



# NAMBOUR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



## PROSPECTUS

VALUING WHAT MATTERS MOST





SECURITY. SUPPORT. SUCCESS.





# WELCOME TO NAMBOUR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



It is my privilege to introduce you to information about the Nambour Christian College school community. I hope this prospectus will help you in your important search for a school that aligns with the values you are teaching your child and opportunities to support your aspirations for them.

The school has grown in many ways since its establishment in 1980 when 36 students and their courageous families launched a journey into Christian education on the Sunshine Coast. Today, that journey has led to a purposeful learning community that has graduated thousands of hopeful young people making a positive difference in their families and communities.

NCC’s approach to education has three foundations; character development, scholarship and Christian community. Firstly, we partner with parents to develop a student’s character which we believe will ultimately determine their success in all areas of life. Christian virtues such as compassion, kindness, justice, mercy and humility establish habits which form a good life.

As for scholarship, we understand that the best learning occurs in an environment of high challenge and high care. NCC has an extremely broad curriculum. The core learning in literacy, numeracy, sciences, humanities, arts and languages lends to a vast array of specialist subjects, from the highest academic subjects to vocational subjects and many in between. Our formal curriculum develops through recognised stages of the learner, from curious and knowledge-hungry childhood through critical thinking and new skills of adolescence and reasoned arguments and problem solving of young adulthood.

At NCC, Christian community practices are very important because we know that everyone’s well-being and resilience is dependent on our connections with others and spiritual foundations. The school’s pastoral program is broad with staff focused on building positive relationships to assist students’ emotional, social and spiritual growth, allowing students to feel safe to explore new ideas, skills and contributions to the world.

Choosing a school with which to partner for the growth of your child is one of the big decisions in life. I encourage you to find out as much as possible about the NCC community and I look forward to meeting you when you visit our college.

Geoff van der Vliet  
COLLEGE PRINCIPAL





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NCC IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED SCHOOL THAT CATERS FOR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF STUDENTS, WHY NOT VISIT OUR STUNNING CAMPUS AND SEE WHAT MAKES NCC SO SPECIAL.



SECURITY



# PURPOSEFUL LEARNING AND A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AT NCC

Nambour Christian College is an independent co-educational school with strong Christian foundations and high ideals for character development, learning and community service.

The commitment to pursuing excellence in all areas of school life is reflected in the Mission Statement: to provide a Christ-centred learning community where a commitment to excellence, creativity and service is encouraged and modelled.

Although welcoming families from diverse faith backgrounds, NCC parents require an understanding that their children will be taught Christian foundations for life. The Christian philosophy starts with an understanding that all people are created in God’s image and therefore have inherent worth. We also teach that despite living in a complex world with many challenges, God’s love extends to each person and his desire is for us all to grow in our relationship with him. We aim to model our lives on Jesus Christ who demonstrated God’s love and established the path for restoring all things back to how they were intended to be.

Students at NCC will encounter the Christian faith and Christian character through formal and informal

processes, including Chapel services, special programs and modelling from staff. There is a strong emphasis on our Christian responsibility to engage the world with virtues of compassion, kindness, justice, mercy and humility. We encourage students to serve others within our community and the broader community, with several opportunities for service trips and special events.

Pastoral Care is critical in the life of a student and their family. At NCC, we know that effective pastoral care is built on connections and positive relationships between all members of the community. Pastoral Care is everyone’s responsibility at NCC and students are encouraged to seek out staff members with whom they have a good connection, for support and assistance through the inevitable challenges of life. There are also key leaders and support staff to help facilitate care in special circumstances.

We believe that effective schooling occurs when authentic and supportive partnerships occur between school staff and parents. We share with families the immense responsibility to grow young people of good character and wisdom, well-connected and effective contributors in their communities and enabled to fulfil their purpose in all areas of life.



SUPPORT



SUCCESS



THE TEACHERS ARE COMMITTED AND CARING, AND GO BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP THE STUDENTS; THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY; THE FACILITIES; THE SUBJECTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OFFERED; GREAT VALUES; THE SAFE, ACCEPTING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE STUDENTS TO DO THEIR BEST.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

NCC is an academically strong school offering a variety of subjects that meet the needs of our students. Our educational programs are designed to enrich each student intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically and spirituality. This holistic education approach is the hallmark of an NCC educational offering. Teaching and learning is central to NCC, and so too is the development of good character and servant-hearted leadership.

With the growing impact of modern technologies on teaching and learning, NCC has a strong ICT backbone, including projectors in most teaching rooms and interactive whiteboards. The introduction of a one-to-one laptop program across all academic years from Years 4 to 12 has meant that learning remains vibrant and contemporary.

NCC has well established school based traineeship programs, allowing students to access industry and business across the Sunshine Coast for one day each week. Several school based subjects also offer students V.E.T qualifications.

Excellence, creativity and service to others are at the heart of teaching and learning at NCC. Not only do we aim to foster life-long learners, but we seek to graduate young men and women of moral character. Essential to this is teaching from a Christian Worldview; biblical Truth illuminates all academic and co-curricular programs.

At NCC we believe all students can learn and make progress, but we also know there are no short cuts to learning. Through dedication, hard work and support, our students can find success in their chosen study pathways.

Likewise, it is the efforts of great teaching that result in great outcomes for our students. Exemplary Christian teaching is something we continually strive to develop and demonstrate in each and every classroom.

Our holistic educational programs foster the academic, social, physical, cultural and spiritual lives of our students and members of our wider school community. Our purpose at NCC is not only the education of the mind, but the transforming of lives.





# CO-CURRICULUM

## CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

The breadth of effective learning opportunities occurs within the shared responsibility of the NCC school community – students, parents and staff working together to support and challenge us all to be the best versions of ourselves.

Important personal development occurs alongside the formal curriculum through NCC’s broad co-curricular program, with rich and diverse opportunities available in:

- An extensive Music program, including several award-winning bands
- Sport
- Creative and Performing Arts
- The Farm (eg. Berakah Miniature Horses Show Team)
- Outdoor (adventure-based) education
- Community service and student leadership activities
- National and international service and cultural trips
- Other special interest groups (eg. Chess club)



SPORT



MUSIC



SERVICE TRIPS



OUTDOOR EDUCATION





## SPECIALLY DESIGNED SPACES FOR LEARNING AT NAMBOUR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

- Spacious Junior School classrooms incorporating a variety of learning spaces
- Junior School library, science and drama rooms
- Individual and large group music learning spaces
- Health and Fitness Centre incorporating courts, grandstand, climbing wall, commercial gym and weights room, and dance studio
- Functioning Agricultural Farm incorporating miniature horses and stables
- Extensive Library facilities
- Lecture Theatre with stage and lighting
- Purposely designed Learning Enrichment spaces
- Outdoor Amphitheatre (shaded)
- Two state-of-art Hospitality kitchens – Commercial and Pastry and Bakery kitchens
- Industrial Technology and Design workshops and Graphics room







## EXCELLENT & PURPOSEFUL COLLEGE FACILITIES

The 22 hectare property on the border between Nambour and Woombye features an award-winning Early Learning Centre and three purpose-built sub-schools. A network of beautiful gardens and outdoor spaces throughout the college have been developed to serve and inspire students and staff.

Modern, brightly coloured, architecturally-designed buildings offer generous learning spaces, each fully air-conditioned to maximise learning throughout the year.

The natural and built environment helps to facilitate a peaceful atmosphere with outdoor gathering spaces complementing the pursuit of a strong and well-connected community of staff and students.



- Purposely designed Science laboratories
- Creative and Performing Arts Learning spaces – Art, Drama, Music, Film and Television
- Purpose built restaurant



## HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE

Health and Fitness Centre incorporating courts, grandstand, climbing wall, commercial gym and weights room, and dance studio

This facility caters for a number of sports and is used for both training and inter-school competition. A special feature is the climbing wall and a fully equipped weights room.





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## JUNIOR SCHOOL BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

The strength of any building rests in its foundations. Likewise, when building character, it is vital to lay the right foundations early. For this reason, we place enormous emphasis on creating the perfect setting – delivering structure, learning and fun.

The atmosphere in our Junior school is warm and caring, offering students a stimulating, enriched and disciplined educational environment. From the very beginning, emphasis is placed on your child building strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, with additional learning enrichment available when needed.

Students have their own teacher for core subjects, with access to specialists for Music, Library, French and Physical Education. They also have exposure to other, more diversified areas of learning and a wide range of experiences and challenges. Year 4 students are involved in a unique instrumental music program, where each child learns a musical instrument and participates and

performs in the Year 4 band. Technology is an important tool in learning. Students have use of a personal device from Years 4 to 6, with sets of devices in Prep to Year 3 classrooms.

Christian values are integrated throughout the curriculum and students receive solid biblical teaching as well as enjoying regular devotion and prayer times. Musical groups such as choirs, bands, orchestras and ensembles, as well as debating, public speaking and chess are all very stimulating to young minds.

With access to the Health & Fitness Centre from the adjoining Junior School oval, students enjoy comprehensive and modern facilities to grow and develop their skills and abilities.









## SECURITY, SUPPORT, SUCCESS

To ensure that all students have the opportunity of reaching their full potential, the curriculum has been carefully designed to be meaningful and appropriately challenging. Middle School students need the opportunity to continue core learning through building on the foundations from Primary Schooling and extend into a range of more specialised learning where they explore new and exciting elective subjects in Technology and the Arts.

In brief, the NCC Middle School aims to combine fresh and relevant academic challenges within a safe, nurturing environment. The emphasis is on security, support and success so that students can build a bridge between the essential learning of the primary years to the specialised pathways presented in the senior years.

The NCC Middle School includes carefully planned and specialised learning areas which allow a flexible use of space both within and outside of classrooms. The design of these spaces allows students to be creative and collaborate in their learning journey. The Middle School environment is enhanced with its own large undercover recreation area that is used extensively for assemblies, rehearsals, sport and social interaction.

Middle School staff are carefully selected and continue to develop their understanding and role as teachers and mentors of young people. Teachers are involved in helping young people and parents in many special learning experiences which assist the journey of the adolescent toward a fulfilled identity and purpose as young men and women.





# SUNSHINE COAST'S FIRST MIDDLE SCHOOL

After substantial research into the needs of the adolescent, in 1999, Nambour Christian College opened its purposeful Middle School and was the first school to do so on the Sunshine Coast.

In embarking on an authentic journey into Middle Schooling, NCC continues to acknowledge the distinct physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual changes for young people around the ages of 12 to 15. The NCC Middle School has been created to nurture students and to help them grow through this exciting and challenging phase of life.



AS THE FIRST SCHOOL ON THE SUNSHINE COAST TO OFFER MIDDLE SCHOOL, WE KNOW HOW TO NURTURE AND SUPPORT STUDENTS THROUGH THIS EXCITING AND CHALLENGING PHASE OF LIFE.



## SENIOR SCHOOL & BEYOND EQUIPPING FOR THE FUTURE

The Nambour Christian College Senior School aims to continue to develop character and prepare students to be ready for life beyond school. In doing so, students have the option to study courses across a vast range of academic and vocational education subjects. We also help students to understand their special interests and gifts and develop the necessary qualities for a successful future.

Students are encouraged to develop their leadership skills through a variety of activities and courses. The values and culture of the College are foundational to understanding God's love and guiding principles taught at NCC. Our graduates are confident young men and women ready to step out into society equipped for the journey ahead.

The curriculum in the Senior School is governed by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) syllabus documents. Many courses are carefully designed to prepare students for the expectations required at university and tertiary institutions and contribute towards their university entrance score. In addition, a number of courses are certificate-based, and

students completing these courses will gain accreditation towards an apprenticeship or further studies in their chosen field. Students can also choose to study a subject at the University of the Sunshine Coast whilst in Senior School through participation in their Headstart program.

Core subjects such as Focus in Years 10 and 11 and Exit Preparation in Year 12 provide students with vocational learning, career education and life skills. Much of the content taught in these courses helps students to successfully navigate their way through their senior years. In Christian Living, students engage with challenging and thought-provoking material to motivate them to think deeply about the gospel message and the philosophical foundations for life's meaning, purpose and morality. Throughout this course, students are presented with a Christian worldview on a variety of subjects, including relevant global and social issues. Annually, students also complete a community service unit.

Upon successful completion of Year 12, students will be presented their Queensland Certificate of Education from the QCAA.











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