

Prospectus



Churchie.

Message from *the Headmaster*

Established in 1912, Anglican Church Grammar School, known internationally as Churchie, has as its central mission the development of young men of good character, strong intellect and generous spirit who will move confidently into the global community and who will use their talents and gifts to lead and serve others.

The School offers a wonderful variety of learning experiences in local, national and international settings. As an academic institution we deeply value intellectual and scholastic pursuits and recognise our role, in partnership with parents and the community, in assisting our young men to develop habits that will enable them to continue their pursuit of knowledge and learning throughout their lives.

The four founding tenets of the School, scholastic attainment, spiritual awareness, personal growth and service, remain at the core of day-to-day activities. Our values, centred upon the Christian faith, are expressed through the development of concern for others and mutual respect for all.

As a school community, we are dedicated to celebrating achievement, character, creativity and effort across a vast range of academic, sporting, cultural and service pursuits, believing that every boy can achieve success and benefit from a broad, liberal education. Churchie men have for many decades been viewed as well-rounded gentlemen, scholars, athletes, musicians, leaders and servants, who are prepared to make a worthy contribution to the communities in which they live.

A visit to our beautiful campus will reveal a dynamic and purposeful atmosphere as young men and staff go about our core business of learning. Our world-renowned resources, borne of the vision and commitment by so many people for over 100 years, provide an ideal setting for boys to “run and grow and learn” just as the School’s Founder, Canon WPF Morris, had envisioned.

I invite you to explore Churchie via the School’s website. Beyond that, it would be our pleasure to welcome you to Churchie to learn more, first hand, about our commitment to the education of young men.

Dr Alan Campbell
Headmaster



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Preparatory School

(Reception – Year 6)

✘ Churchie's Preparatory School offers an excellent foundation to learning within a caring, disciplined and exciting environment, supported by state-of-the-art facilities and resources.

Our 'boy responsive' curriculum ensures an intellectually challenging learning experience, with students emerging from their preparatory years as articulate, confident and independent learners who increasingly take responsibility for their own learning.

The Reception or Prep Year program offers an ideal environment for a boy's first formal year of learning. Students experience an academic program underpinned by a thinking-skills curriculum, empowering them with the skills to learn purposefully. They undertake studies in English, Mathematics, Integrated Studies (Science, Studies of Society and the Environment and Technology), Music, Visual Arts, Physical Education, LOTE (Japanese), Religious Education and Library. Student learning is also enhanced through participation in weekly extension and enrichment activities with a focus on technology. With a view to the future, the School has entered the Candidacy phase of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. This is a globally recognised learning framework that places the student at the centre of learning and will assist to prepare our students for their place in the global community.

As an academic school, explicit teaching is focused on developing high level literacy and numeracy skills supported by cooperative learning strategies that engage, excite and challenge learners.

The development of each student's character is supported through a Virtues Education Program and a strong commitment to Anglican values, explored through weekly chapel services and Religious Education lessons. Wide and varied opportunities abound for co-curricular achievement and personal growth, offering a dynamic learning experience beyond the classroom.

Senior School

(Years 7 –12)

✂ Year 7: The Transition Year

The Year 7 Transition Year is a unique year during which boys gradually transition from the primary years to their secondary education.

During the Year 7 Transition Year students are placed in a Form class with their Year 7 peers and are accommodated in the Year 7 Centre adjacent to excellent break-out spaces and playing fields.

The academic program supports boys as they become more responsible for their learning. Boys are encouraged to be complex thinkers, responsive creators, active investigators, effective communicators and self-directed participants in a globally-connected learning environment. The pastoral principles and practices that underpin our teachers' delivery of their academic and

co-curricular programs have, as their foundation, the belief that academic success and the capacity to flourish are built on knowing each boy very well.

Our tablet program, together with other digital resources, helps boys to explore the world beyond the immediate classroom and develop skills essential for 21st century learners.

Year 7 boys undertake a Social and Emotional Development and Outdoor Education Program which explores their responses to situations requiring resilience, responsibility, relationship building and resolve. These developing skills are enhanced via the Outdoor Education Program where boys learn the difference between recreational-style experiences and adventure-based outdoor pursuits.





✂ Senior School Curriculum

Churchie's Senior School curriculum offers students a broad liberal education with many opportunities to develop as both self-directed and collaborative learners.

Boys in Years 7 to 9 undertake core studies in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Health and Physical Education, Modern Languages (Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish or French), Pastoral Learning and Religious Education.

In Year 7 and Year 8, each student also participates in a semester unit of Design Technology, Visual and Media Arts, Music and Drama; however, in Year 9 these creative subjects become an elective along with Geography, Engineering Technology, Science 2, Information Technology, Film and Television, and Logic, Philosophy and Reason. Each student chooses four of these electives in order to continue to gain a broad exposure to a varied curriculum at this developmental age.

The core subjects in Year 10 aim to establish foundational knowledge and include English, Mathematics, Science, Languages (Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish, French), History and Religion. Each Year 10 student studies the core subjects and can choose two electives from an extensive list which includes: Mathematics Extension, Science 2, Visual Art, Agricultural Science, Commerce, Design and Technology, Drama, Geography, Film TV and New Media, Information Technology, Modern Languages (French, Chinese Mandarin and Japanese), Music and Physical Education.

A range of school events and resources assist Year 10 students and their parents to establish the Senior Educational and Training (SET) Plan, ahead of study in Years 11 and 12. Establishing a balanced subject array that will excite and engage each learner, cognisant of his interests, abilities and post-school preferences, is the over-arching goal of the process.

As the young men embark on the two-year coursework of Years 11 and 12, the subject offerings derive from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority's Subjects and Authority-Registered subjects. Whilst the majority of students access tertiary courses via the Overall Position (OP) score, others are supported through vocational pathways. Further enrichment options include the university affiliated courses, Aquila Gifted and Talented program, work experience, and traineeships and apprenticeships where appropriate.

The Senior School experience also includes formal and informal activities that focus on leadership development. These programs offer students the opportunity of gaining and enhancing their leadership qualities whilst learning and understanding the role of emotional, personal and team development. Leadership skills can be ascertained through a range of outdoor education camps, the Tri-Service Cadets training, and a vast array of extra and co-curricular activities.





Four Tenets of the School

✂ Scholastic Attainment

The first tenet is recognised in the School's curriculum and customised to boys' needs and interests.

The Preparatory School and Senior School have their own distinct character. Each is well equipped for the delivery of a modern educational program with a technology-rich learning environment facilitated across all curriculum areas. The latest educational technologies, together with wireless connectivity to support student tablets or personal digital devices, enhance productivity for every student and optimise learning outcomes.

Learning resources include a state-of-the-art Science Centre incorporating 12 laboratories, a 112 seat lecture theatre and an astronomy observatory. There is also a Business Studies Centre and precincts for Information Technology and the Languages. The Hayward-Midson building provides world-class facilities for creative, collaborative and innovative thinking in Design Technology, Engineering Technology, Film, Television and Media, Visual Art and Drama.

The School's parent, staff and student portal, myChurchie, offers a single point of access for information, services and resources at Churchie. A key feature of this resource is the real-time reporting initiative that enhances the key partnership between parents and the School in supporting student learning.

✂ Community Service

The School has a strong commitment to Service, both within the School and in the community at large, with the aim of fostering a sense of duty to serve others, community interaction and the appreciation of cultural diversity.

Each year, students participate in service programs including doorknocks, walkathons, fundraising, gift giving and emergency relief efforts for local and international causes. Students are also involved in transformational service initiatives including overseas service workshops and tours to encourage awareness of how young men may be of service to others. Examples include delivering Meals on Wheels to senior citizens, assisting at special schools, and participating in intensive activities such as the Sony Foundation Camp hosted by Churchie.

In the Prep School, boys participate in a series of activities to raise funds to sponsor children overseas, in association with World Vision. All Year 9 students undertake a service activity as part of the Personal Leadership and Development Program, affiliated to the internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh Program. Students may choose from Tri-service Cadets (Army, Navy and Air Force), Scouts or community service as their activity.

Each House also participates in a service project generated by the students, in consultation with the Director of Service and Housemaster.

✠ Spiritual Awareness

Churchie is a Christian school within the Anglican Church of Australia.

Spirituality is the underpinning tenet of Churchie life. Chapel stands at the heart of the School and is a physical reminder of the central role faith plays in our life. True to our Anglican traditions and values we encourage an openness and tolerance of the faith and beliefs of others.

The School's Chaplains conduct chapel worship and contribute to the Religious Education Program taught by staff in the sub-Schools. Chapel worship for the Preparatory and Senior Schools is a regular occurrence and special services are conducted for boarders and other groups in the Churchie community. Many school events begin or end with a prayer or reflection, often led by students and staff.

The Chaplains prepare boys for Baptism and Admission to Holy Communion and Confirmation at the appropriate stages in their faith development.

Many Old Boys place special significance on the Chapel, and throughout the year there are many weddings, baptisms and funerals held on campus.

The Chaplains are active members of the pastoral care network and are available on request to boys and families for counselling and support at any time. The School's vibrant pastoral care program is supported by the House system, offering a sense of belonging to all boys.

The concepts of social justice and self-discovery are promoted through the School's behavioural and learning values, which define the spirit of Churchie and are at the very heart of the School's traditions and ethos.



✘ Personal Growth

All our activities inside and beyond the classroom aim to assist students to grow in character through challenging learning, positive relationships and shared responsibility.

We foster growth and development in the life of every young man at Churchie by providing a comprehensive range of Greater Public Schools (GPS) sports and activities, to which students can develop a strong sense of belonging.

Opportunities abound for boys to exercise formal leadership across the School, through a flexible, responsive and dynamic Student Leadership and Student Council structure. The annual appointment of a Student Executive, Prefects, House Captains, Activity Captains, Prep Student Leaders and Boarder Prefects allows students to inspire and nurture leadership in the wider community.

Students from Years 5 to 12 participate in the rigorous GPS competition. Inter-House sports carnivals and interstate and overseas rugby, cricket, basketball, volleyball, football and music tours also offer international sporting and cultural experiences for boys. All boys are expected to become involved in the School's co-curricular programs.

A wide range of cultural activities is also available with opportunities to perform in the choir, chess, music ensembles, drama productions, art shows, debating, camps, exchange programs, and national and international tours and excursions.

The School's commitment to personal growth is evident on-campus with a comprehensive array of facilities, all within easy walking distance of each other. These include: ten turf sports fields onsite surrounding the Main Oval; a sports complex comprising full size courts and a first-class strength and conditioning centre catering to the Health and Physical Education Program, personal fitness programs for boys; an aquatics centre with three heated pools for swimmers of all ages and stages of development; a state-of-the-art rowing facility overlooking the Brisbane River; and a fully equipped tennis centre and clubhouse.





Churchie Boarding

(Years 7 –12)

✂ Boarding is at the centre of our school community; our beating heart and thriving spirit.

The Boarding School provides a secure and caring environment for boys to develop the necessary leadership and support skills to enjoy diverse learning experiences at the School and in the broader Brisbane community. Opportunities abound for leadership and participation, reinforced by our seven-day-a-week boarding experience. This boarding culture offers an ever-present sense of community with immense possibilities on the weekend for group activity, development of hobbies, sports and recreation. Regular contact with parents is welcomed and facilitated.

Our purpose-built, modern, air-conditioned boarding facilities with wireless internet access in every cubicle, together with our spacious 22 hectare campus, provide the ideal environment for boys to thrive in. Self-disciplined study habits are encouraged under guidance from academic staff and Housemasters.

Boarders play school sport each term. The convenience of our boarding campus located in the heart of Brisbane City assists students in maintaining easy access to all of the services and opportunities of a thriving world city.





A Never Ending Journey

✂ **Canon William Perry Morris, who founded the School in 1912, envisioned a school that would be a blessing to its students and a gift to Australia.**

'Let's have manly games and manly books and a manly school, and nothing flash and nasty. You will, I hope, be a long time at school because it takes time to train a man – and that means teaching a fellow to 'stick to it'... and to say NO, as I hope you do, when someone wants you to do something dirty or crooked; and to stand up against bullying and lying, and in support of what is right.

It means going respectfully to your father and following his advice, and being chivalrous and helpful to your mother in every possible way; and courteous to women and old and infirm people; and modest and knowing your place. All this takes time to learn...' *Canon W P Morris*

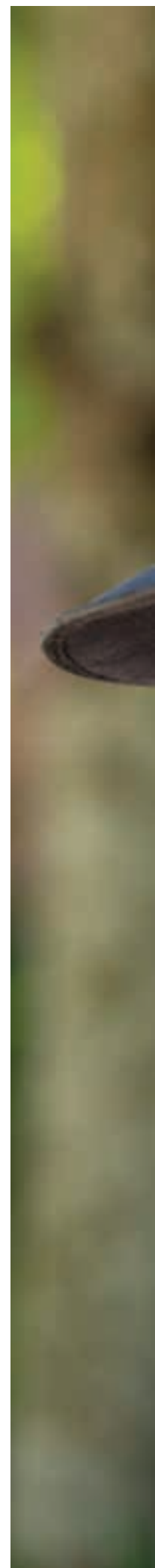
The sense of community amongst the students, parents and Old Boys is one of Churchie's greatest attributes and enables bonds well beyond the school gate.

Given the changing perceptions of what makes a good school and the changing demographics over the years, it is noteworthy that the School's enrolment of sons of Old Boys is among the highest of any school in Australia.

Many graduates return as mentors and coaches to support the co-curricular program of the School, and Old Boys' weddings and baptisms in the School Chapel are regular events.

In the first year after graduation, young men are invited to the New Old Boys' Reunion, and year group reunions are held each year in Queensland, interstate and overseas. The Annual Old Boys' Dinner provides an opportunity for former students of all age groups to come together and share their life experiences.

For many Old Boys, the habit of giving to others continues as they join the Churchie Foundation and support further development of the School's built environment by investing in the spirit of Churchie.





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