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Calvary Christian College





History

Calvary Christian College began in 1984 with a small group of enthusiastic primary students, parents and teachers in two temporary buildings on a shady hillside at Springwood. The second campus at Carbrook opened in 1992 permitting the College to offer both primary and secondary programs on a former rural property adjacent to the Logan River. The first Year 12 class graduated in 1996. From these humble beginnings the College has steadily increased in student numbers, staffing levels, services and facilities on both campuses which now

serve over 1100 students from Prep to Year 12. Over the years, the implementation of the Vocational Education, Preparatory, Middle School, and Laptop programs has provided a whole new range of learning experiences and opportunities for Calvary students. Valuable services to families are provided by the Outside School Hours Care facilities, on both campuses, and early education centre (Kingdom Kids) on the Carbrook campus and the Noah Pre-Prep centre on the Springwood campus.





Our College, Our Church

Logan Uniting Church is a growing regional church that gathers across South East Queensland in both larger worship communities (services) and in smaller communities known as Life Groups. We have numerous ways to be a part of making a difference in our world through our diverse ministries and community service programs, primarily flowing from our Life Groups. On Sundays we gather for inspiring and empowering worship times at our Springwood and Carbrook campuses.

Fun, friendship and faith is vital to how we think at Logan Uniting Church. We take every opportunity to share God's joy in the reality of life and believe that honest and encouraging relationships are the key to growing as followers of Jesus and inviting others to discover His life transforming love.

Our College, Calvary Christian College, our Soccer Club, our Counselling Centre, Playgroups, breakfasts in schools are just some of our innovative outreaches that enable us to serve our community, living out our culture of fun, friendship and faith.

We are also part of something much bigger - the

Uniting Church in Australia – a movement of disciples of Jesus participating in the building of God's Kingdom

Logan Uniting Church has a clear purpose: Drawing people into a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

At Calvary Christian College, we have the unique privilege of bringing high quality education and Christian discipleship together into one powerful experience that helps our children and young people discover and live in God's will and purposes and maximise their God-given potential.

We hope you enjoy connecting with Calvary Christian College and we warmly invite you to come and join us in all that God is doing with Logan Uniting Church!

Worship Gathering Times:

Springwood: Sunday 9:30am Carbrook: Sunday 10:00am Life Groups happen regularly in a range of places and times. Email: info@luc.org.au

Website: www.luc.org.au



Early Years Learning



Kingdom Kids Early Learning Centre is an approved Long Day Care service fully owned and operated by Calvary Christian College. The Childcare Centre, which

operates on the Carbrook Campus, caters for children from 15 months to 5 years, including 2 Pre-Prep rooms a Long day care 7:00am – 5:30pm and short day care, school terms 8:45am - 2:45pm.

The Noah Pre-Prep Centre is an approved Long Day Care service fully owned and operated by Calvary Christian College. The Noah Pre-Prep Centre, which operates on the Springwood Campus, caters for children from 3 ½ to 5 years. The Pre-Prep room operates Short Day Care, during school terms 8:45am – 2:45pm as well as long day care 7:00am - 6:00pm.

Both Kingdom Kids and the Noah Centre uphold the College's stated Vision, Mission Statement and Core Values as outlined in the College Strategic Plan. A Calvary child is a happy, confident child, inquisitive, a risk-taker, a child who engages in play as a means to learning. A Calvary child is valued and recognised as being a unique individual created by God, with voice that needs to be heard and developed. The Calvary child's capacity to make wise choices and manage their own behaviour is always increasing. A Calvary child is supported to be resilient and encouraged to be respectful and caring of themselves, others and the environment in which they live.

The Noah Pre-Prep Centre and Kingdom Kids Early Learning Centre seek to provide:

- An educational environment that inspires a love of learning where children can grow and develop through quality programs, resources and Christian caregivers
- Each child with opportunities to develop qualities of compassion, respect, tolerance, dignity, self-worth and confidence
- Learning experiences that promote early literacy and numeracy concepts
- A quality integrated Christian curriculum, which reflects The Early Years Learning Framework Outcomes, as part of the Early Childhood program of the College
- The Queensland Government Approved Kindergarten Program, with a qualified teacher, specially designed to prepare children for their entry into Prep.

Junior School Curriculum



The Primary Years Programme is the curriculum framework by which the Australian

Curriculum is delivered in the Junior School at Calvary Christian College. The highly rigorous standards demanded by the International Baccalaureate (IB) ensure that our students are given the very best opportunities to prepare for their future world. Learning is engaging, student focused and comprehensive. Everything we do is within a Christian Worldview with a strong commitment to our mission statement Transforming lives through quality education and Christian discipleship.

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) is designed for students aged 3 to 12. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. It is defined by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, explored using knowledge and skills derived from six subject areas, with a powerful emphasis on inquiry-based learning.

Of great significance is the PYP commitment to fostering

our students as learners. The PYP learner profile addresses qualities in our students that we need to actively encourage; qualities that best prepare them for lifelong learning, for roles in the future that may not even exist yet. Students are encouraged to bring their passion for learning into the classroom. PYP recognises and values their curiosity.

As teachers, our role can be to act as the sage on the stage, the guide by their side but it's better to be the "messer" in the middle - asking lots of questions,

challenging students to think, helping them to make connections for themselves. Learning at Calvary is always messy and complex and active and fun because that, the research tells us, is how our children learn hest







Middle School Curriculum and Subject Options

The Middle School encompasses Years 7 to 9. Programs are meticulously designed to meet the unique developmental needs of adolescent students. The Middle School curriculum builds upon the Junior School's PYP (Primary Years Programme) foundation, is taught from a Christian worldview, and ensures students are engaged and rigorously prepared for their Senior School years.

Middle School classes are scheduled predominantly in Flynn and Koolyangarra blocks which border the Middle School Lawn. This provides students a "home" area thereby increasing their sense of stability and security. Many of the Middle School teachers also have their staffrooms in these blocks and are therefore easily accessed by their students.

In addition to English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography, specialist teachers deliver programs in subjects such as:

- Digital Technologies
- Industrial Technology and Design
- Core Physical Education
- Agricultural Science
- Drama
- Spanish
- Home Economics
- Foundations

Year 8

Students study the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Visual Art
- Home Economics
- Industrial Technology and Design

- Music
- Core Physical Education
- Spanish
- Drama
- Foundations
- Agricultural Science
- Digital Technologies

Year 9

The core curriculum includes:

- English
- Foundations
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Science

Elective subjects include:

- Agricultural Science
- Art
- **Business Studies**
- Drama
- Graphics
- Home Economics
- Health and Physical Education
- Industrial Technology and Design
- Digital Technologies
- Learning Enrichment
- Music
- Spanish

While it is an integral part of the larger College community, Middle School has also established an identity and culture which is distinctively its own. This identity is nurtured through events and occasions which are exclusively Middle School focused. Chapel services give students the opportunity to lead their fellow students in worship and prayer while year level and whole school assemblies provide opportunities to acknowledge and affirm the achievements of students. A huge range of Middle School activities and events also take place throughout the year.

Senior School Curriculum and Subject Options

The Senior School encompasses Years 10 to 12 and involves a program of study that is diverse and rigorous, and caters for students' aptitudes and interests. Students are required to take significant responsibility for their studies as they develop into independent learners, capable of making informed decisions about their post school pathways.

Year 10

Year 10 is the commencement of the senior years of schooling and is very much a year of transition for students as they move from Middle School toward the external accountability and rigor of Years 11 and 12. Students undertake a core curriculum program which is designed to prepare them for the requirements of the years ahead while continuing to study the three elective subjects commenced in Year 9. The core curriculum which is compulsory for all students consists of:

- English
- Foundations
- Geography
- Mathematics or Advanced Mathematics
- Science
- History

Elective subjects include:

- Agricultural Science
- Art
- Business
- Drama
- Graphics
- Health and Physical Education
- Industrial Technology and Design
- Digital Technologies
- Music
- Spanish
- Home Economics

Years 11 and 12

Students have the opportunity to study 6 subjects from a broad range of options.
Subjects currently offered are:

- Accounting
- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- English Communication
- English Extension (Year 12)
- Film, Television and New Media
- Geography
- Graphics
- Hospitality Practices
- Information Technology Systems
- Technology Studies
- Legal Studies
- Manufacturing
- Mathematics A
- Mathematics B
- Mathematics C
- Modern History
- Music
- Music Extension (Year 12)
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Pre-vocational Mathematics
- Spanish
- Visual Art



Christian Education

All students also undertake Foundations; the Christian teaching offered to all Middle and Senior School students. These lessons undergird our holistic Christian education approach to teaching and learning. Students will be invited to explore Biblical principles, theology, life skills and social and emotional issues.

Vocational Education, School-Based Traineeships – Alternative Learning Pathways

The College offers an extensive Vocational Education and Training program and Certificate Courses, in liaison with TAFE and Registered Training Organisations. Some of the traineeships pursued in 2015 include a Certificate III in – Business/Hospitality,

Carpentry, Children's Services, Fitness, Hairdressing, IT, Library, Media, Ministry and Theology, and Sport and Recreation. The College also offers a range of non-OP subjects.

Agriculture Livestock Show Team

At Calvary Christian College any student in Years 7 – 12 has the opportunity to join the College's Livestock Show Team. The team exhibits sheep from the College's Suffolk stud (established in 1998) at a wide variety of shows around SE Queensland and into New South Wales. In a typical year students attend Pittsworth, Warwick, Marburg, Gatton, Mt Gravatt and Murwillumbah shows as well as the Royal Brisbane show, or the EKKA.

Some of the highlights from recent showing seasons have included: several students qualifying for the Young Judges State Championship, Best Sheep in Show, Grand Champion - Breeders Group, and Reserve and Supreme Champion Ram.

Back at school, members of the team meet every week to hone their skills and prepare our sheep for showing which include a variety of activities such as weighing the sheep, show preparation, husbandry tasks and skills lessons on judging and handling sheep.
Being involved in the Livestock Show Team develops student's ability to work with and handle animals.
However, it also provides them with a unique opportunity to build a variety of valuable life skills including responsibility, confidence and personal presentation.
They develop strong communication skills and learn both patience and persistence in a practical, handson way. Many of the students involved also choose to study Agricultural Science as one of their subjects which compliments and extends their learning in Show Team.

This distinctive combination of Agricultural offerings to students at Calvary Christian College opens up a number of pathways for further study, employment and personal development. All the while, the program provides students with a fun and different way to meet new people, get active and explore the world beyond the classroom.



Co-Curricular Activities:

A vibrant co-curricular program is offered in each of the three sectors of the College. See below a sample of offerings

Amnesty International	Choral Singing	Environment Club	Public Speaking
Art Club	Computing Club	Extension and Enrichment Club	Symphonic band
Boys Brigade	Craft Club	Interstate and international cultural and mission trips	Theatre Club
Calvary in Action (Mission support)	Daughters of Promise -teenage girls program	ITD Club	Youth Alpha
Chapel Worship Team	Debating	Livestock Show Team	
Chess and Games Club	Dance, Drama & Digital Media (D3)	MS/SS lunchtime fellowship Clubs	

College Camping Programs

Camps are held each year in Years 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11 as part of the College's Outdoor Education program. Camps form an important part of a student's personal and spiritual development. Students normally spend two nights and three days away from the college and take part in a variety of recreational and outdoor activities. These include, but are not limited to, bushwalking, camping, cooking, canoeing, group

problem solving, orienteering, ropes courses, raft making and swimming. Details of each camp are announced early in the year. Camp costs are levied for each student and included within the yearly fees.

Year 6 students will attend an excursion to Canberra. Year 10 students will be involved in Calvary Business Week instead of going on a year level camp.





School of Music

In addition to classroom music for all Junior School and Years 7 and 8 students, we also offer the elective Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority music curricula for students in Years 9 to 12 and Music Extension (Performance, Composition and Musicology) for advanced instrumental and vocal students in Year 12.

In our Junior School classroom program, students in Years 4 and 5 learn to play recorder and Year 6 students learn to play glockenspiel. In Middle School Year 7 learn Keyboard and Year 8 students learn guitar. MAC (Music at Calvary) incorporates three diverse music programs catering for students wishing to enjoy the experiences of instrumental and vocal music. We offer three Development Programs. Music for

Little Mozarts (Prep and Year 1), String Along Program for Years 2 and 3 and Play Along band program for Years 4, 5 and 6. From these programs they graduate to our "Tuition" program where they can further develop their musical abilities by having lessons with specialist instrumental and vocal teachers during the school day.

Our "Ensembles" program provides opportunities for students of all interest and ability levels to further enhance their music skills by playing or singing in our performance groups.

Each year the College hosts a Showcase evening and provides an opportunity for all students to perform for parents and friends.





Sports

At Calvary we love our sport and endeavour to deliver developmentally appropriate and rigorous sporting programs, which are part of a healthy and balanced school program.

Calvary Christian College encourages the physical health and development of our students offering Physical Education as a curriculum subject, development programs, interschool sports for Years 4-12 students, community sports with the Underwood Park Netball Association, Logan Uniting Church Soccer Club, and Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Football Association. Calvary is also highly regarded as a nationally successful Futsal school.

Each year many students join sporting teams and attend training, finding fulfilment in seeing the rewards of their hard work, team spirit and extended endurance pay - at the end of each season.

The values we uphold at Calvary sport are:

- Sportsmanship, fair play and honesty
- Winning with humility and losing with dignity
- Fun and enjoyment
- Teamwork
- Self-discipline and commitment

Interhouse Sports Carnivals

Students support their Houses by competing in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics -encompassing both Track and Field events, in the Interhouse sports carnivals.

The College also encourages students to achieve to their individual sporting potential, offering many opportunities through representative pathways.

Interschool Sport Opportunities

As part of the Rivers District (local schools and Colleges), Middle and Senior School students compete against other schools in a wide-range of sports. The College is also affiliated with Brisbane Christian Schools which offers further opportunities. Junior School students also participate in interschool competitions.

Representative College Sport

Gifted Junior, Middle and Senior School sport students and teams progress from District through to State and National school teams both within the Queensland Schools sector and Christian Schools competitions. Each year the College proudly celebrates the success of many students at State, National and International levels.

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

The College has embraced technology in learning with a philosophy encompassing the importance of equipping its students for learning and life in an Information Age. It is now widely acknowledged that "Students live in a technological world where information and communication technologies (ICTs) are integral to everyday situations (QLD DOE).

It is our ongoing intent at Calvary that "ICT provides opportunities for the transformation of teaching and learning and enables students to investigate, create, communicate, collaborate, organise and be responsible for their own learning and actions". (The role of ICT in PYP, June 2011, p1).

In recognition of the burgeoning new technologies and our emerging students as 'digital natives,' the College formulated the iLearn2020 plan which focused our ICT expansion towards students' curriculum and continuing professional development. The iLearn2020 plan provided a long term strategic road map. Our latest ICT strategic plan with fresh inputs from the ACARA and PYP curriculums provides an updated pathway for future ICT developments in the College.

The College's investment in the continuing professional development of staff in the integration of ICT has developed a culture of expecting and participating in change.

ICT has been integrated across all curriculum areas with applications such as Mathematics, Accelerated

Reader, Microsoft Student Learning Essentials and some student textbooks loaded onto laptops. The range of software and apps grow and refine in response to curriculum needs.

Specialised equipment such as AlphaSmarts, GPS, Wacom drawing tablets and applications such as CAD software, Adobe Premier Suite and Avid Editing Suite are some of the resources provided to cater for the needs of students. Interactive Whiteboards are used in all Junior School classrooms and some Maths and Science classrooms as well. IPads are appearing in many classrooms as well such as LOTE, Music and Learning Enrichment.

Students now routinely search digital repositories, access online sites, view The Learning Federation content, create Multi -media presentations, demonstrate ICT skills, collaborate with a variety of audiences, utilise digital tools and interact in virtual classrooms via Student Café or Learning Management System.

Now with over 165 staff, approximately 1030 students and 600 parent users, 995 laptops, (most in a 1:1 program), 195 iPads, 145 desktops, 5 computer laboratories, Colour MF printers including 3D printers, 60+ physical or virtual servers, wireless access across two campuses, a faster upgraded internet link, a complex digital environment and 24/7 access, Calvary provides a very high level of ICT resources.



Missions

Mission is an integral part of life at Calvary Christian College. Students from the Middle and Senior Schools, as well as staff members, have the opportunity to participate in these trips which are conducted alternatively every second year.

Since 2005 the College has been conducting mission trips to the islands of Vava'u in the Kingdom of Tonga. The Calvary Christian College community has been able to make a positive difference in very practical ways, particularly to the families of Vava'u. We have worked closely with Vava'u High School and have been able to supply them with much needed resources. Students who participate in the trip find it a life changing experience as they see firsthand what it means to live in a Third World country.

The Biblical basis for our Mission trips is found in

1 John 3: 16, 17 (NIV):

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

These verses are at the heart of our mission and cultural trips as opportunity is provided for us to give to those who do not have the same facilities and/or equipment that we do. In doing this, we are able to share the love of God. The trips also provide opportunity for our students to share their faith in Jesus Christ with others.

From 2016, Vanuatu will be the focus of College mission trips.

Outside School Hours Care

Our aim is to provide a service that reflects the Christian foundations of the College and values all children, families and staff. We provide a quality program that

Ages Before and After School Hours Care Vacation Care encourages each child's optimum development in a safe, caring and exciting environment. Application forms are available from College Administration.

School aged children 7.00am - 8.30am and 3.30pm - 6.00pm 7.00am - 6.00pm (during school holiday periods).

Bus Services

Carbrook Campus

Transport companies service the Carbrook Campus from the surrounding areas.

Please contact the following companies for more details about their routes, fares and timetables.

Veolia (Redlands district) Logan City Bus Service (Logan district) Express Coach Lines (Carbrook, Cornubia, Logandale) College Buses Phone 3248 6100 Phone 3200 9606 Phone 3806 3220 Phone 3287 6222



The College Bus service, offers a door to door service, ensuring the safety of your child is foremost. The areas that our buses pickup/drop off are: Loganholme, Tanah Merah, Mt Cotton, Ormeau, Belivah, Windaroo, Mt Warren Park, Edens Landing, Beenleigh, Eagleby, Daisy Hill, Shailer Park, Browns Plains, Kingston, Marsden, Meadowbrook, Victoria Point and Redland Bay. In addition, the College has implemented an additional four main pickup points. These include Hyperdome Shopping Centre, bus stop at the Loganlea Train Station close to Logan Hospital, Beenleigh Train Station and Victoria Point Shopping Centre.

The Government website www.transinfo.com.au is also an excellent source of information for transport.

The College also offers a FREE INTERCAMPUS bus service operating between Springwood and Carbrook campuses each morning and afternoon. The service of a late afternoon shuttle bus will also be available at a small charge for students participating in co-curricular activities, if there is sufficient demand.

Please contact the College for further information. In many cases Queensland Transport offers a rebate for families using private transport to and from school. This includes private bus companies.

