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We are proud of our heritage and
inspired by our future.



Moreton Bay College
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Welcome to our College

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For over 100 years, Moreton Bay College has encouraged girls to be the best they can be. While consistently rating as one of Brisbane's top-performing academic schools, our College is a place for every girl to develop her individual strengths and the confidence to make her unique contribution to the world.

Achieving this does not come about by chance. It happens through genuine responsiveness to each girl's needs, through the joy of learning that permeates the College and through a warm spirit of Christian compassion that underlies everything we do.

Come and discover our extensive facilities on 19 hectares of spacious, landscaped grounds just 15 kilometres from the Brisbane CBD. Meet happy, respectful girls enjoying every stage of their education, from Preparatory year through to Year 12. Talk to enthusiastic teachers who are passionately involved in every aspect of school life.

Be part of our unique heritage and be inspired by an education that develops both the academic strengths and life skills to underpin an outstanding future.

“Choosing a school can be one of the most challenging decisions a parent can make. It's a decision that will considerably influence your daughter's future and, with a range of schools all claiming great things, how do you compare them? I believe you can feel a great school and that it is only by visiting that you get a real sense of its spirit and values. That's why I warmly invite you to visit Moreton Bay College to see for yourself the educational approach, culture and philosophy that make this a truly unique school.”

Mr James Sloman, Executive Principal



Engage with a broader definition of success

Moreton Bay College nurtures individual confidence and achievement but our ultimate measure for each girl is not just about personal success. Success for Moreton Bay College girls is having the breadth of mind to meet a changing world and the depth of heart to respond to community needs as balanced individuals. It's about making a real contribution to the very best of their particular abilities.

In daily College life this means girls are encouraged not only to think about their own personal best but also how they can help others to achieve theirs.

A Christian approach

Our Christian spirituality is the underlying thread of inspiration that holds together our philosophy and approach. We are allied to the Uniting Church and warmly welcome girls from all backgrounds and faiths who are happy to participate in our worship and religious education program. Through these programs, we encourage intelligent

exploration of personal and ethical issues as well as developing the strengths of Christian spirituality.

Pastoral Care Approach

The school years hold many of the most demanding challenges of growing up and Moreton Bay College extends a guiding hand through its personal development and pastoral care programs.

Pastoral care is woven into every aspect of College life and we see it as a collaborative partnership between students, parents and staff. We create a community where girls feel safe, valued, connected, have a strong sense of belonging and know they are valued and listened to. These elements create an essential framework of ongoing

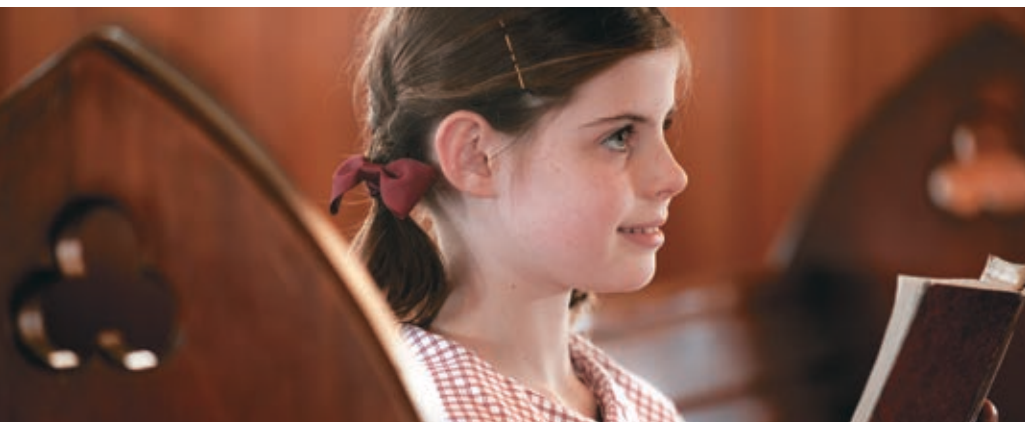
support and encouragement for each student's individual growth and success.

Our vibrant House system is a vital component of our pastoral care approach. Each student is part of a House family and, in Secondary, belongs to a vertically-structured Form Class made up of students from Years 7 to 12. This structure encourages strong connections between girls in different year levels and also creates opportunities for leadership and mentoring.

As well as having the friendly support of perceptive teachers, girls have access to a full-time psychologist and two full-time chaplains who give counselling and spiritual guidance at every year level.

“Each girl having the opportunity to develop qualities of compassion, respect, tolerance, dignity, self-worth and confidence was a strong consideration for us in our choice of MBC as a school.” *Past Parent*

Our philosophy



Our heritage of pride and excellence



Become part of a lively heritage of learning and achievement...

One of the distinctive features of Moreton Bay College is its heritage and the real pride the students feel being part of this tradition of strong, intelligent women.

Founded by the Greene sisters in 1901, the College has not only been part of the local community for over 100 years but also benefits from the ongoing involvement of its Old Girls, who pass on skills and inspiring attitudes from generation to generation. The College's long-standing reputation and positive atmosphere attract talented and enthusiastic teachers who ensure each girl is nurtured to develop the thinking and analytical skills necessary to develop strong results and ongoing learning.

The open-minded learning environment has always been a feature of the College and our high academic standards ensure that we consistently perform strongly in the Overall Position (OP) scores. At the same time, we recognise that learning pathways are as individual as the girls and that a balanced education goes far beyond academic provisions.

Our teachers bring a broad range of skills and specialisms that they share generously with the students, providing real inspiration across the full range of subjects.

...and a remarkable school spirit

The 'College spirit' is unmistakable to anyone who spends a few hours at the College. It's not just about pride in the College but about a real sense of belonging, camaraderie and cooperation that is genuinely inclusive of girls from many different backgrounds and abilities.

Learning happens as much through everyday interactions as in the classroom and this is an area where the College has particular strengths. Teachers are energetic, positive role models and build strong connections with the girls, encouraging a warm atmosphere where laughter sits easily with respect.

Mentoring is not just a function of teachers but is constantly demonstrated in the interactions of older girls helping younger girls and student teams cooperating on projects or everyday tasks.

Whether girls are inside the College grounds or out in the community, their distinctive College spirit and natural friendliness shine through.

"At some schools, if you aren't in the 'in' crowd, you get pushed to the side. Here, everyone is friends with one another and people accept you." Year 10 Student.

Enjoy room to breathe and space to learn

The Moreton Bay College environment is purpose-designed on an expansive site where girls enjoy open vistas, with fresh bay breezes.

As well as offering easy access from the CBD and surrounding areas, the location provides space for a wide range of activities on campus and allows all levels of the College to be separate and co-exist.

The College has extensive libraries, science laboratories, sports complexes, a state-of-the art music and performance centre, an Olympic sized swimming pool and a chapel.

Learning programs are carefully developed within the traditional primary-secondary framework and are underpinned by a technologically rich digital learning environment.

The supportive and interactive 'one school' environment makes transition through the different schooling levels easy and encourages cross-age mentoring and cooperation.

Primary years

At Moreton Bay College, we know the importance of laying firm foundations and developing positive attitudes to learning. In a welcoming, safe and engaging environment, we build on students' innate drive to understand the world as we develop their knowledge through a balanced program of structured learning experiences.

The College's principles of responding to individual needs and mutual support are evident as we nurture each girl's early potential. The curriculum is built around recognised learning stages, but adapts to individual learning differences to ensure each girl becomes confident in vital literacy and numeracy skills. Our girls are guided in building supportive social interactions while engaging as part of an active and positive community of learners.

The College is an authorised Primary Years Program (PYP), International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. The PYP IB program is the framework within which we teach the Australian Curriculum. This internationally-accredited program

focuses on academic progress alongside social, physical, emotional and cultural development necessary in our increasingly global community.

Secondary years

Our Secondary programs are carefully designed to develop broad understanding across the learning areas, while developing students' capacities to take a proactive role in their own learning.

The Australian Curriculum is taught in Years 7-10. In Years 11 and 12, the College offers more than 25 Queensland Studies Authority subjects as well as authority-registered subjects such as multi-arts study, fashion and early childhood studies. TAFE programs and school-based traineeships offer additional flexibility to find the right pathway for each student.

Girls performing at an elite level in sport or cultural activities can undertake a modified academic program that allows them to concentrate on their chosen path while participating in core educational and personal development activities.

Our learning programs and facilities



Beyond the classroom



Expand her horizons - mental, physical and creative

At Moreton Bay College, girls enjoy exceptional opportunities to discover what they are really capable of and to experience a broad range of sporting and cultural activities, with most located on our own extensive campus. Girls benefit from our state, national and internationally experienced coaches and mentors.

As well as extending individual skills to the highest level, the co-curricular program is an important element in developing teamwork, building perseverance, discovering courage and fostering creativity. Girls often connect with a sport or cultural activity that will be a lifelong passion. Many take this to the elite level and find a satisfying career in the activity they love.

School spirit is strong at Moreton Bay College and teams compete against other independent schools, giving girls an appreciation that their effort can make all the difference to team achievement. We also encourage talented students to apply for district, regional, state and national selection in their sport or cultural pursuit.

In the cultural arena, the College is achieving a far-reaching reputation for its dramatic and musical

productions. Our award winning Music Program is one of the most comprehensive in Queensland.

Girls enjoy inspirational opportunities to take master classes with national and international artists in our Music Centre and get a real taste for quality performance during concerts in our Power Family Concert Hall and in the community.

Those who prefer to expand other capacities have plenty of opportunities too in public speaking, debating, dance troupe, drama productions, 'Future Problem Solving', mooting and Scope computer club, to name just a few.

With so many options in both co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, every girl has a chance to stretch and shine.

“My musical and science interests were nurtured at MBC and have evolved into a career I never expected.” MBC Old Girl

Be part of our community of caring

Moreton Bay College is founded on Christian values and commitment to the Christian faith. All girls attend the weekly chapel services in our own chapel or at the adjacent Bayside Uniting Church and participate in Religious Education classes. For us, living the Christian faith also means expressing care and compassion in our daily lives – in both small everyday gestures to those we know and through practical service to those around us.

A program of service

Being part of the extended local community is a vital dimension of College life.

A diverse range of fundraising activities extends their understanding of society's challenges and they get to experience the value of pulling together for the shared goal of supporting those in need. Typical activities might include the Leos (junior Lions Club) fundraising for cancer research, collecting stationery for our Cambodian sister school or organising a coin drive for victims of natural disaster in Australia or overseas.

Our extended community

To be part of Moreton Bay College is to be part of a strong network of mutual support.

Our community includes past and present parents, students and teachers, our brother school, Moreton Bay Boys' College, and other friends in the wider community. The Parents and Friends' and Old Girls' Associations are very active in the life of the College.

Our partnership with girls' parents and families is the bed-rock of our community – a relationship of trust and close collaboration that works towards the best outcomes for girls as well as encouraging participation in College activities.

We value parents' support and do our best to support their needs too, recognising that many parents are working beyond school hours.

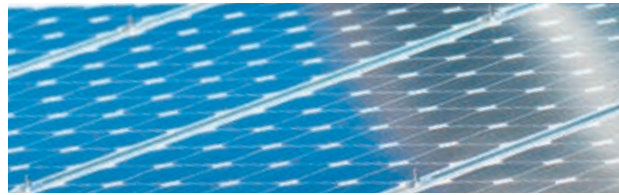
Our Childcare Centre, Outside of School Hours Care and extra-curricular activities (such as ballet, swimming, gymnastics or speech and communication for example) give parents convenience, flexibility and the peace of mind that students remain safely within the College campus.

"I saw tears well up in the eyes of the lady I handed the Easter eggs to. A warm feeling spread through me, knowing I had done something good." Year 7 Student

Our community spirit



Innovation and creativity in a changing world



Develop the skills and flexibility for careers of the future

In addition to a Personal Development Program which is designed to help every girl develop the life skills and confidence needed for her future, the College is highly proactive in preparing girls for the career choices they will encounter in the fast-changing twenty-first century.

Flexibility, problem-solving, collaboration and resilience will be more important than ever – as will innovative and critical thinking, and an empathic understanding of other cultures.

At Moreton Bay College, girls experience innovative learning techniques and creative problem-solving opportunities that they can adapt to many fields. We embrace global opportunities and cultural differences as part of our ethos. The flexibility and resilience that are hallmarks of a Moreton Bay College education will be greater assets than ever in a world where most people will experience a number of major career changes in their lives. So will the skills of leadership and resource management gained through the many opportunities offered across all year levels.

When it comes to choosing the right career, many Moreton Bay girls have a head start with the College's focus on identifying each girl's strengths and interests. We also offer full-time, comprehensive careers counselling.

We believe Moreton Bay girls' unassuming self-confidence, articulate demeanour and warmth will always distinguish them, whichever career path they choose. Their abiding friendships and community relationships will be a continuing source of strength. Most of all, their questioning minds and their ability to respond to the needs of others will help make the world a richer place.

“Our daughter is poised to take the next step. She feels ready to do it because of what she has learnt and achieved at MBC.” Year 12 Parent

Discover life at Moreton Bay College

Experience more of what Moreton Bay College has to offer by coming to one of our Open Days.



Parents and potential students alike are welcome to linger and take time to get to know us.

At the Open Day, you can see the College in action, take a tour and talk to the students, teachers and staff.



Personalised tours of the College are also available by appointment.

Experience our difference

Our Values

As a Christian school in the Uniting Church tradition, Moreton Bay College fosters the personal, moral and academic growth of our students through the school values of:

Engagement

We live and learn with passion, enthusiasm and resourcefulness. We embrace innovation and creativity to contribute to and shape the future.

Character

We act with integrity and goodwill in all that we do. We show courage and resilience.

Care

We care for ourselves, others and the environment. We nurture the best in each other.

Teamwork

We are open-minded and respectful towards each other. We work collaboratively to achieve our common purpose.

We believe a Moreton Bay College education is an exceptional choice and that the Moreton Bay College spirit is unique.

This prospectus provides you with a glimpse into our world. We would love to explain more about our heritage, achievements, ideas, hopes and values. We would also like to share with you some of the inspiring stories of the difference Moreton Bay College makes in girls' lives.

Come and see for yourself how much our friendly, confident girls love their school, enjoy their education and greet the world with open minds and genuine warmth.

Please call us to find out more and arrange your visit.

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