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I would like to extend a warm welcome to Arden Anglican School.

Our Arden motto is In God, My Joy. We believe that joy should be at the very heart of our school experience. Our school is a Christian community of warmth, welcome and genuine connection. For us, the daily experience of the child is what matters most. We are deeply committed to each child being well known, well cared for and well taught.

In 2022, we celebrated our Centenary; 100 years of growing people of faith, hope and purpose.

Today, Arden is a flourishing co-educational Anglican school with over 1000 girls and boys from Pre-School to Year 12. We are one school with two campuses. Our Junior Campus is in Beecroft and our Secondary Campus is in Epping. Both campuses are right on the train line, so easy to access from surrounding suburbs.

Centred on the Christian faith and finding joy in God, Arden provides a vibrant learning experience to develop confident, capable global citizens prepared for a bright future. It is a privilege to journey with young people as they develop the skills and tools to live lives of purpose and hope.

In God, My Joy,

Justin Beckett

Mr Justin Beckett Principal



# Our Mission, Vision and Values

### **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is the bedrock of our School, anchored in Christ.

Centred on the Christian faith and finding joy in God, Arden provides an exceptional co-educational learning experience that nurtures the uniqueness of confident, capable global citizens.

## **OUR VISION**

Our vision is a 'light on a hill', guiding our path and lifting our sights.

Arden strives to be an inspiring learning community that engages the mind, nurtures the spirit and nourishes the body within a caring Christian environment.

Arden graduates are curious, courageous and compassionate men and women with an enduring passion for learning, who transform the communities in which they live and work.

When we speak of an inspiring learning community this includes not only students, highly engaged in their learning, but also the ongoing professional development of our staff and the involvement of our parents as active partners and participants.

### **OUR VALUES**



#### WE ACT WITH COURAGE AND COMPASSION Therefore, as God's chosen people,

holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience Colossians 3:12



# WE ACT WITH COURAGE AND COMPASSION

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith,be people of courage; be strong 1 Cor 16:13



# WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF HOPE

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure Hebrews 6:19



WE LOVE LEARNING Let the wise hear and increase in learning and the one who understands obtain guidance Proverbs 1:5



WE ENCOURAGE AND EARN RESPECT Show proper respect to everyone 1 Peter 2:17



#### WE BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS You were called to be free. But do not

use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love Galatians 5:13





# Our Junior Campus

## **PRE-SCHOOL**

The Pre-School years are characterised by curiosity, energy, and an eagerness to learn. At Arden we are committed to fostering this sense of wonder and creativity in every child.

Our vibrant Pre-School classroom and purpose-built outdoor play area encourage interaction with other children, stimulating exploration and cooperation.

Our goal is to nurture the joy of discovery as children continue to explore and make sense of the world around them, becoming deeper thinkers and more active inquirers.

At Arden Pre-School, the girls and boys learn the routines of School, understanding the rhythms of school life. They are well prepared for the move to Kindergarten through our comprehensive transition program. Our young learners are an important part of our community.

### JUNIOR CAMPUS

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At our Junior Campus we offer a rich and diverse academic and co-curricular program within a Christian framework focused on the wellbeing of every student. Each student is provided opportunities to build on their natural curiosity and thirst for adventure while inspiring their love of learning.

Our passionate teachers place an emphasis not only on input and direction, but on facilitation; helping students build the skills to learn, to persevere and to always try their best. At our Junior Campus, the curriculum enables the attainment of academic success while also providing flexibility to cater for the wide range of abilities and interests within a class group. Our students are encouraged to think critically and creatively while developing a lifelong love for learning.

At Arden, we intertwine academic rigour with a philosophy of wellbeing and pastoral care that supports each student. Our commitment goes beyond the classroom, nurturing resilient minds and compassionate hearts. Every individual is cared for, valued, and empowered to flourish.

# Our Secondary Campus

Our co-educational environment ensures students learn together in a realistic and authentic setting, with equality in both academic and co-curricular activities. Like our Junior Campus at Beecroft, our Secondary Campus is a place where students know they belong, are valued, and supported to be part of a nurturing and inclusive community.

Students are encouraged to be inquisitive and creative, to act thoughtfully and respectfully toward each other and to nurture their God given gifts and talents, developing a lifelong love of learning.

Arden is widely recognised for the academic success of our students. Our broad curriculum is designed to meet the intellectual demands of contemporary society and will equip your child with the knowledge, skills and understanding to succeed at life at school and beyond.

At our Secondary Campus, students have the opportunity to learn from a passionate team of teachers in an inspiring environment. Our strong emphasis on Pastoral Care, together with our wide range of co-curricular activities enables our students to grow, learn and be challenged in a safe and supportive school.

Our Arden graduates display resilience and a strong sense of self, alongside a humility grounded in an understanding of who they are as a person, their beliefs, and strengths.







# Co-curricular

Our vibrant Co-curricular Program at both our Junior and Secondary Campuses gives students the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities beyond the academic curriculum. They play a pivotal role in enhancing our students' overall development by cultivating a sense of belonging and social connection.

Our Co-Curricular Music and Co-Curricular Sport programs are vital and complementary components of school life to encourage personal development, learning and innovation.

Involvement in co-curricular activities inspire students to explore areas of interests and broaden their knowledge and skills. Students develop friendships, collaborative skills, leadership skills and teamwork.

Service Learning helps students develop a sense of empathy, compassion, and social responsibility as they work to address the needs of others in their community. Through service, students also develop important life

skills such as leadership, teamwork, problem solving

and communication.

For Christian students, service is a powerful way to express faith in action, valuing others above themselves as they live out the teachings of Jesus Christ. It engenders a deeper understanding of God's love and compassion for all people and enables a greater appreciation for the dignity and worth of all human life.







At Arden, our flourishing community works in partnership with families, alumni, and friends. Our active and engaged parent group, the Arden Parent Network (APN) promote friendships, foster a sense of community, and provide opportunities to meet and build genuine connections. Throughout the year, there are multiple events where parents are invited to be involved, and to support the students in their activities.

We value the privilege of partnering with our parents, alumni, and wider community to support and develop our school. It is our community that has made Arden the wonderful Pre-School to Year 12 co-educational school it is today – and will continue to be, as we educate generations for the future.



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