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**| WHY A BOYS' SCHOOL?**



# When choosing between single-sex and co-educational secondary schools for your child's education, it is valuable to consider the benefits of each.

Both single-sex and co-educational secondary schools offer high quality educations. When choosing between these options, your decision should be guided by your child's individual needs.

A balanced boys' education will equip your son with future-focused skills, so that he can become the best version of himself.



# FIVE KEY BENEFITS OF A BOYS' SCHOOL

## I A BOYS' SCHOOL UNDERSTANDS THAT BOYS LEARN IN DIFFERENT WAYS

Boys' schools are built on years of experience in educating boys. Many boys' schools have been established for decades, and continue to evolve to meet modern needs.

Boys are active learners. A good boys' school will enrich your son's education with an evidence-based curriculum pedagogy that is tailored to the needs of boys. A school's learning approach should:

- Equip students with workforce-ready skills in critical thinking, creativity and problem solving.
- Promote self-directed learning, and encourage students to take ownership of their learning, preparing them for tertiary education.
- Address real-world concerns, making learning relevant and useful to students by establishing connections to life outside the classroom.
- Use data to inform a targeted teaching approach, at which students at different levels are taught skills and knowledge that they are ready to learn.

### **It is also valuable to consider the facilities a boys' school is able to offer your son**

- Does the school have sufficient grounds space and sporting facilities, to accommodate your son's sporting interests?
- Does the school offer practical technology subjects and/or an applied learning pathway, if your son prefers hands-on learning?
- Does the school have strong student-to-student and student-to-staff relationships, promoting a deep sense of community and personal belonging?

## A BOYS' SCHOOL ALLOWS YOUR CHILD TO EXPLORE HIS FULL POTENTIAL

A balanced boys' only education will encourage your son to explore his full potential, in a nurturing environment that celebrates diversity. A good boys' school will:

- Have a robust pastoral care framework, that nurtures the wellbeing of all boys.
- Build a community that ensures all boys feel a sense of belonging.
- Offer your son with many opportunities to develop academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically.
- Cater to the individual needs and interests of your son, to offer him a broad range of academic and personal development opportunities.

## A BOYS' SCHOOL WILL FACILITATE A POSITIVE CULTURE OF MASCULINITY

A good boys' school will build a positive culture that welcomes all boys. When boys know they belong, they feel comfortable to speak up for what they believe in. A culture of diversity teaches students to listen to their peers, and accommodate differences in values.

A positive, balanced culture will stem from a school's holistic development opportunities. By the time they graduate, students at a good boys' school will have had the opportunity to develop:

- **Academic skills** and attributes that allow them to achieve academic engagement and success and access appropriate future pathways.
- **Spiritual growth**, that allows for a strong personal faith and an understanding of the diversity of the beliefs of others.
- **Emotional maturity** that is based upon a healthy self-identity, which allows them to relate to others in an empathetic way.
- **Social awareness** that comes from a strong sense of belonging, promoting positive relationships, inclusion and true respect for others.
- **Physical maturity** that allows them to engage in healthy pursuits.





## **A BOYS' SCHOOL WILL ACTIVELY WORK AT RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOCAL GIRLS' SCHOOLS, TO OFFER STUDENTS A BALANCED EDUCATION**

Good boys' schools will have strong partnerships with local girls' schools. These partnerships offer both boys and girls with opportunities to interact and develop their social and emotional skills, at student leadership seminars or other events.

At Salesian, we partner with Sacred Heart Girl's College and Avila College to facilitate our 'Positive Relationships' Forum. The topic of positive, respectful relationships is discussed within our Oratory Program at each year level, within a Catholic context.

We understand that within our community, it is vital we continue the conversation around consent and respectful relationships. We are committed to working with local girls' schools to develop curriculum and initiatives that address this issue, and equip our students with the skills they need to maintain healthy, respectful relationships.

# A BOYS' SCHOOL FOSTERS BELONGING AND LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

Boys' schools offer unique opportunities to build lifelong friendships. Education professionals at good boys' schools are invested in the holistic development of students, where teachers are trusted mentors. Boys develop strong relationships with their peers, building a support network that fosters a deep sense of connection and belonging.

## ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

Years after graduating, many of our alumni continue to value their Salesian connections:

**“Teachers were able to extract from me the very best, by encouraging my self-belief, my steely determination to achieve, succeed, and extend myself beyond what I thought was wildly possible. I wonder where I’d be if I hadn’t met those people.”**

**Professor Mark Dawson** Class of 1992

Professor and Leading Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre  
Clinician-Researcher. Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science.

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**“Reflecting now, it was the things I experienced when I was younger that made sense when I was older.”**

**Stephen Leane** Class of 1979

Road Safety Camera Commissioner,  
Former Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner

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**“Teachers who put relationships first don’t just have students for one year; they have students who view them as their teacher for life.”**

**Jacob Curry** 2020 College Vice-Captain

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**“COVID-19 showcased just how powerful our Salesian brotherhood is. We always have a home here at Salesian. The Salesian spirit will always be embedded in the people we are.”**

**Robert Amendola** 2020 College Captain





## **| A FUTURE FOCUSED BOYS' EDUCATION**

In October 2021, Salesian College Chadstone embarks on a future focused journey with educational leader, Mark Ashmore. Mark leads the College as the 11th Principal in Salesian's rich 64 year history.

With 22 years' experience in boys' education, Mark understands the critical elements of a future focused pedagogical vision and how and why a boys' only education can extend your son in reaching his full potential.

Salesian College Chadstone welcomes all boys and their families, celebrates diversity and promotes relationships built on mutual respect. To find out if Salesian is the right school for your son, visit our website or book a tour today via [salesian.vic.edu.au](https://salesian.vic.edu.au)



**Enrolments for Year 7, 2023  
close on August 20th, 2021.**

Book a Monday Tour to learn  
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begin your application.

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