



**ST JOHNS COLLEGE DUBBO**  
**PROSPECTUS**

# ST JOHNS COLLEGE PRAYER

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Teach me, God of love and light,  
To act justly, with courage and integrity,  
To accept my strengths and my faults, and those of others,  
To find comfort in my struggles, and humility in my success.

Learning together, loving together,  
May our St Johns community welcome, respect and include.  
Striving to better ourselves and society,  
May we always have Christ as our GUIDING light.

Amen



# THE PRINCIPAL



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## WELCOME TO ST JOHNS COLLEGE DUBBO

At St Johns we believe our faith inspires us all to engage in a better way of being. Our motto of Christ is my light guides us all in the pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, compassion and truth. As a Catholic school community we are people of hope. We believe in the dignity and inclusion of all which promotes a deep sense of belonging. Our focus will continue to be on developing positive behaviours which promote respect for self and others. The pastoral care of our students is informed by our faith and motivated by our intrinsic desire to see each student's gifts and talents grow whilst in our care at St Johns College.

At St Johns we believe partnerships with our parents is vital to support the learning growth of our students. It is in partnership that we ensure that your student has the opportunity to grow spiritually, academically, socially and physically throughout their journey at St Johns College. Our focus is on building stronger relationships between students, staff, parents and community to promote a greater sense of belonging for all.

Our learning focus at St Johns will centralise academic care for all of our students. Learning at St Johns College is not just confined to the classroom — learning encapsulates all aspects of spiritual, social, physical and academic

growth. We are committed to provide an educational environment for all of our students where they are challenged and supported in all facets of their learning. We encourage all of our students to avail themselves of the opportunities available at St Johns College whether it be in the classroom, representing the school in sporting endeavours, in building their relationships with self and others, social justice initiatives or engaging in co-curricular activities. I encourage all of our students to be courageous in their learning in the pursuit of their goals and achievements. Our aim for each student is that they appreciate the importance of faith in their lives, that they feel supported to achieve the success they seek and that they are confident about making their way in the world.

Finally, I would like to thank you for trusting us with the responsibility of your child's education. Pope Francis (2015) tells us that 'Teaching is a beautiful job; as it allows you to see the growth day by day of people entrusted to your care.' We are very privileged to have the opportunity to partner with you in your child's education. We look forward to meeting you and sharing the journey with you.



Justin McCarney

# OUR HISTORY

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St Johns College was established in 1969 as Dubbo's Catholic co-educational high school for students in Years 7 to 10. This was the result of the amalgamation of the De La Salle Boys College (1936) and St Patrick's College for Girls (1880s).

The College accepted its first Senior Students into Year 11 in 1986. The first HSC graduating group was the class of 1987.

The College is located at Sheraton Road in a rural environment set on 40 hectares. College enrolment is approximately 990 students. There are 82 teachers as well as a variety of support and ancillary staff. Two School Counsellors are also available for students and families.

St Johns College is the only Catholic Systemic Years 7 to 12 school to service the immense Western Region between Orange and the borders of New South Wales with South Australia and Western Queensland. The College provides a secondary Catholic education for Dubbo and the neighbouring towns.



# ST JOHNS COLLEGE

## CHRIST IS MY LIGHT

St Johns College was named after St John the Apostle. He proclaimed the message of Jesus with passion and zeal. As a community, we strive to live out the message of Jesus with the same devotion. St Johns College was established under the dual charisms of the De LaSalle Brothers and the Mercy Sisters. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, each student seeks to develop a faith in the tradition of the Catholic Church and these founders.

### SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

1651 - 1719 RHEIMS, FRANCE

GRATITUDE  
MERCY  
INSIGHT



### BROTHER JULIAN LENNON

1894 - 1967

DETERMINATION  
FAIRNESS  
RESPECT



#### LaSalle House Prayer

Help me most loving merciful God, to be grateful for all that I have. Grant me the insight to use my gifts for the betterment of society.

May I follow the example of St John Baptist de La Salle, in helping to bring forth a world of inclusiveness and diversity, a world in which nobody is left behind.

#### Lennon House Prayer

Grant me O Lord, a spirit of determination. To persevere in time of trial with hope and understanding.

In the footsteps of Brother Julian Lennon, may I strive to achieve my best in all my endeavours. Help me to succeed with fairness and respect, resting in the truth of your love for me.

### VENERABLE MOTHER CATHERINE MCAULEY

1778 - 1841 DUBLIN, IRELAND

COMPASSION  
HUMOUR  
CHARITY



### SISTER MARIE THERESE MOORE

1902 WELLINGTON - 1990 BATHURST

VISION  
COURAGE  
LOVE



#### McAuley House Prayer

Loving God, you stirred Catherine McAuley to shine her light with kindness and humour. Following her example, help me to share my talents with a smile and an open heart.

Through my actions today, may I build a better tomorrow with persistence, charity and compassion for all.

#### Moore House Prayer

Lord, you created in Sister Marie Therese Moore a woman of courage and love. Following in her example, may I have a brave vision to show care to others.

May my compassion shine forth, not through the greatness of my deeds, but through the greatness of my love.

# OUR WAY AT ST JOHNS COLLEGE

ST JOHNS COLLEGE IS DEDICATED TO EDUCATING STUDENTS IN AN INCLUSIVE, CATHOLIC, CHRIST CENTERED ENVIRONMENT. WE PROMOTE RESPECT AND ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL, CONTRIBUTING TO A COMMUNITY TO WHICH WE ALL BELONG.



# OUR WAY RESPECT

**THE ST JOHNS COMMUNITY GUIDES STUDENTS TO BUILD AND NUTURE HEALTH RELATIONSHIPS. THIS STARTS WITH RESPECT FOR SELF AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.**

The St Johns community guides students to build and nurture healthy relationships. This starts with respect for self and respect for others. Creating a culture of respect requires students to understand their rights and responsibilities. It is a culture based on the teachings, traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Church and one where:

- diversity is valued
- individuals feel their contributions are recognised and acknowledged
- expectations regarding behaviour are clearly articulated and modelled by all

Positive and respectful relationships are an important part of a student's social and emotional development and allows them to develop a sense of belonging. Our positive wellbeing programs and high expectations of students and staff to engage in our values reaffirms the importance our community places on respect.



# OUR WAY ENCOURAGE

STUDENTS AT ST JOHNS ARE PRESENTED WITH A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES TO DEVELOP COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE TO EMBRACE OPPORTUNITY AND THRIVE.

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Students at St Johns can find ways to excel within their individual talents and interests, while at the same time, being encouraged to discover additional strengths by engaging with new experiences through diverse co-curricular initiatives.

Beyond learning and co-curricular experiences, students are challenged to reach their potential through a strong leadership program that develops understanding of servant leadership. Students can represent their peers and their community by becoming involved in:

- The Student Representative Council
- Peer Support Programs
- The Senior Leadership Team and other representative opportunities



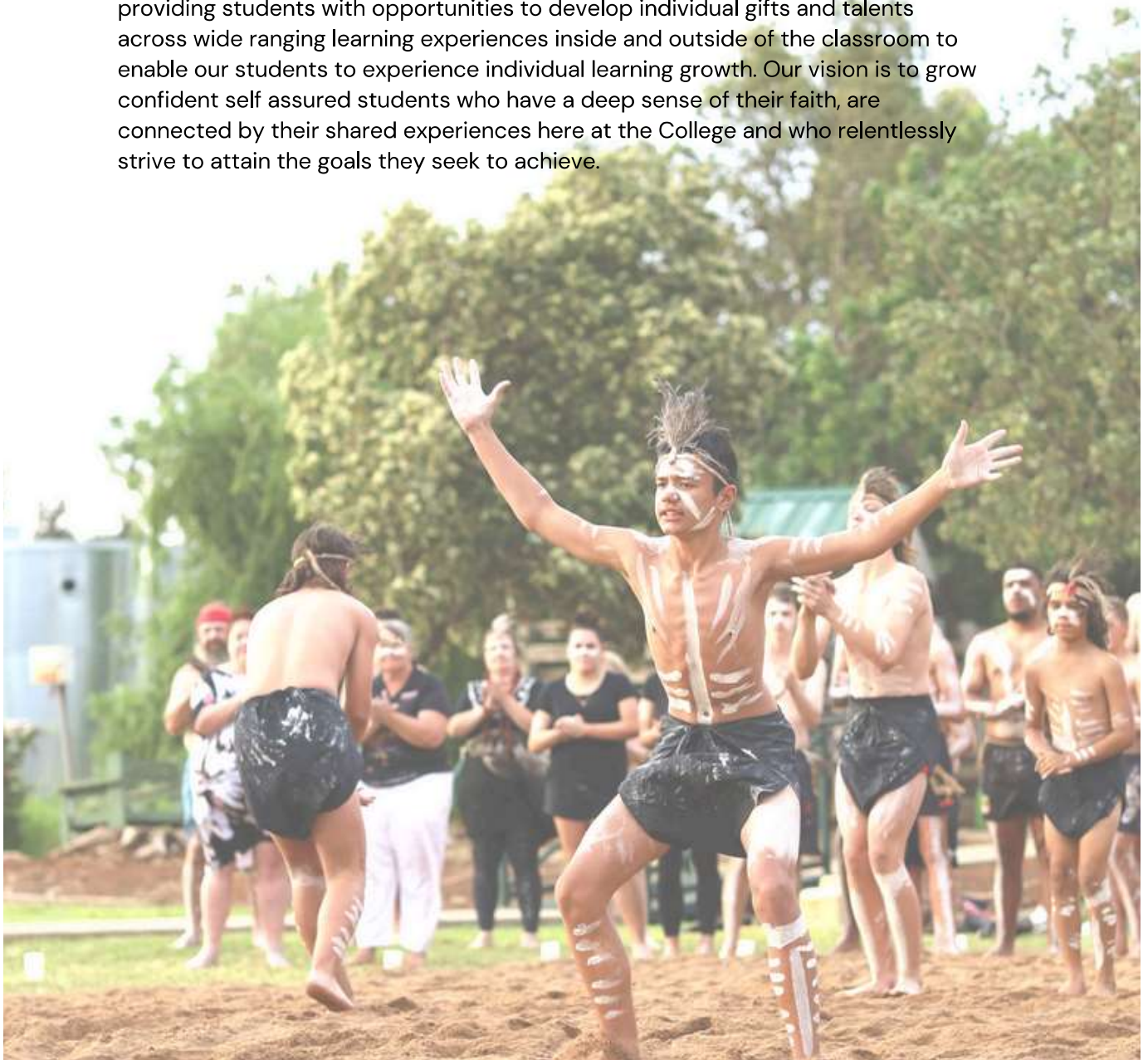


# OUR WAY BELONG

**WE RECOGNISE THAT A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY, SHARED VALUES AND BELIEFS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN A SUPPORTED AND NURTURED ENVIRONMENT ENABLES BELONGING.**

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Our missional value of belonging is at the core of our Catholic community philosophy. We aim for all of our students to be part of our Catholic community enriched and enlivened by our faith, nurtured and surrounded by strong relationships and a deep sense of connection. We aspire for all to feel welcome in our community, to be included and most importantly, for each student to be recognised for their individual contributions to their class, their cohort, our school, our Parish and the wider Dubbo community. Our staff teams are dedicated to providing students with opportunities to develop individual gifts and talents across wide ranging learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom to enable our students to experience individual learning growth. Our vision is to grow confident self assured students who have a deep sense of their faith, are connected by their shared experiences here at the College and who relentlessly strive to attain the goals they seek to achieve.



# OUR APPROACH AT ST JOHNS COLLEGE

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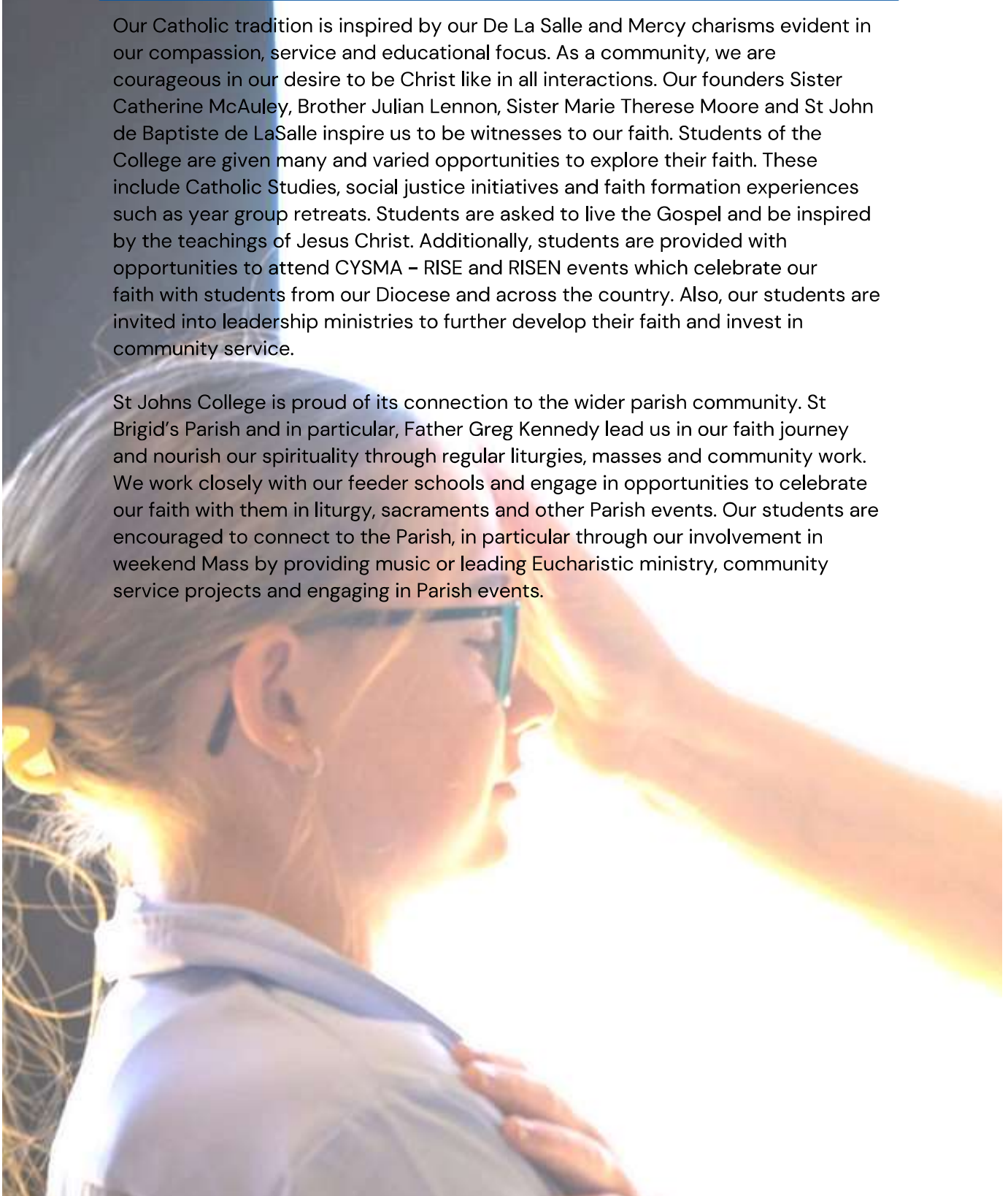
# OUR APPROACH FAITH

**ST JOHNS COLLEGE IS A FAITH FILLED CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WHO WELCOMES ALL TO JOIN US.**

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Our Catholic tradition is inspired by our De La Salle and Mercy charisms evident in our compassion, service and educational focus. As a community, we are courageous in our desire to be Christ like in all interactions. Our founders Sister Catherine McAuley, Brother Julian Lennon, Sister Marie Therese Moore and St John de Baptiste de LaSalle inspire us to be witnesses to our faith. Students of the College are given many and varied opportunities to explore their faith. These include Catholic Studies, social justice initiatives and faith formation experiences such as year group retreats. Students are asked to live the Gospel and be inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ. Additionally, students are provided with opportunities to attend CYSMA – RISE and RISEN events which celebrate our faith with students from our Diocese and across the country. Also, our students are invited into leadership ministries to further develop their faith and invest in community service.

St Johns College is proud of its connection to the wider parish community. St Brigid's Parish and in particular, Father Greg Kennedy lead us in our faith journey and nourish our spirituality through regular liturgies, masses and community work. We work closely with our feeder schools and engage in opportunities to celebrate our faith with them in liturgy, sacraments and other Parish events. Our students are encouraged to connect to the Parish, in particular through our involvement in weekend Mass by providing music or leading Eucharistic ministry, community service projects and engaging in Parish events.



# OUR APPROACH LEARNING

**LEARNING AT ST JOHNS COLLEGE IS FOCUSED ON PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING THAT OPEN DOORS TO NEW AND EXCITING FUTURES.**

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It is about giving students access to a diverse range of situations which allows them to learn and grow as resilient, capable and responsible young adults. We provide an environment that encourages students to realise that learning is a constantly evolving process that seeks to challenge them and their way of thinking.

With an assortment of activities that caters for the diversity of interests that thrives within our community, we seek to inspire students to see themselves on a continual journey of discovery. The journey of learning and self discovery can reveal itself through involvement in academics within and beyond the classroom. Participation in co-curricular and cultural pursuits allows students to seek new and exciting ways to express and challenge themselves. Individual and team sporting opportunities offer both mental and physical challenges as students interact and develop effective teamwork and problem solving skills in a dynamic environment.

St Johns has amazing college facilities including purpose built specialty classrooms to meet the diverse educational needs of our student community. In addition to these facilities we offer support to all learners in our community. Our purpose built Independent Learning Centre supports students with a variety of learning needs to achieve success in and out of the classroom. At St Johns we believe that everyone has the capacity to learn and grow. We aim to provide students with a supportive and positive learning environment that will challenge and nurture learning towards a purposeful and exciting future.



# OUR APPROACH WELLBEING

HERE AT ST JOHNS COLLEGE, WE BELIEVE THAT RESPECTFUL AND DIGNIFIED INTERCTIONS FOR ALL ARE THE HEART OF WHO WE ARE AS A COMMUNITY.

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We seek out the most engaging and relevant programs to promote respect, foster collaboration, nurture healthy risk-taking and keep students connected to the school community.

Through our wellbeing and community service programs, each student is encouraged to explore their God-given talents and gifts to contribute positively to their school and to their local community whilst developing a vital understanding of their role as global citizens of the future. We offer a range of timetabled wellbeing programs to ensure each young person is challenged to stretch their sense of what they are capable of, explore their boundless potential and develop the confidence and resilience they need to navigate Twenty First Century learning and develop their readiness for life beyond a school setting. From whole-cohort programs such as our Cyber Safety focus for Year 7 and Rite Journey Program for Year 9, to more tailored small-group programs to support students in areas where they need the most assistance, St Johns College is well-equipped to grow our young people in their learning and in their sense of selves. We also offer intensive, individualised support through our specialised Wellbeing Team. Whether your child needs to be challenged to realise their leadership potential, or supported to grow their mental health and wellbeing, our team of highly invested and experienced Wellbeing Leaders can help them get there.



# THE ST JOHNS COLLEGE ADVANTAGE



## ACADEMIC

- Accelerated courses
- Cattle parading and agricultural programs
- Proven ATAR success
- VET programs, SBAT's, traineeships, work placements
- Smaller class sizes
- Future focused counselling and support
- Experienced HSC teachers and markers
- Tutorial, study and learning extension programs
- Diocesan Learning Hub – bringing the expertise to you
- Dedicated Senior Study
- Additional assessment support
- Study support – EDROLO, ATOMI, after school, weekend and holiday workshops and tutorials
- Technology – 1 to 1 policy
- STEM opportunities and challenges
- Davinci decathlon, tournament of the minds, Diocesan Spelling Bee and other extension experiences

## FAITH AND LEADERSHIP

- Indigenous Immersion
- Cambodian Immersion
- Leadership program
- Opportunities to give back
- Retreat Program
- Duke of Edinburgh Award

## CULTURAL

- Band and ensembles
- Musical
- Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Eisteddfod
- Exhibition and performance opportunities

## SPORTING

- CCC sports pathways
- Interschools Cup
- Ken Eggleton Cup

## FAMILIES

- Continued family partnerships
- CANVAS as our learning management system, which parents have access to all learning, marks and feedback
- Compass for school notices, notes, reports etc
- Parent/student welcome/commencement evenings
- Graduation Ball

