

PROSPECTUS

ARDEN



SMALL ENOUGH *TO* CARE.
BIG ENOUGH *TO* CHALLENGE.





THE ARDEN ADV

A photograph of three school children in green uniforms running on a grassy path. The child on the left is a girl wearing a white and green hat, a green blazer, and a checkered dress. The child in the middle is another girl wearing a white and green hat, a green blazer, and a checkered dress. The child on the right is a boy wearing a green cap, a green blazer, and a grey tie. They are all running towards the camera with a blurred green background.

VENTURE BEGINS

WELCOME TO ARDEN

At Arden, we believe that learning is life's greatest adventure, opening up a world of possibilities and promise. From Pre-School to Year 12, we offer the Arden learner the opportunity to pursue academic and co-curricular excellence in a co-educational setting. Inspired by our Christian faith and finding joy in God, we support the spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical development of each child entrusted to us. Our graduates leave us ready to go out into the world as confident, inquisitive and caring individuals who know their strengths, have an enduring passion for learning, and are prepared to make a meaningful contribution to the world.

Our teachers are highly skilled and dedicated professionals who nurture and celebrate the unique gifts of every child in a positive and engaging learning environment. We also build strong partnerships between home and school because we believe that a supportive community allows students to flourish and reach their potential.

This prospectus will give you a glimpse into the well rounded education we offer the Arden learner. I trust it will help you to get to know us a little better.

Welcome to the Arden learning adventure.

*Mr Graham Anderson
Principal*






OUR VISION

**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.**



At Arden we see each child as a unique individual, made in the image of God. We meet each child with the determination to know who they are, what they are passionate about and what they are good at. Our teachers differentiate activities as they strive to cater for individual needs, interests and strengths. Our size means we are small enough to care but big enough to challenge, and as a non-selective school we have a well-earned reputation for nurturing each child to their potential. We were the first school in Australia to use the Gallup Student Poll[®] to actively track student hope, wellbeing and engagement.

WELL KNOWN








WELL CARED FOR

Students at Arden know that they matter to us and that they belong. Pastoral care is an integral part of Arden's development of each student, as we seek to build high levels of wellbeing and resilience. Our approach to student wellbeing integrates a Christian worldview that sees each child as a unique and beloved individual.

Strong relationships are the foundation of our pastoral care approach. We consciously connect students across year groups and campuses, fostering smooth transitions and developing a strong school community. We also invest in building partnerships between parents, teachers, and students. And we take a strengths-based approach to working with individuals, because we believe that students learn best when they are happy, respected and valued.



A young boy in a school uniform is speaking in a classroom. He is wearing a white shirt, a grey tie, and a dark green sweater. The background shows a blue wall with various educational posters and a penguin decoration. Another student is visible in the foreground, sitting at a desk and looking towards the speaker.

From Pre-School through to Year 12 we engage and challenge our students in a supportive, engaging learning environment. Our co-educational setting is a real advantage, as girls and boys learn alongside each other and from each other.

Our expert, dedicated teachers make all the difference as they strive to understand the needs of every student, igniting a love of learning, and sharing in the excitement that comes from making new discoveries about the world. Our teachers have a passion for their subject areas and transfer this enthusiasm to our students. As well as an ability to academically inspire, our teachers are also known for their genuine empathy and care for each individual. Arden has a well deserved reputation for achieving solid Higher School Certificate results.

WELL TAUGHT



PRE-SCHOOL

We believe that children learn best through play and so at our Pre-School we plan activities that tap into the natural curiosity of young children. Our teachers design programs that foster social skills and physical and cognitive development. As the Pre-School is located within the Primary School, our children are prepared for a smooth transition to formal schooling. Our partnership with parents also starts here—an essential and ongoing aspect of an education at Arden.

PRIMARY

As the Arden learner starts the more formal part of his or her education, our teachers differentiate the curriculum as they seek to meet the needs of each student. We also begin to formally track individual academic progress. Our classroom teachers are supported by specialist teachers who work with the children in areas such as sport, music, Mandarin, French and technology.

Learning at Arden extends beyond covering core curriculum content to encouraging the development of values, attitudes and habits towards learning; from Kindergarten we introduce our students to Habits of Mind, with an aim to foster resilience, critical and creative thinking. We also use the Gallup Student Poll® from Year 5 to actively track student hope, wellbeing and engagement. It is from solid foundations that independent learners can flourish.





MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School at Arden (from Year 7 to 9) represents a significant shift in a student's journey. In these years we look to build strong social and academic foundations by helping our students develop the skills they need to become independent, life long learners. These include an emphasis on deep thinking, creative and collaborative learning, and study skills.

As our students move towards increased independence they also discover more about who they are and where their strengths and interests lie. Therefore we offer a diverse range of subject electives and co-curricular activities. Our teachers develop a safe environment within the classroom, where young students feel empowered to take risks when presented with appropriate challenges.



SENIOR SCHOOL

Our Senior School prepares and equips our students so they can grow as autonomous and collaborative learners in preparation for tertiary studies, work and service in the local and global community.

We offer a wide choice of subject areas (including partner programs with Macquarie University) and the opportunity to specialise. Students learn in the focused, academic environment of our Senior Study Centre.

Arden has a well deserved reputation for achieving solid Higher School Certificate results. Our HSC students consistently report that their dedicated teachers played a critical role in their success, highlighting not just the professionalism and expertise of their teachers but also the genuine care they experienced.

The Arden learning adventure extends well beyond the classroom because Arden has long been committed to the wholistic development of each student. We give our students the space to think and reflect on their attitudes, habits, values and strengths, encouraging them to discover their passions and talents as well as how they can best contribute. Our students also enjoy multiple opportunities to develop their leadership skills in a variety of settings.



**WELL
ROUNDED**





Arden is bursting with co-curricular programs and we encourage all students to actively participate. Our co-curricular activities include sport, music, drama, dance, public speaking, outdoor education, community service and overseas tours. We believe co-curricular opportunities enrich the overall learning process, support the development of the whole child, build relationships across the school, and also allow those children with gifts and talents to excel.







In our Primary School we offer a wide range of co-curricular activities. Every child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Our outdoor education camps are carefully designed to allow children to experience appropriate physical, social and emotional challenges within a safe and caring environment. Our Primary School community service initiatives aim to develop a sense of joy towards giving and serving. We also encourage participation in sport because we know that it contributes to physical, mental and social health and wellbeing.

Co-curricular opportunities broaden in our Secondary School as students refine their skills and interests. We have a history of excellence in many of these areas. Our music ensembles include vocal, jazz, wind and string, and students enjoy many performance opportunities, including regional and international music tours. Our dance groups compete at eisteddfods throughout the year and perform at a variety of school and community functions. Our Theatresports drama program is also a very popular co-curricular activity for students in Year 7 to 12.

We also have an enviable sporting record, with many of our students regularly representing Arden at Combined Independent Schools or State level in many sports. Each year group, before Year 12, has a unique outdoor education camp experience, which includes the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

We offer our Secondary students the opportunity to travel, providing opportunities for personal growth and also experiential learning that reinforces the academic curriculum. There are also a number of leadership opportunities where students can serve as prefects, leaders of our social justice groups, public speaking and debating teams, tech crew or peer support groups. At Arden we have a particular emphasis on community service: a practical application of the Christian message. Our overseas mission tours give our Year 11 students an opportunity to demonstrate compassionate and courageous service to others.

WE ENCOURAGE OUR SENIOR STUDENTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, RIGHT THROUGH THEIR HSC YEAR. WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO ENJOY A BALANCED SCHOOL LIFE, HELPING THEM TO BECOME WELL ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS.



A woman with long reddish-brown hair, wearing a bright yellow blazer over a white top and a dark skirt, stands and speaks to another woman. The second woman, with her hair in a ponytail and wearing a dark blazer, is seated at a wooden desk. On the desk is a large stack of books, with the top one labeled "2014-15 Guide". The woman in yellow is holding a book and gesturing towards it. The background is a large window with a view of green trees and a building. The text "WELL PREPARED" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

WELL PREPARED

Throughout the Arden learning journey there is a deliberate focus on preparing our students for life after school and we have developed a number of programs that enable us to achieve this.

From Year 5 onwards we help our students identify their natural talents through our Strengths program. Each year we participate in the Gallup Student Poll[®] because we know there is a strong link between students who are hopeful, engaged and thriving and future academic and employment success.

We offer a multitude of leadership opportunities to help our students learn to become service-minded leaders. Our tailored careers education program carefully and effectively prepares our students for a positive post-school transition. Beginning in Year 9 we offer careers profiling, subject selection counselling, a structured work experience program and a number of careers education seminars.

We help our students explore options such as university or TAFE, an industry cadetship, apprenticeship and/or traineeship as well as international exchanges or gap programs. Our partner programs with universities also give our students access to preferred admissions schemes, scholarships and prizes.



INTO THE WORLD

Our graduates leave us ready. They go out into the world as confident, inquisitive and caring individuals, with an enduring passion for learning, because learning is life's greatest adventure.

**READY TO ENGAGE
READY TO EXPLORE
READY TO CONTRIBUTE**



WE BELIEVE THAT CLEAR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS, STAFF AND STUDENTS IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT TO BUILDING A STRONG PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL AND THIS COMMUNICATION BEGINS AT THE ENROLMENT STAGE. WE ASK THAT YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ENROLMENT PROCESS AND VISIT US FOR AN OPEN MORNING OR TOUR PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN ENROLMENT APPLICATION.

**1
ENQUIRY**

Initial enquiries are directed to the Registrar for an information pack or to sign up to attend an Open Morning.

**2
OPEN MORNING/TOUR**

All prospective families are encouraged to visit either the Primary or Secondary School for an Open Morning or Tour.

**3
APPLICATION**

An Enrolment Application should be submitted to the Registrar to secure a position on the School's waiting list. The form must be accompanied by relevant documentation and the Enrolment Application Fee.

**4
WAITING LIST**

Once this information is received and processed, the child is placed on the waiting list.

**5
INTERVIEW**

Prospective families and students will be invited to attend an interview with the appropriate Head of School and undertake any appropriate standardised testing.

**6
OFFER OF A PLACE**

Once it has been determined that a place exists in a year group and any relevant support or enrichment programs, prospective students are formally offered a place. Parents are asked to confirm acceptance of that place by paying the non-refundable Confirmation Fee and signing the Conditions of Enrolment.

**7
ORIENTATION**

Orientation events are held regularly towards the end of each year prior to entry, or when the opportunity allows for mid-year intakes.

**MAKE AN
ENQUIRY**

To register for an information pack or to sign up to attend an Open Morning please go to www.arden.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/open-mornings/ or call 9484 1146 or email enrolments@arden.nsw.edu.au









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