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# Our Christian Heritage

Grace Christian School began in the Bunbury community over 30 years ago, with a vision to provide an excellent, Christ-centred education for students from Kindergarten to Year 12. In the decades that have followed, our School has grown in its ministry, impacting thousands of lives through education and service based on the truth of the Bible.

Due to its longevity, our School offers stability through a breadth of experience and uninterrupted progress. Many of our staff have been a part of Grace for more than two decades, enabling long-term leadership and expertise in school sectors.

God has blessed our School greatly over these years with a positive learning environment, including a campus that is centrally located and surrounded by nature, excellent classroom and auditorium facilities, and an abundance of outdoor green space to utilise.

The greater significance of Grace Christian School, however, is reflected in the lives of the many young men and women who have been changed through their understanding of God's truth and grace.







# Christian Distinctive

Our desire at Grace is to see our students grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and develop lives of character based on God's truth.

Theologian and pastor John Calvin once said "There is no knowing that does not begin with knowing God". A Christian worldview drives the ethos of our School, underpins the content and purpose of our learning program, and defines all relationships within our School community.

From devotions, Bible classes and subject teaching, through to character and values development and relationship-building, all education and learning at Grace is steeped in its Christ-centred and biblically grounded distinctive.



Our Vision is to be a Christian educational community of excellence, assisting in the development of young people who reflect the attitudes, authority and actions of Christ.





# Holistic Education

Our School is committed to a holistic development of our students, recognising their unique God-given gifts and talents.

Our staff work together to support and foster the diverse needs of a student, with a collective focus on academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual growth.

A comprehensive and varied curriculum enables our students to explore a range of activities, disciplines and experiences that cater for different abilities and interests.



Growing and learning in a Christian school environment teaches us important values and respect. I love coming to school and learn something new each day, the staff are always welcoming and willing to help.

- Amity, Year 8





# Uninterrupted Learning

A sense of stability and consistency is crucial to a child's healthy development and wellbeing.

Grace offers the unity and security of one campus, providing our students with up to 15 years of uninterrupted learning in a familiar environment.

Beginning with our Pre-Kindergarten program, and moving through to Year 12, students will benefit from receiving continuity in their learning, pastoral care and building of relationships.

Our campus is designed to nurture four distinct sub-schools - Junior Primary, Upper Primary, Lower Secondary and Senior Secondary – facilitating a seamless transition through the years.



## Our Motto

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever he does prospers."

Psalms 1: 1-3



# Our School Sectors

## JUNIOR PRIMARY | Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2

As your child begins their schooling journey, our Junior Primary provides an environment which is safe yet challenging, and filled with opportunities for God-given talents to emerge and grow. It's a place where students are known and nurtured by passionate teachers.

Our Junior Primary staff are committed to loving and guiding our students, so their early years at school are enjoyable and rewarding. Children are encouraged to grow in independence, foster relationships and learn to problem solve. There is also a strong focus on developing solid literacy and numeracy skills.

We value that your child is unique, and share the same goal as you in preparing your child for their future.



## LOWER AND UPPER SECONDARY | Year 7 to 12

Our Secondary School students receive an excellent academic education, with all learning undertaken in the context of a Christian worldview.

We seek to partner with parents to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which students are presented with positive challenges and new experiences. We acknowledge that, as young adults, our students flourish under the guidance and support of committed and invested teachers.

As our Secondary students mature and develop the ability to think critically, they become people of character who are able to problem-solve in collaboration with others, and contribute positively to the School and wider communities in which they are planted.



## UPPER PRIMARY | Years 3 to 6

Our Upper Primary students are given opportunities to flourish and thrive in a caring environment, as well as widen their understanding of the world around them.

Students are supported in developing critical and creative learning skills, and academic rigour forms a high priority. This is coupled with students' growing understanding of God's purpose for their lives, as well as their capacity to make positive contributions to both their school and wider communities.

Students in Years 3 to 6 benefit from the support and instruction of a classroom teacher, as well as a team of specialist teachers in the areas of Science, Languages (Mandarin), Music and Physical Education.







## A Safe & Supportive Environment

We value each and every student at Grace as created in the image of God, and strive to provide an environment in which our children are loved as Christ intended.

Pastoral care is an integral part of what we do and who we are. Our staff are dedicated Christians who are committed to supporting and caring for your child, and emphasise mutual respect and a positive self-image.

In addition to the pastoral care offered by teachers, a team comprising our Chaplain, Heads of School, Principal, Principal's Assistant, Learning Enrichment representative and Student Services Officer play a strong and proactive role in the school's network of care, safety and support.

Our School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and young people, and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



"As Christians, we understand the importance of Christian Education. Our daughter has been nurtured during her formative years and the Christ-centred curriculum has really strengthened her faith & self-esteem.

- Ruth & Phil





# Leadership Through Service

Leadership development is an integral part of our students' learning experience at Grace. By offering a variety of opportunities to build leadership skills through the act of service, we seek to model the example of Christ, who led through his servant-hearted teaching.

From an early age, our Junior Primary students are encouraged to develop their sense of responsibility and citizenship through opportunities such as classroom helper roles, leading assemblies, being a 'welcome buddy' to new students and taking on leadership roles in class activities.

As students move through Upper Primary and into the Secondary years, more formal leadership roles include library monitors, school flag teams, canteen service, sound and lighting team (SALT), the tech team (TTT), student councillors, house captains and prefects. These opportunities enable our students to serve one another and our wider community, while playing a key role in developing life skills such as resilience, perseverance and collaboration.



The solid Christian values and the camaraderie between the teachers and students provides us with a very supportive learning environment.  
- Lachlan, Year 12





# Beyond The Classroom

At Grace, we believe learning is a life journey, and one that isn't confined to the classroom alone. Our holistic approach to education is supported by the many programs and experiences on offer to our students to enrich their growth and development.

- Our annual camp program – beginning in Year 6 and extending into Year 11 – seeks to foster a sense of independence and develop our students' collaboration and problem-solving skills.
- Excursions enrich the learning journey from Pre-Primary to Year 12, and enable students to engage with our wider community.
- Our experienced music tutors provide quality one-on-one tuition in a number of disciplines, including piano, drums, guitar, violin and vocals.
- Team Grace incorporates the many extra-curricular sporting opportunities available to our students, from rowing and swimming to netball, basketball and soccer.
- FESA Cadets, a highly sought-after program offered to Secondary students, provides exciting opportunities for skill training, leadership growth, relationship building and physical outdoor experiences.
- Our community service and work experience programs are invaluable to students in developing their interpersonal and professional skills, as well as fostering a heart of service to others and contribution to community.



"Our 4 eldest children attend Grace Christian and our youngest cannot wait to join them. We have been very impressed with how the School genuinely cares for the social, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing of our children. The staff are very approachable and keen to work with us as a team as we navigate raising our children to the best of our ability. If you are looking at choosing a school for your child I highly recommend you take a tour of Grace Christian School."

- Clint and Chantelle



# A Welcoming School Community

A sense of community is greatly valued at Grace, and our families are actively welcomed into the life of our School. We recognise the value of fostering supportive relationships between our staff and families as a crucial part of providing a holistic, Christ-led education.

Our 'buddy program' ensures all new families to Grace are partnered with another family of similar-aged children, to help in a friendly and supportive way with the transition stage of attending our School.

A much-valued tradition at Grace is our 'Welcome BBQ', held for all new families at the start of each school year.

The casual, friendly evening is an opportunity for new students and their families to meet others new to our School, as well as be warmly welcomed by our staff and families who've attended Grace for many years.

Other events during the year, including our Creative Arts Night & Secondary Expo, assemblies, musical recitals, sports carnivals, Kindy and Pre-Primary Dad's Night and Mother's Day afternoon tea, excursions and Presentation and Awards evenings encourage our families to engage in the life of our School.



## Partnering With Parents

Our School was founded over 30 years ago by a group of dedicated Christian parents, whose dream was to create a place of learning and growth under the Lordship of Jesus.

This vision continues today, with our staff committed to partnering with parents to ensure a supportive environment for the growth and education of our children.



## Come See For Yourself

We warmly invite you to come and see our School and meet with us in person. We would be only too happy to show you around and introduce you to our School community.

Get in touch with us today to book a school tour or speak with our Enrolments Officer who is more than happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you.

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