



I Believe in SCOTS



**SCOTS PGC
COLLEGE**
Warwick, Queensland

Where country values inspire excellence
Co-educational Day and Boarding



"It was important for our daughter to be able to pursue her love of farming and equestrian pursuits, so choosing SCOTS was simple. We're tremendously pleased with the boarding facilities, the excellent quality meals she receives and that she remains a positive happy girl who loves going to school."

Parent of current student



I Believe in being challenged

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SCOTS PGC College



“I believe that a good school should provide the opportunity for every student to fulfill their potential.”

Almost 100 years ago the founders of SCOTS PGC College deemed a good education to be one of the greatest gifts that can be bestowed on a child. Their goals still hold true today and form the guiding principles of all we aspire to.

Since our foundations we have grown from two small schools to one College with over 450 students. Some 300 students come from the local community and another 150 students make up our strong boarding community.

As a College, we strive to provide children with an education that will prepare them fully for their future. We live in a rapidly changing world, many of the jobs that our children will do are yet to be created. Considering this, it is vital that every student receives an education that prepares them to be lifelong and flexible learners. We believe an education must help students to develop learning skills that are as applicable in the workplace as they are in school.

To achieve an education of this nature it is essential that the whole individual be nurtured and developed. Students must develop cognitively, physically, emotionally and spiritually. At SCOTS PGC this is achieved through a holistic approach combining academic rigour, sports, critical thinking and a myriad of other learning opportunities.

Positive relationships form the conduit for an excellent education. These relationships are based

on empathy, respect and genuine care and positive regard for every individual. Every student is an individual and their education must reflect this, as educators our role is to provide support, challenges and opportunities for every student to develop to their potential. Every teacher at SCOTS PGC strives to form positive relationships that empower students to learn and grow, and the size of our community ensures that every student is known as an individual.

We offer a Prep to Year 12 education in Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. Recognising that every student is an individual, we offer both OP and vocational educational streams enabling each one to realise their own potential. Our co-curricular programme is extensive and students have many opportunities to develop their passions, from music and drama to sport, with all successes celebrated as the achievements they are.

The rural location of SCOTS PGC provides many unique opportunities - ranging from our parkland grounds to our community meals and widely recognised equestrian programme. The College is firmly grounded in the local community sharing the strong country values of mateship, resourcefulness, resilience, quiet determination and an altruistic care for others.

Mr Kyle Thompson
Principal





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I Believe in camaraderie

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The SCOTS campus



Set on over 25 hectares of beautifully manicured lawns and gardens, SCOTS PGC College provides excellent academic, sports, residential and recreational facilities to help challenge and nurture our students.

The main Oxenham Street campus purveys a rural environment yet is only minutes from the township of Warwick. Warwick is located 2 hours drive from Brisbane, the capital of Queensland.

Set beside the calming waters of the Condamine River, the College is a peaceful and expansive landscape of history, tradition and modern state-of-the-art facilities. The focal point of the College is School House with its sandstone clock tower presiding over the entire campus. Opposite is the College's beautiful stone chapel with rose bushes providing a guard of honour for those attending services.

Separate sub-school precincts have been established for Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. In addition, there is a music department, multiple libraries, resource rooms, trade skills centre and distinctive outdoor relaxation zones. This provides the space and opportunity for students to grow fully whilst still being part of a larger College community.

Students benefit from a large communal dining hall where each day all students, day and boarding, dine together on healthy, nutritious meals developed by a dietician.

Sporting grounds and facilities abound on campus, with ovals, equestrian jumps, tennis courts, covered netball and basketball courts and a large indoor sports hall and gymnasium to cater for our rugby, cricket, soccer, netball, basketball, touch football players, athletes and equestrians.

Our unique rural setting means students can gaze upon the College's Angus cattle or prize Texel sheep whilst sitting in the innovative library and lecture theatre. At the Equestrian Centre, horse riders have ample space to hone their skills.

Boys board in modern rooms at the Oxenham Street campus whilst the Locke Street campus hosts a number of renovated, heritage-listed buildings that have been stylishly renovated and provide a home-away-from-home for our girl boarders. All students benefit from monitored Wi-Fi access throughout the campuses.

Provision for new buildings and facilities is part of the College's ongoing master plan for the future with the new purpose built Senior Boys Boarding house and the new Trade Skills Centre now open.



"There is a special sense of camaraderie between the teachers and students at SCOTS. We're all on the same team and it's about being the best we can be each and every day on campus."

Current Teacher at SCOTS

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"It was a mutual decision to choose SCOTS. We wanted to know that our child was safe and secure in a school with good values and choices in academic and sporting pursuits. Our son wanted to feel like an individual who could make his own choices in where he wanted to go with his future."

Parent of current Student



I Believe in our country values

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Where country values inspire excellence



Our school tagline, Where country values inspire excellence, is more than just an advertising slogan. It was chosen because it summed up the unique feeling all who come into contact with SCOTS PGC College have.

Students, parents, teachers and staff who work at SCOTS share our genuine sense of country values and community spirit. It is this set of values that defines us. Our teachers are inspired to deliver teaching excellence and our students are inspired to reach learning excellence. Everyone believes in their individual potential and tries to be the best that they can be. It is the essence of our College.

When students and their families, staff, and even visitors come to SCOTS, they immediately feel a sense of warmth as they are welcomed in a friendly way. Our values are important to us and we endeavour to encourage all students to have ownership over them:

- **EXCELLENCE** – to want to be the best you can in all that you do, so you may realise your individual potential

- **CURIOSITY** – to have an inquiring mind that is motivated to learn
- **COURAGE** – to be optimistic and committed in order to gain resilience
- **CARING** – to share in the Uniting Church ethos of compassion and service to others and the environment
- **INTEGRITY** – to be honest and play fair in all of our pursuits, be they academic, sporting or community
- **DIVERSITY** – respect for, and tolerance of, others
- **INNOVATION** – an ability to think laterally in a team or autonomously to find a solution to a problem whether academic or practical
- **RESILIENCE** – the ability to bounce back after disappointment or a lack of success with the determination to try again.



SCOTS graduates of distinction



Our school philosophy is to provide an excellent teaching environment for our students combined with activities and pastoral care that will challenge and mould them into ‘men and women of character’. Our goal is for students to leave our College with sound moral compasses, and the aspiration and skills to be healthy and positive participants in their own families, workplaces and the wider community.

SCOTS PGC College approach is to provide a diverse range of educational experiences designed to cater to individual interests, abilities and aspirations. All students receive a broad, general education based on National Curriculum standards, but in the Senior School students have the opportunity to choose in-depth studies in either an academic or vocational stream.

Our OP results reflect the strong academic values of the College. Historically, students eligible for OP scores consistently perform above state average. The majority of students pursue a tertiary education in a diverse range of areas including Law, Medicine, Engineering, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Agriculture and Nursing.

Equally celebrated are the results of our Vocational Education and Training Students. More than a third

of senior students choose to pursue Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications with students able to complete School-based Apprenticeships or Traineeships. These opportunities are open to all with a number of OP-eligible students also able to obtain VET qualifications. Students can qualify for one or more Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) certificates in fields ranging from Furnishing, Engineering, Business, Hospitality, Agriculture, Horse Breeding, Shearing, Children’s Services and Aged Care.

Recent graduates from SCOTS PGC College have gone on to a variety of careers and pursuits, with many continuing further academic study before entering the workforce. Whilst every student succeeds some of our renowned graduates include:



Laura Geitz 2001 - 2005

SCOTS PGC College teachers were very supportive of me during my netball training sessions. The teachers helped me to manage my time and organise myself so that I did not fall behind in my studies.

Nicholas Barber, 1999 - 2007

There is no greater feeling than being amongst the pre-game chants of the SCOTS 1st XV rugby... SCOTS instilled in me the values and ethos required to serve as an officer in the Australian Defence Force. To me, SCOTS was always unrivalled in opportunities - one day, you would be competing on the sporting field in Brisbane, the next day you would be touring rural communities for band performances and the next day you would be back in the classroom. SCOTS reminds me that, above all, ordinary people can achieve extraordinary feats if we allow them. SCOTS taught me about the balance required to enjoy life.

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Jean E Calder 1950 - 1951

My time at PGC was a very special time - lots of fun times, a significant period in "growing up" and beginning to learn the joy of serious attention to academic studies. The teachers were great and the friendships with fellow students much valued - some friendships remaining lifelong.

Richard Bonner 1975 - 1979

I can remember after my first few weeks in Year 8 boarding at SCOTS thinking "Five years of this is not going to be enough." Before SCOTS I lived on a cattle property with no brothers to play with, spent two hours on a bus every day, and could rarely stay for after school activities. At SCOTS I had a hundred brothers, and straight after school I could have two hours of cricket, tennis, football, swimming, running, cadets, jamming on electric guitars, or just being with my mates who were to become the closest friends I would ever have. I never wanted it to end, and 35 years later SCOTS still feels like home.

David Crombie 1951 - 1956

In my time at SCOTS I learned the value in being part of a team - an important lesson in business and in life.

I Believe in our heritage

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A day in the life of a SCOTS student



Education is about engaging the whole student and this is reflected in the school day. The structure of our day and curriculum has been developed to promote engagement, motivation, confidence and happiness.

The school day begins at 8.40am and finishes at 3.10pm. Student led assemblies occur on a fortnightly basis and are an important part of College life, providing the opportunity for the entire school to gather together as a community. Students are formally recognised among their peers for their achievements.

The school day is divided into three main time periods with all students attending seven classes throughout the day.

All students enjoy the benefit of a formal communal lunch in the College dining room. These shared

meals help the students to develop etiquette, good manners and social skills. Students also have a distinct lunch period where they can engage in a range of activities from games and sport, to music, or simply take the time to relax with their peers in a library, or in the landscaped gardens.

The end of classes doesn't signal the end of the school day with many students choosing to participate in our comprehensive co-curricular programme. All students are encouraged to make the most of every opportunity and this includes participation in sport, agricultural clubs or cultural activities.

Our Clan System

Our Scottish heritage forms the foundation of our Clan System. For the purposes of pastoral care, competitive sport and cultural activities, the College is divided into four clans. All students are allocated to a Clan on enrolment and will remain in the same clan for their duration at the College. The four clans are Cameron, Leslie, Macinnes and Mackay.

Inter clan competitions are held throughout the year in numerous activities such as swimming, cross country, athletics and singing. These events are a highlight for all students on the annual calendar and the spirit and rivalry between the Clans are formidable.





I Believe we can do our best

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I Believe learning is fun

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Junior School

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Junior School is a child's first foray into school and can lay the foundations for their confidence, resilience and competence in later years of life. Our goal is to provide a warm atmosphere of collaboration between our students, staff and parents to make their first years a success.

Our Junior School is a purpose-built modern facility at the Oxenham Street campus designed to cater for students from Prep through to Year Four. Central to the precinct is a large play area and outdoor amphitheatre where fun starts every day. Junior School provides a friendly, family atmosphere with plenty of opportunities for learning both the curriculum and other core skills such as reading, games, craft and even cooking.

Our expert and dedicated staff structure and provide learning experiences that consider the individual developmental needs of students in their early years of schooling. The curriculum is built on the Australian Curriculum model and our belief that young children have a natural curiosity and that each student has their own needs and interests. The delivery of strong literacy and numeracy fundamentals lies at the heart of our pedagogy. In addition, specialist teachers in Art, Music, Indonesian and Physical Education provide

stimulating lessons to ensure that the students receive a well-rounded education.

Each year diagnostic testing is conducted, particularly for new students, and any learning gaps are quickly identified and programmes put in place. The College's expectation of students is high so every effort is made to help students achieve their potential.

As well as academic rigour, the College offers a wide variety of co-curricular pursuits. Students are encouraged to make the most of all opportunities and some are members of the Pipes and Drums and many are part of the Junior and Middle School music performance group. Opportunities are also provided in the sporting arena – ranging from training sessions for swimming, cross-country and athletics to being part of netball, rugby and touch football teams.



Middle School



Our Middle School programme prepares students for the transition into Senior School by providing them with a holistic well-rounded approach to learning that stimulates and challenges them.

SCOTS PGC Middle School has its own precinct at the Oxenham Street campus complete with a new state-of-the-art library and undercover two court play area. Students can learn and grow with colleagues of their own age whilst still being able to access the larger school community.

The Middle School offers sensitive pastoral care, an emphasis on relationship building and communication, and 'firm but fair' discipline. Specialist middle-years teachers provide a secure, caring and often demanding academic programme that caters for students from a variety of backgrounds. Overall, a holistic, student-centred style of learning enables the physical, intellectual, spiritual and emotional development of each student.

The Middle School's academic programme is founded on the National Curriculum standards

and emphasises the development of literacy and numeracy skills. At the same time creativity, objectivity, resourcefulness, initiative and resilience are explored. Students also participate in religious education, human relationships education, music, art, dance and drama. IT understanding and usage underpins all we do as we aim to equip students for the future. Our students are encouraged to engage in a wide range of texts, materials, technologies and learning experiences.

The Middle School sports programme focuses on skill development and participation, conducted in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play. Other co-curricular activities include the Pipe Band (chanter, bag pipes and drums); private Music lessons in a variety of instruments; Choir; Debating; Sheep Club; Cattle Club (Yr 8 students only) and Equestrian.





I Believe in my potential

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"I find the teachers very approachable and always willing to listen. I have always felt part of a large family here and know that whilst at times my school work has been hard there have been people who have helped me learn."

Current Student



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Senior School

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A Senior School education at SCOTS prepares students for life beyond school in whatever pathway they may choose to pursue. Students are given the opportunities to learn, face challenges and develop resilience in a safe and supportive environment.

The SCOTS PGC College Senior School precinct is located at the Oxenham Street Campus and provides a quality education for students in Years 9 to 12. Small to medium class sizes enable students to develop effective relationships with their teachers and sensitive pastoral care and counselling is offered.

Students can choose from a wide range of subjects and benefit from subject specialists. Outstanding learning facilities with fully integrated IT resourcing is standard. The College operates both a BYO and provided netbook programme allowing for flexibility and individual choice.

All pathways are considered as students in Years 11 and 12 have the option of either an academic or vocational stream. They are also given excellent career counselling and QCS test preparation.

Senior School students attend daily, co-educational, tutorial groups that focus upon the individual as well as promoting sound inter-year relationships. As a co-educational school, our boys and girls work together whenever possible, fostering healthy social

relationships in a school environment in which everyone has the opportunity to be recognised and valued. A range of leadership opportunities is presented to all students and there is an extensive co-curricular programme.

Specific facilities for our Senior School students include:

- Library / Resource Centre
- Gymnasium
- Dining Hall
- A laptop and BYO programme with extensive wireless infrastructure
- Specialist English, Mathematics and Science Centres
- Indonesian language and culture centre
- Industrial Technology Centre
- Rural Trade Skills Centre
- Performing Arts, Art Centre



Co-curricular at SCOTS



Extending a child's skills, interests and confidence is a measurable outcome of their participation in extra co-curricular programmes. At SCOTS, we believe learning outside the classroom broadens a student's learning experiences and helps them to strengthen their knowledge and readiness for a future beyond school.

In addition to sporting and equestrian streams (outlined in more detail over the coming pages), the College offers a variety of activities appropriate to our rural environment, Scottish heritage and modern approach to skills development. Students can choose from:

- CHOIRS** – Two choirs and a performance group perform separately and together at events and in Eisteddfod competition. Singing is actively encouraged throughout the College and the students enjoy the annual Interclan singing competition.
- MUSIC** – Music is a vibrant extension of school life with students having the opportunity to join, choirs, the boys' vocal ensemble, the school musical or learn a musical instrument. Lessons may be arranged for voice and tuition is available for many musical instruments at a fee. The College presents an entertaining musical every second year with students involved in production, direction, casting, lighting, publicity, front of house, orchestral arrangement, stage management, props and set design.
- PIPES AND DRUMS** – SCOTS PGC Pipe Band is highly regarded as a training ground for young players at both State and National level and also plays an important role at College functions. The band competes each year at the Queensland Solo and Pipe Band Championships and performs at civic occasions in the Southern Downs and selected regional festivals.
- AGRICULTURE** – Our Cattle and Sheep Clubs compete at the Royal Queensland Show, Farmfest, Royal Toowoomba Show and other local shows. The College is home to a small Angus beef cattle stud and sheep are shown from SCOTS PGC Texel stud.
- DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING** – A number of teams compete each year in the QDU inter-school debating competition. Additionally, a short Toastmasters course provides interested students the forum to develop their public speaking skills.



This is the best opportunity in my life that I have ever been given. At SCOTS PGC we have opportunities for all to excel, where every pupil has the chance to thrive, achieve and compete at the highest level in a huge variety of fields, whether it be in academic, sport, drama or music."

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Current Student



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Sport at SCOTS



SCOTS PGC College has a proud record in sports achievement. Students gain tremendous benefit from healthy physical activity, team participation and the development of resilience that sport brings, not to mention the attainment of pure enjoyment.

SCOTS PGC College has an extensive offering in competitive sports and recreational activities with all students being encouraged to participate in either a team or individual pursuit.

In the Senior School, the College focuses on four major team sports; Basketball, Rugby, Netball and Hockey. Teams are entered into local and regional competitions with fixtures played over the weekend. Throughout the year the College also offers a variety of recreational activities including Boxing, Clay Target Shooting, Futsal, Group Fitness classes, Gym, Indoor Cricket, Squash, Tennis and Volleyball.

Touch football is one of the fastest growing and most popular sports in Australia. Since its introduction to the College five years ago the School has witnessed a high level of participation and success. Teams are nominated in the Ladies and Men's divisions of the Toowoomba Touch Association and the Mixed divisions of the local Warwick competition. Students also have the opportunity to represent the College at a number of school carnivals including the SCOTS Invitational Carnival as well as regional and state tournaments. SCOTS is also proud to organise and host the local junior competition in Term 4 for the Warwick community. A number of our students volunteer as coaches and officials to facilitate this competition.

Inter clan sport is an integral aspect of the sports programme at the College. It is conducted in the three core sports of swimming, cross-country and athletics with Inter clan championships held in each. Squad training takes place for each of these sports during the relevant season.

Throughout the year students have the opportunity to follow a pathway to achieve representative honours in a broad range of sports. Students will be invited to trial for Border District and Southern Downs teams and if successful will attend Darling Downs Regional Trials. Students who are chosen to represent Darling Downs will have the opportunity to be selected for Queensland and Australian representative teams.

Arranmore sport is an exciting Middle School sports programme catering for students who are between 10 and 12 years of age. The focus of the programme is skill development and participation, conducted in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fair play. Students are introduced to a variety of sports with a focus on the team sports played in the Senior School. In terms two and three, Arranmore students have the opportunity to represent the College in Junior Rugby and Netball. Touch Football, Tennis and Basketball are also a focus throughout the year. Middle School students are encouraged to participate in the three core sports of swimming, cross country and track and field with squad training available for all of these activities. Students who are chosen to represent Southern Downs will have the opportunity to be selected for regional, Queensland and Australian representative teams.

Our Junior School sports programme introduces students to a broad range of games, sports and physical activities that are designed to develop confidence and proficiency in fundamental movement skills. These activities progress to more games and sports-specific skills in non-competitive and competitive environments that foster positive feelings of success and enjoyment.





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The renowned SCOTS equestrian centre



Established in 2003, our spacious Equestrian Centre focuses on safety, varied training opportunities and was built with the aim of creating a state and national centre of excellence for equestrian.

Students come from all over Australia to participate in our Equestrian programme which is based around the three Olympic disciplines of dressage, show jumping and eventing and is considered to be one of the best Equestrian programmes nationally for school age children.

Students join the programme with varied levels of equestrian skills, and look forward to combining their equestrian passion and knowledge with their academic endeavours.

The students in the residential Equestrian programme receive agistment for their horse and specialised coaching twice a week in small group sessions in addition to general riding. There are also opportunities to attend training clinics with a variety of Australia's most successful coaches. New to the offering is a Campdraft Clinic, where students get to put into practice all of their skills in a mock environment.

The College provides first class coaching based on EFA disciplines as well as basic horsemanship

including horse health, grooming and turnout. Our Equestrian team is highly successful when representing our College each year in the Queensland Interschool Equestrian Association, The Darling Downs Championships, Warwick Horse Trials and at various local events.

Novice riders who simply wish to ride for pleasure and enjoy caring for their horses are also catered for.

Our Equestrian team is highly successful when representing our College each year at the various levels of Queensland Interschool Equestrian competitions, Warwick Horse Trials and local events. For the past three years the overall rider at local Championships has been awarded to a SCOTS PGC Equestrian member. At state level the team has also excelled winning both the Eventing and Secondary Showjumping team titles. Warwick is also home to the top class eventing facility Morgan Park enabling students to utilise the facilities for both training and competing.



Boarding at SCOTS



As a specialist co-educational boarding school we prepare our young people for the real world by introducing them to an independent and responsible approach to life. Our boarding environment provides a safe and secure space with excellent academic tutoring support.

The College has separate boarding campuses for boys and girls allowing students to enjoy the benefits of single and mixed gender activities. Our boarding emphasis provides experiences and support that nurture effective, resilient and enthusiastic learners. We are sensitive to the needs of adolescents whilst still promoting sound personal development. This means we seek to strike a balance between personal freedom and group responsibility; the school day and 'home'; learning and self-motivation.

Our boarding facilities are purpose-built. Boarders at SCOTS enjoy their own personal space (room) and have access to common areas where they can relax, play games and enjoy additional stimulation. Students enjoy healthy meals prepared in consultation with a dietician and have access to monitored Wi-Fi.

All students are cared for by live-in residential supervisors and have a routine that helps them manage the time-scheduling of the day so they can complete school, extra-curricular activities, study and dining, as well as have some down-time.

Weekend facilities at the College include an outstanding gymnasium, modern Industrial Technology, Graphics and Manual Arts Centre, computer rooms, library and resource centre, and extensive outside sporting facilities. We also deliberately bring the outside world into boarding education so that it can play a broadening role in adolescent development. A modest annual levy entitles a boarder to many organised weekend activities and school socials throughout the year. Optional weekend activities include trips to Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Toowoomba for cultural and 'fun' outings.





I Believe in friendship

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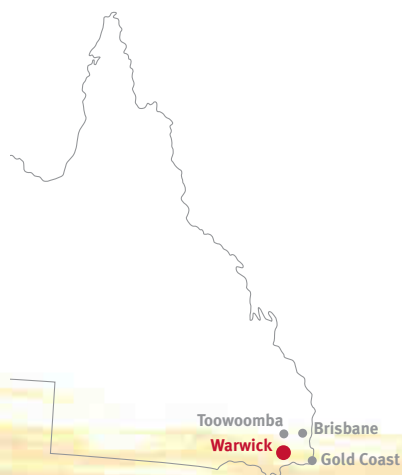
Where to find us

By road

Warwick is serviced by road primarily by the Cunningham and New England Highways. It is a central hub on the Darling Downs and within one hour of Toowoomba and Stanthorpe and 2 hours to Brisbane.

By air

A small light plane airport located approximately 10 minutes from the town centre services Warwick or Toowoomba. Airport is approximately 1 hour 10 minutes drive away.



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