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"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who lives but Christ lives in me." (Galatians 2:20).

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My beloved flock of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions, I would like to congratulate all of you on the Feast of the Assumption of the Body of the Holy our Mother of God St Mary, I pray to the Almighty God to grant all of you the blessings of this Holy Day.

Let us read together Luke 1:46-48...

“And Mary said: ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.’”

In all of the hymns and praises of our Coptic Church, we give blessing and praise to our holy mother St Mary, and this verse we just read is a proof that our hymns have their foundation in the bible – they are not just something we make up.

All the hymns we say about St Mary, declares the mystery of the Incarnation, and the mystery of our salvation, as well as many aspects of theology.

Also, the hymns we sing are very rich in symbols and meaning from the Bible, and they speak about all her titles, as well as her relationship to the Holy Trinity, and to the heavenly hosts, as well as to all the human race.

There are many prophecies in the Holy Bible, as well as in our

THE SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ST MARY

hymns, which refer to St Mary. And tonight, we shall mention just a few...

1. ST MARY IN THE BIBLE...

Let us read together Psalm 45:9-13...

- verse 9 says: “At Your right hand stands the queen”
- And verse 13 says: “The royal daughter is all glorious within”
- That is why St Mary is the queen and at the same time, the daughter of the King.
- That is why in all our icons, we portray St Mary as a queen, with a crown on her head, and we place her at the right hand side of the Lord, because this is what was declared in the Psalms.

2. THE TITLES OF THE LORD...

Also, because St Mary is the mother of God, then all the titles which the Lord has, can also apply to His beloved mother:

- The Lord said about Himself that: He is the true light (John 1:9), and “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12).
- o And so His mother is the Mother of Light, and the Mother of the True Light.

- The Lord is called the “Holy One” (Luke 1:35).

- o And so His mother is the Mother of the Holy One.

- The Lord Jesus Christ is the Saviour (Luke 2:11)

- o And so His mother is the Mother of the Saviour

- Because Jesus is Lord and Emmanuel,

- o So St Mary is the Mother of the Lord (Luke 1:43), and the Mother of Emmanuel (Matt 1:24), and the Mother of the Incarnated Word (John 1:14).

- And so, if St Mary is the mother of the Lord, then she is the spiritual mother of all the Christians.

- o The Lord said to St John, “Behold your mother!” (John 19:27)

- o And St John writes to us in his epistle saying, “My little children” (1 John 2:1)

- o And so, if St Mary is the mother of the Lord and the mother of St John, and we are the children of St John, then these verses mean that St Mary is the mother of us all.

- In the Bible, we read that the 1st commandment with a promise is to honour your mother (Ephesians 6:2); (Exodus 20:12); (Deut 5:16).

- And so, if God considers honouring our earthly mother important, then how much more important is it to give honour to our heavenly mother?

- And so, when we honour St Mary, we are actually honouring the Lord Himself.

3. THE SYMBOLS OF ST MARY...

- SHE IS CALLED THE MANNA POT:

- o Because she bore within her the Lord who is the Living Bread which came down from heaven (John 6:58), and who symbolised the manna which the Hebrews ate in the wilderness.

- o That is why in the Theotokia of Sunday we sing: “You are the pure golden vessel of Hidden Manna, in which is the bread of life which came down from heaven and granted life to the whole world.”

- SHE IS CALLED THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (Ex 25:10-22), which represents the presence of God, because:

1. The Ark was covered with gold on the inside and outside, and this symbolises her purity and glory. That’s why in the Theotokia of Sunday we sing: “And you Mary also put on the glory of divinity inside and out.”
2. The Ark was made of acacia (akash-ia) wood which does not decay, and this symbolises her holiness.

3. The Ark contained the Manna, which symbolises Christ, who is the True Manna who came down from heaven.

4. The Ark contained the 2 tablets of the Law (the 10 commandments), which symbolised Christ, who is the Word of God (John 1:1).

5. The Ark remained 3 months at the house of Obed-edom before David brought it to his house (2Sam.6), in the same way that St Mary, who bore the Lord, remained also for 3 months with Elizabeth before returning to her home.

6. The presence of the Ark made the people rejoice, and David ‘leaped’ for joy before the Lord (2 Sam6; 1Chron 15:29). In the same way, Elizabeth rejoiced when she saw St Mary, and made the baby in her womb ‘leap’ for joy.

7. Because St Mary represents the Ark of the Covenant, all the creatures rejoiced in her:

- o In the Theotokia of Tuesday, we sing: “Hail the Theotokos, the rejoice of Angels!”

- o In the Theotokia of Wednesday, we sing: “They offer honour to you, O city of God, for you became the dwelling place of those who are rejoicing!”

- SHE IS CALLED JACOB’S LADDER:

- o This is because she symbolises the ladder reaching from earth to heaven, which Jacob saw in his dream.

- o St Mary was the earth in which heaven dwelt, and therefore, by giving birth to the Lord, she became the bridge which links heaven to earth.

- SHE IS CALLED THE BURNING BUSH:

- o In Exodus 3, Moses saw the burning bush, which was not burnt or consumed.

- o St Mary is called the “Burning Bush”, because the Holy Spirit came upon her with His Divine Fire, and she was not burnt or consumed.

- o That is why in the Theotokia of Thursday we sing: “For the Word of God was incarnated in her. The fire of His Divinity did not consume

her womb, and she remained a virgin.”

□ SHE IS CALLED THE CENSER OF PURE GOLD:

o Our beloved Lord Jesus Christ, is the union of divinity and humanity, and we can imagine this like the union of coal and fire which we have in the censer.

o For this reason, St Mary, who carried within her that union, symbolises the censer.

o She is called the Golden Censer, because gold represents glory and eternity.

□ SHE IS CALLED THE BEAUTIFUL DOVE, because:

o Because of her humility, she resembles a dove.

o The Holy Spirit who appeared in the form of a dove, came upon her (Matt3:16).

o She brought the message of our salvation, like the dove which brought the message of life to Noah, after the flood (Gen 8:10-11).

□ SHE IS CALLED THE SECOND HEAVEN & TABERNACLE:

o St Mary is the ‘Second Heaven’ and the ‘Tabernacle’, because God dwelled in her during the incarnation.

o At the annunciation (annun-cee-ation), the Angel Gabriel said, “The power of the Most High will overshadow you” (Luke 1:35). In Hebrew, the word ‘overshadow’ means ‘dwelling’ and it was the same word used to describe the tabernacle where God dwelt among His people.

o That is why in the Theotokia of Sunday, we sing: “O Mary the virgin, you are like the tabernacle! You are the true dome where God dwells.”

□ SHE IS CALLED THE CITY OF GOD, or ZION:

o Because in Psalm 87 it says: “And of Zion it will be said, ‘This one and that one were born in her; and the Most High Himself shall establish her... Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God!’”

□ SHE IS CALLED THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND:

o Because St Mary gave birth to the True Light, she became superior to all heavenly creatures. And she is even higher than the Cherubim.

o That is why in the Theotokia of Sunday, we sing: “You are the pure golden lamp stand that bears the ever-bright Lamp.”

Also on this blessed Feast day of our beloved Mother St Mary, we find in this beautiful gospel reading of Luke chapter 1, some of the many virtues of the holy Theotokos.

1. Her holiness
2. Her humility
3. Her obedience and submission
4. Her thanksgiving
5. Her service

1. Her Holiness:

Because the Divine Child Jesus “will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest” (Luke 1:32), and He is to be holy, gentle and undefiled, it was necessary that the woman chosen to be the mother of God was also holy before the Lord.

All the Old Testament prophecies about her were fulfilled, and God chose St Mary because of her holiness, and that is why the Angel Gabriel said to her “The Lord is with you!” (Luke 1:28). The woman who was to give Him birth and nurse Him and take care of Him and give Him the affection and attention of a loving mother, had to be a sanctified vessel.

St Augustine once wrote: “Mary conceived Christ in her heart by faith, before she conceived in the womb.” And the words that Elizabeth said to St Mary, expresses her whole character: “Blessed are you among women... and blessed is she who believed!” (Luke 1:42&45). The words of Elizabeth show that St Mary wore the crown of faith above all others.

2. Her humility:

Our beloved mother St Mary always showed great humility, because it is a virtue that must accompany holiness. We see in St Luke’s account that St Mary had a quiet spirit, she loved to contemplate on the words of God, and she had a mind that was very aware with the spirit and promises of the Old Testament.

And although the angel greeted her with the words: “Rejoice highly favoured one”, (Luke 1:28) and Elizabeth greeted her with: “Blessed are you among women” (Luke 1:42), St Mary kept a deep sense of humility and unworthiness. She realised her human nature and her need for salvation, and therefore she said: “My spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour” (Luke 1:47).

She did not become full of pride because she was to be the mother of God and the greatest woman on earth, but instead she showed herself to be holy, pure, gentle and faithful. She was the most humble and patient and loving woman that ever lived on the earth.

3. Her obedience and submission:

When we read the story of the Archangel Gabriel giving the good news to St Mary (in the gospel of Luke 1), we are amazed by how obedient and accepting she was. Even though she was only a young girl of maybe 12 or 13 years, she accepted the miracle with great faith, saying: “Behold the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38).

The obedience of St Mary is a great example for all of us to submit to the will and way of the Lord. And for this reason we find that in all the gospel stories mentioning St Mary, we find that there is only one instruction she gave us, and that is: “Whatever He says to you, do it” (John 2:5).

St Mary accepted the words of the Lord, and so she gave thanks and praised Him in her beautiful song, which we just read in Luke’s gospel. This song of St Mary is not only beautiful, but it is also prophetic. In a lovely way, it expresses the joy Mary was feeling – but it was a deeply personal, holy joy that has no selfishness. It was a joy that the promise of the Messiah who is to come, is finally fulfilled. In her song, her worship was for her Son who is to come, because her spirit rejoiced in Him as her own Saviour.

Her song of praise also spoke of her humility, because she

was aware that “the Lord has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant” (Luke 1:48). In the same way, the Lord Jesus Christ said of Himself: “I am gentle and lowly in heart” (Matthew 11:29). Humility of spirit is the first beatitude (pronounced ‘bee-at-it-ude’) mentioned by the Lord in Matthew: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:3), and so humility is the door-step of the kingdom of God.

4. Her Service:

Although she was to become the mother of God, St Mary did not want to be served, but she loved to serve. For this reason we find that when she heard that her cousin Elizabeth was pregnant, she immediately went to her and served her until she gave birth to John the Baptist.

St Mary’s life was a life of continuous service. She loved to do good works, and she often made things with her hands and gave to the poor.

In every way, our beloved mother St Mary was a walking Bible. Her life was a fulfilment of the way and promises of the Lord.

Her purity of heart was among the flowers that Mary cultivated during her life. And she was very much aware that the Lord is with her – just as the Angel Gabriel told her. She was always in the divine presence, just as our beloved Lord Jesus Christ said: “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8).



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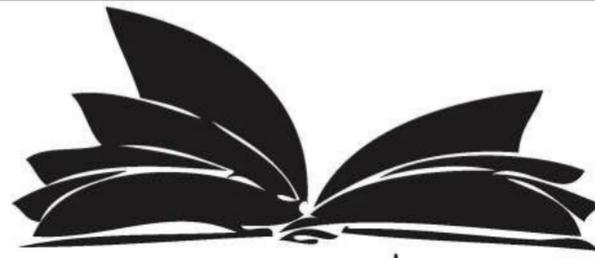


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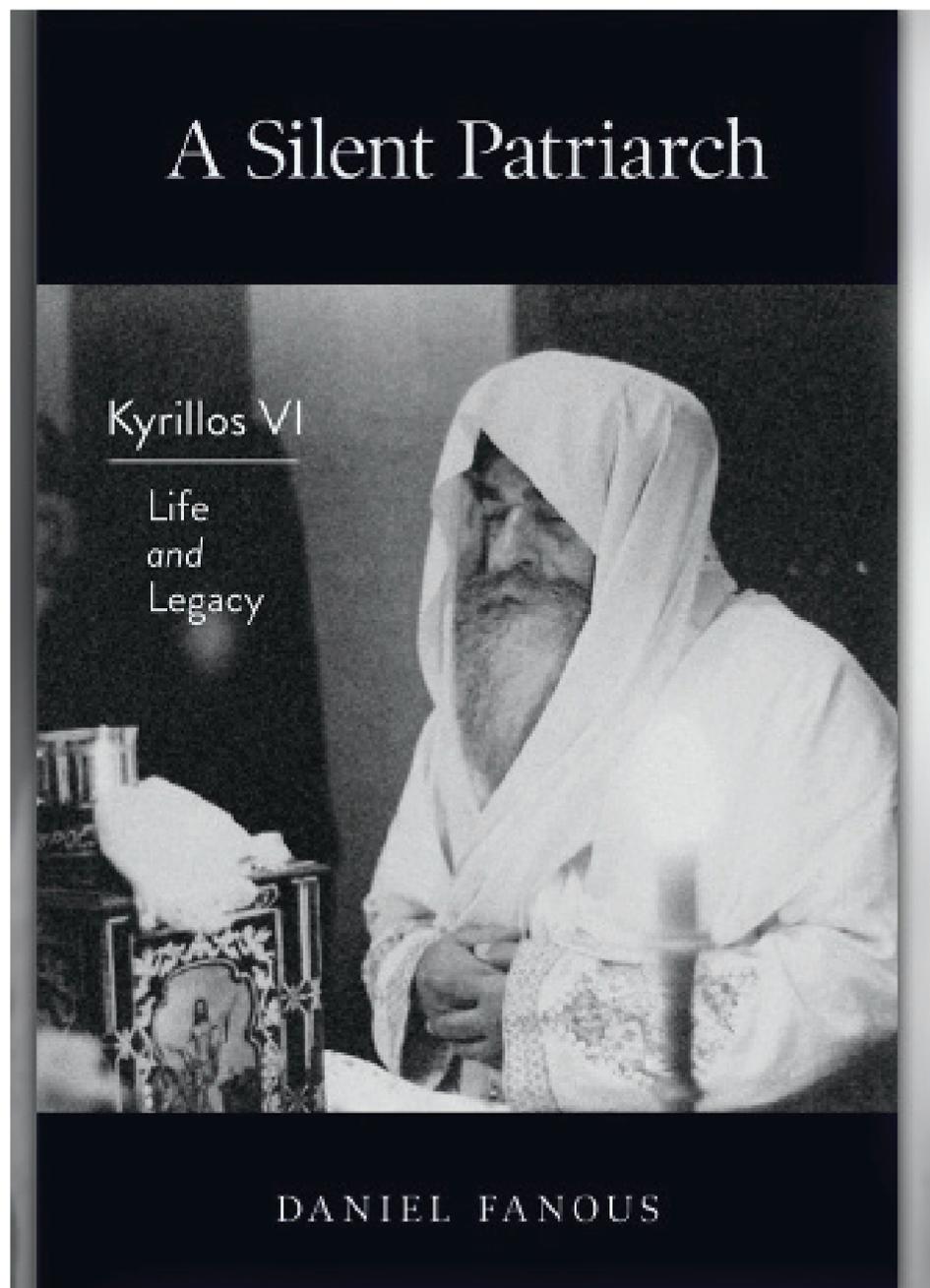
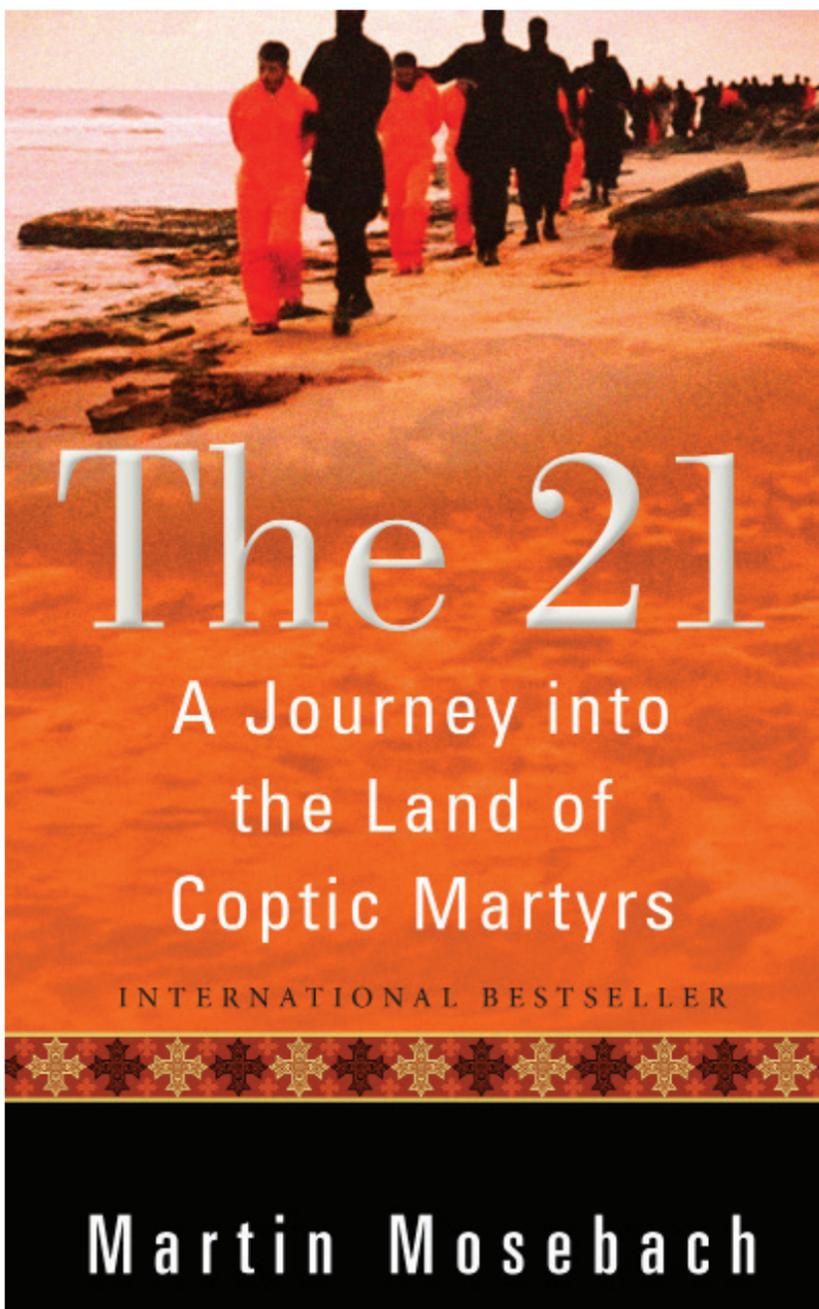
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3. Coptic Schools: supporting projects that will support the school's educational aspirations and benefit students within a Christian environment. In celebration of the 1st Year Anniversary of the St Wanas Foundation we are offering a grant to one of the Coptic Schools, in an amount between \$25,000 to \$30,000. We understand that the needs of each Coptic school are unique and, as such, the project can be aimed at improving facilities, providing educational materials or programs.

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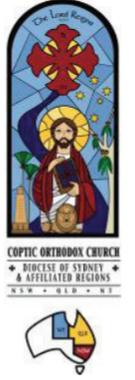
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PROSPECTUS 2021

Welcome to Our School

At St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College we continually strive for improvement in all domains of holistic excellence. Cemented within the school's vision of an institution of academic betterment, whilst coaxed by a dynamic Christian community setting, the school graduates and empowers students by their Christian dogma and their individual student trajectory of excellence. The teachings of the gospel is the foundation that the College is built on and is embedded within all aspects of the College to harness and nurture our students young minds through Christ's teachings.

Students' progress is of the utmost importance at the College and is individually harnessed across all Key Learning Areas. Hence the areas of student improvement and student strengths are highlighted and communicated to parents in a timely manner. In this way, individual student progression is managed and directs a differentiated teaching and learning approach to both our teaching programs and assessments. Augmenting our literacy focus, is the multisensory linguistic arts program; Spalding. Tapping into metacognition, this program has proven successful in the early infant stages enabling deep thinking and critical decoding of linguistics, working to develop accomplished writers; an essentiality governing the new Higher School Certificate syllabi.

Beyond the scope of the syllabus program we initiate quality teaching and learning opportunities for our students through the use of PBL (project and problem-based learning) initiatives for extension work and in the Key Learning Areas of HSIE and Science & Technology. In this way, the Primary strategy to have an individual student-centred approach is nurtured.

Conjunctively, our extra curricula activities stand out as a beacon of the 21st century learning and general capabilities framework. Timetabled STEAM activities at the Primary campus bore the hustle and bustle of excited students as they enact their self-agency in selecting their activity of choice. On offer; Chess, Robotics, Problem Solving, Public Speaking, Debating, and Creative Arts – activities that work beyond the scope of a traditional classroom setting, provoking young critical minds in engaging and exciting ways.

Additionally, sports training is scheduled within student timetables, in order to offer students who show a natural excellence within the sporting field, the opportunity for skill refinement and development fuelling a school spirit of pride and excellence in all domains. Catalysed by this, is the proficiency by which early leadership skills are inspired within the young St Mary and St Mina's students, qualified through the Primary Student Representative Council and the opportunities this provides for already budding young and aspiring leaders. This leadership program sees many students rise to the various occasions by which their determined leadership can be flourished and showcased.

ICT forms one of the identified general capabilities according to NESA and as such this allows students to enhance and familiarise themselves, from an early stage, with computing skills and all that is encompassed within this.

In this way, we set the path for a continued cycle of betterment and evidence-based value added in order to cement St Mary's and St Mina's Primary school as a leading institution within its local district. The Primary team is proud of the Christian fabric by which all domains of teaching and learning are framed by and see the fruits of this holistic approach within the exemplar young students that it inspires.

Forging Foundations for Future Success



Christian

Christianity teaches us responsibility, service and encourages us to help others. Our students' undertake community service and voluntary work during their time at school to understand their place in the wider community and their civic duty to society as a whole.

- Teaching of Christ of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness
- Liturgies
- Pastoral care
- Christian Morals
- Bible Studies
- Christ centred approach to learning

Facilities/Resources

Schools are designed to be safe, welcoming and friendly. Children learn differently at each stage of their lives so this is considered in our planning and design, as well as the best way for a teacher to deliver that learning for each age group.

Flexible learning spaces support tailored delivery of learning for the individual child, small groups of children and when larger groups are together. One classroom can be used in many different ways and even the furniture is carefully selected so that the right pieces can be easily moved around and used for different purposes. Primary is fully equipped with College-based mobile technology including tablet computers, iPads, interactive whiteboards and data projectors.

- Rooftop Multipurpose court
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- Computer Lab
- Smart Boards
- iPads
- Infants Playground
- Local park
- Assembly Hall
- Music room
- Creative Arts room

Sports

Our sporting programs help develop the fundamental skills required at an early age. Leading to a more competitive program in the upper years and pathways for representative opportunities.

- Developmental programs with Little Athletics NSW
- Inter school Sporting competition amongst Christian Schools
- Pathways to representative sporting teams and to NSW squads
- Training Programs
- Swimming Programs
- Carnivals
- Gala Days

Extra-Curricular Activities

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As a result we proudly offer the following internal and external extra-curricular programs.

- Chess
- Robotics
- Spelling Bee
- Creative Arts
- Gardening
- Public Speaking
- Computer skills
- Debating
- STEM

Academia

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- ICAS Competitions
- Maths Olympiad
- Projects
- Standardised Testing
- NAPLAN Preparation
- Literacy Groups
- Numeracy Groups





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Christian

Christianity teaches us responsibility, service and encourages us to help others. Our students undertake community service and voluntary work during their time at school to understand their place in the wider community and their civic duty to society as a whole.

Facilities/Resources

Schools are designed to be safe, welcoming and friendly. Children learn differently at each stage of their lives so this is considered in our planning and design, as well as the best way for a teacher to deliver that learning for each age group.

Sports

Our sporting programs help develop the fundamental skills required at an early age. Leading to a more competitive program in the upper years and pathways for representative opportunities.

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