



ST PETER'S
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

TUGGERAH LAKES NSW



Challenge through Excellence

with St Peters Catholic College

Welcome



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

My vision for our students at St Peter's is that they progress through their schooling with an understanding and appreciation of the value of learning and an attitude that drives them towards excellence in everything they undertake.

The graduates of St. Peter's are life-long learners who are committed to achieving their best in everything they do; they look to the future with optimism and are motivated and inspired to model Christ's teachings in their lives and make a difference in the world.

Tim Hildebrandt

Welcome to St Peter's Catholic College where we challenge through excellence.

At St Peter's we have created an exciting centre of excellence in contemporary and innovative learning. Our students and teachers work in partnership each day to achieve learning goals focused on the skills necessary to be successful in today's society.

St Peter's Catholic College is committed to providing an education for each individual that is Christ centred and focused on forming young people in Catholic Discipleship. We inspire our students to "Live the Faith" by actively contributing to their communities, both at school and beyond, with an emphasis on our core values of Courage, Compassion and Commitment and founded on the recognition that, as Disciples of Christ, we are responsible for each other.

At St Peter's, learning is rich and exciting; it is the heart of what we do. Students are provided with vast opportunities to be involved in learning activities that suit their interests and abilities, including a wide range of co-curricular activities. All students are encouraged to use the gifts they have been given and to take the opportunities presented to them. We want our students to understand themselves as learners and to be constantly challenged in all that they do.



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Our Mission

Our mission is to challenge our students through a focus on excellence.

St Peter's students are brought to the fullness of life through witness to Jesus Christ and nurtured through a comprehensive curriculum that provides spiritual, intellectual, emotional and communal growth.



OUR CORE VALUES

Faith is a lived experience. We are challenged to make our beliefs a real part of how we live our lives and how we relate to our world. We are called to be witnesses to our faith in the ways in which we show our love and care for one another in the celebration of our Catholic identity which enriches us spiritually, and in our striving for positive teaching and learning experiences for all. In this way faith is a life giving and a life changing experience.

At St Peter's Catholic College our three core values are a means by which we live the Catholic faith. These values are:

- **COURAGE**
- **COMPASSION**
- **COMMITMENT**

At St Peter's we use five guiding principles that inform and inspire us in our everyday tasks and interactions and always remind us how we:

“Live the Faith”

Students of St Peter's commit to:

- **LIVE AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST**
- **EMBRACE LEARNING**
- **PURSUE EXCELLENCE**
- **SHOW RESPECT**
- **CARE FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS**

A Learning Community

A LEARNING COMMUNITY

Learning is at the heart of what we do and at St Peter's learning is rich and exciting. We have developed and implemented our Learning Framework based on the Broken Bay Learning Principles. This focus on learning for every student, combined with our modern physical learning environments, means that St Peter's students are challenged through excellence. Through this approach we have created an exciting centre of excellence in contemporary and innovative learning. Our students and teachers work in partnership each day to achieve learning goals focused on the skills necessary to be successful in today's society and for students to be life-long learners.



LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Support performs the vital role of support, guidance and assistance for students with specific learning differences and disabilities within the College.

Learning Support takes the form of specific programs, as well as group and individual assistance. There is a substantial amount of support and co-teaching done in the classroom setting. A specific diagnosis of a "learning difference" is required to access assistance from the qualified Learning Support Staff.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The College provides gifted, talented and high achieving students with classwork that is appropriately personalised and differentiated to suit the learning needs of the individual. Students will often be grouped to provide opportunity to work with others of a similar aptitude. There are many opportunities for students to access curriculum beyond the classroom, which could include tasks, challenges and competitions across the curriculum in academic, cultural, pastoral, music, creative arts and sports areas.



The Curriculum

St Peter's Catholic College offers an extensive range of subjects to cater for the variety of student needs. Our comprehensive academic program is enhanced by our superior facilities, technology in the learning environments and accredited vocational education program that includes work placements.

CREATIVE ARTS

- Dedicated facilities ensure that Creative Arts is highly valued at St Peter's. Students are offered participation in Drama nights, school band performances, a musical performed every second year, a Dance Troupe and a choir.
- "Artscool" ensembles and workshops are offered to students as extra-curricular activities in dance, drama, music, rock band, jazz band, guitar, choir, art and Japanese.

SPORT

St Peter's have extensive sporting facilities with an oval, playing fields and basketball courts. We are proud to celebrate the considerable successes of our sporting teams across a wide range of sports including swimming, athletics, cross country, netball, rugby, football, cricket, surfing, basketball, tennis, water polo, golf and equestrian. Representative sport is undertaken at Diocesan level.

Sport is actively promoted as encouraging sportsmanship and social development in meeting other students from a cross section of schools in a friendly but competitive atmosphere.



SUCCESSES

- Outstanding HSC results with a high number of Distinguished Achievements, first place in Diocese and students selected for Encore each year
- Continued improvements in Year 9 NAPLAN
- STEM club focusing on science, technology, engineering and maths
- Academic results with Night of the Notables, debating, public speaking and Premier's Reading Challenge
- Participation in Maths Challenge for Young Australians and Science Challenges, "Girls do the Maths"

School Facilities

OUR FACILITIES INCLUDE:

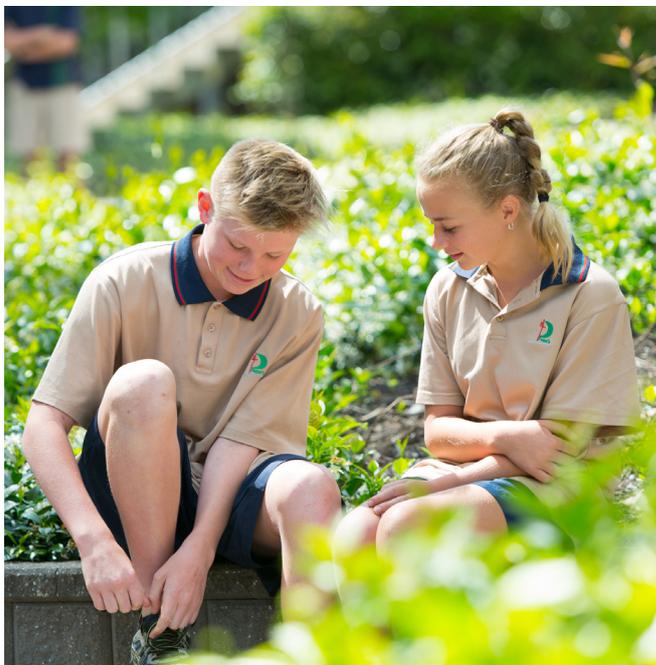
- Chapel
- 7 Science labs
- New library
- Hall with stage, sound & lighting facilities to industry standard
- Dance and drama studios
- Modern learning environment
- Canteen
- Music stage and practice rooms
- Uniform and stationery shop
- New library and learning centre
- Industry standard TAS facilities
- Covered outdoor learning areas
- Trade training centre with hospitality and metal & engineering facilities
- Extensive sporting facilities with oval and playing fields
- Music and visual arts centres
- Landscaped grounds and outdoor seating areas
- On-site parking for parents and students



St Peter's Catholic College is located in a magnificent 16 hectare bush setting on the Central Coast. The commitment of St Peter's to caring for the environment is mirrored in the vast open spaces, which include native gums and natural wetlands. The College provides superior covered areas, outdoor seating areas, sporting facilities, oval and playing fields for its staff and students.

To complement our world class hospitality facilities, St Peters have recently built a modern library, learning centre, chapel and the College is conveniently located within 10 minutes walking distance from Tuggerah Station with direct bus links across the Central Coast.





Wellbeing

St Peter's Catholic College is a caring and compassionate community that supports both student and staff wellbeing. St Peter's participate in an extensive range of wellbeing initiatives including RUOK? Day, Mental Health Month and guest presenters including Youth Australia and Police Liaison. We also provide Daily Homerooms, a Student Leader program as well as an individual counselling service.

CATHOLIC ETHOS

St Peter's students are encouraged to demonstrate they "Live the Faith" by participation in a wide range of charity and Faith related activities. These include: fundraising for Project Compassion, Catholic Mission and St Vincent de Paul Winter and Christmas appeals. Students are involved in social justice issues awareness campaigns and a weekly Community Café to support local community initiatives. St Peter's students are also active in the Diocese of Broken Bay Social Justice Forum. Year groups participate in the Anzac Day memorial liturgy and Reflection Days. Our Youth Ministry teams are also very active with St Peter's students representing the largest body at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

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STUDENT LEADER PROGRAM

- For all year groups
- Promote College spirit and connectedness through shared effort
- Actively display the values of the St Peter's guiding principles
- Work collaboratively as part of a team
- Have an interest in their specific area of responsibility
- Demonstrate good communication skills
- Be empowered through initiative and participation
- Lead through service
- Assist through being organised and be able to meet deadlines
- Be a role model by supporting the positive learning environment
- Recognise and celebrate individual qualities and gifts



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