terrace Cafe is a favourite amongst staff and students with all food cooked from scratch and it's outdoor tables providing a gathering place during break times.



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MINISTRY

As a Catholic College, Ministry is interwoven into daily life in ways that teenagers can connect with and respond to. From daily morning prayer in House Groups, whole College Masses and Liturgies to Reflection days and Retreats, the objectives for our students are for them to combine a loving heart and a strong mind to recognise their own infinite potential.

Service to others and the community form an integral component of the program, as all students undertake service in different ways. Opportunities abound, from mentoring younger students or caring for the environment to raising funds for children in need. It is our conviction that learning through service has a privileged role to play in both transforming the human heart, and thus, in turn, transforming the world.

The Indigenous Solidarity program seeks to develop an awareness of social and cultural issues, past and present, and a whole college understanding of the ongoing effects of dispossession. Including Aboriginal spirituality in Religious Education, we value the continuing importance and involvement of Aboriginal people in the life of the College.

St Teresa's College Day is a day of celebration and remembrance, where our College community comes together. Students are encouraged to 'Dare the Dream' as they create market stalls to raise funds for Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity and as they challenge themselves to share their gifts through performing in St Teresa's Got Talent.

Each fortnight, our REGEN Youth Group meet on site for fun and games. Senior students and staff lead the way for younger students offering a safe place to regenerate and reignite connections with friends, family and spirit. REGEN gently brings students to a deeper awareness of God's loving presence.



LEARNING

St Teresa's provides an optimal learning environment where students are challenged to think beyond the information that is presented. It's a place where students are individually mentored, they feel safe to explore, passions are ignited, temperaments guided.

Inspiring a lifelong love of learning is at the core of all we do. Academic achievement is an important goal for many students, and we want them to continue being successful beyond high school. Powerful learning occurs when your student's individual needs, interests and abilities are acknowledged within a respectful, supportive atmosphere. Our Individual Career Pathway allows parents and students to track individual progress in real time.

Highly qualified teachers bring the curriculum to life, involving students in their learning in unique ways. Teachers track individual progress and identify students who are eligible for extension and support programs.

With technology playing a larger role in the world, our students are provided with devices to enhance their learning. Year 7-9 students utilise iPads, whilst Year 10-12 student learning is facilitated on Macbook Air laptops.

*"Tell me and I forget,
Teach me and I remember,
Involve me and I learn."*

Benjamin Franklin



Following the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), your student will participate in programs such as Study Skills, Shape Your Destiny and Achieving Your Best to assist them in selecting their course pathway.

In Year 10, student, parent and professional staff work together to focus on getting senior subject selection right. Our students have a variety of options including the ATAR Pathway, Vocational Education and Training courses (VET), traineeships, apprenticeships, and Head Start University Programs. As a registered training organisation many VET courses are offered on site, along with the option to study at TAFE whilst at the College.

Senior Subjects

- English, English and Literature Extension, Literature, Essential English
- General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, Essential Mathematics
- Study of Religion, Religion and Ethics
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Dance
- Design
- Digital Solutions
- Drama
- Film, Television & New Media
- Food and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- Health
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Science in Practice
- Sport and Recreation
- Visual Art

VET Programs delivered at St Teresa's Catholic College

- Certificate III in Business
- Diploma of Business
- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate IV in Dance
- Certificate IV in Crime and Justice
- Certificate III in Information Technology
- Certificate III in Engineering - Technical (CAD)
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Music
- Certificate II in Tourism
- Certificate III in Visual Art

WELLBEING

Wellbeing is fundamental to successful learning and life. At St Teresa's we actively and strategically construct environments and experiences to promote 'feeling good about me and my relationships' as well as a sense of meaning, purpose and growth.

Our Vertical Pastoral Care system means that your student stays with the same House Group Leader and students throughout high school enabling deep connections to be made. House Group Leaders work to build quality relationships within the group, and to carefully monitor the individual needs of the students in their care.

An essential element of Pastoral Care, is ensuring clear behavioural expectations are communicated and maintained,

with appropriate action taken where necessary. The principles of Restorative Justice underpin our behaviour management strategies at St Teresa's in an attempt to maintain quality relationships within the community.

House, Interhouse and whole College events all contribute to the sense of Family Spirit, along with the weekly ACCESS program where the focus is on wellbeing.



DEVELOPING PASSIONS

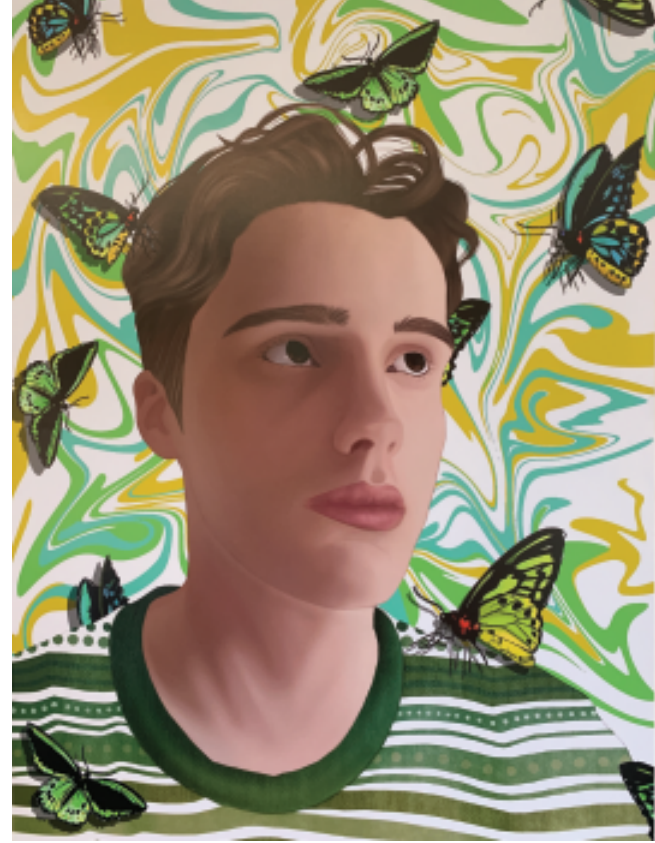
Research on the adolescent brain tells us that teenagehood is the time to specialise, discover and develop talents for life. As a unique individual, your student has opportunities to pursue extensive Learning Enrichment Programs in the areas of academia, spirituality, culture and sport, to uncover and foster their passions.

Academic opportunities include Rostrum and Lions Youth of the Year, Public Speaking, Tournament of Minds, Readers Cup, Book Week, Chess Competitions and Debating teams. Along with these, a variety of lunchtime clubs such as STEM

club, History Club and Public Speaking Club, exist to stretch the knowledge and imagination of students.

Spiritual Learning Enrichment Programs include liturgies, sacramental program, immersion program, community service and REGEN Youth Group.





A rich and varied array of cultural programs provide students with the platform to take risks, stretch and perform. Our highly trained arts teachers ignite the imagination of students, provide a platform for self-expression and encourage students to use creativity to solve complex problems.

Our award winning dance and drama troupes compete at a high level, demanding commitment that leads to success.

Musically, students have options to participate in Vocal Group, Chapel Band, Concert Band, Stage Band, Rock Bands and String

Ensemble, along with private and group instrumental music lessons on offer.

Film Club brings together those students interested in learning more about film, along with the hands-on experience of creating short films that are entered into competitions.

Our annual Off The Wall arts extravaganza brings culture to life in the landscape of the College with student works providing a full evening of entertainment.

Making the most of the Sunshine Coast weather, students can choose to participate in a wide range of sporting pursuits including AFL, athletics, basketball, cross country, equestrian, mountain biking, netball, rugby union, soccer, surf lifesaving, surfing, swimming and water polo.

The sports program encourages all students of all abilities to participate and enjoy the benefits of regular exercise. Specialist coaches offer structured training

sessions. Our Kierra Trompf Netball Academy offers high achieving netballers the chance to train and compete coached by one of Australia's best netballers.

Along with entering in local and state-wide competitions, the College is also part of the Sunshine Coast North District which is our school sporting pathway for higher representation at a District, Regional or State Level.



ENROLMENTS

This prospectus provides a glimpse of College life and the diversity of experiences offered to all St Teresa's students.

Our College vision is for each and every student to graduate from the College with the confidence and courage to fulfil their destiny. We are committed to providing a strong foundation for life with values based on Catholic and Marist principles.

Whilst the focus of the College is on the Ministry, Learning and Wellbeing of your child, it is also so much more. It's a place where students ignite their dreams, learn to give back, to see a world where they can make a difference, where they recognise that mistakes are a part of learning and growing up.

To extend your understanding of how we work with students and families, I invite you to visit our College and meet with me. You will see our commitment in action, hear more about the ways in which we encourage students to be their best, and feel the Family Spirit that our students connect to for life.

If you would like to visit us please email snooenrolment@bne.catholic.edu.au or contact us on 5474 0022.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child.

Dare the Dream,



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