



Prospectus





WELCOME TO

*Southern Cross*

**“As the Principal of Southern Cross Catholic College, I welcome you to Townsville’s Newest and most dynamic Catholic Primary and Secondary College for boys and girls.”**

At Southern Cross Catholic College we value the education of young people in a Catholic environment and are committed to educating for life-long success. We recognise each student as being unique and are committed to providing quality opportunities that will develop and enhance the gifts of our students.

Our aim is to assist in the development of the whole person through fostering a school environment in which

students can grow in all aspects of life and become their best selves. A careful balance of academic, sporting, cultural and spiritual programs ensures that our students have the opportunity to develop the skills and attitudes needed to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Southern Cross Catholic College is a remarkable place where people are valued, standards are high, learning is lifelong, transformation is a reality and faith is serious. We provide an affordable, accessible and excellent Catholic education for primary and secondary students who wish to be a part of a school community that fosters a friendly and trusting collaboration between staff, students and their families.

*We acknowledge the land upon which our College stands and to whom it belongs: the Bindal People. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and future.*

With primary and secondary cohorts on one campus in easily accessible Annandale, our students progress seamlessly from Prep to Year 12, benefiting from the consistent values and high expectations of the college community.

I am confident that you will be impressed with Southern Cross Catholic College and thank you for your interest in our school.

**Greg Cameron**  
*College Principal*





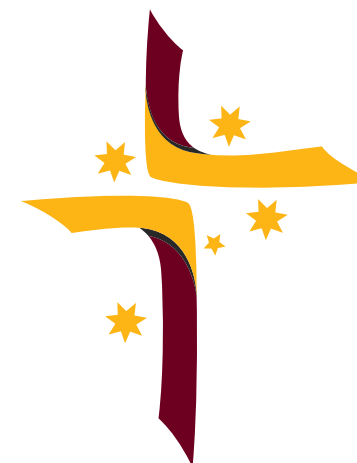


## Charism & Mission

**The college motto “To Love, To Serve, To Shine”, applies to all aspects of school life. We find strength in sharing, helping, including, nurturing and encouraging others.**

The College motto encourages all in the community to go above and beyond everyday to nurture a faith that strengthens our community; show love as a gift of sincere care, concern, mateship, empathy and compassion for others; reach out in a spirit of forgiveness, reconciliation and mutual respect; serve those in need; and witness to the life of Christ.

Mary Help of Christians is the patron saint of Southern Cross Catholic College. As her title suggests, we focus on our Our Lady as one who assists Christians as a community, through our celebrations and challenges. In solidarity with our Catholic School community, our charism challenges us to courageously serve the cause of justice and peace and to bring about a more humane society, one that respects the dignity of each person.



The symbolism of the Southern Cross for our College connects to our Catholic Christian faith and reminds the school community of God’s unconditional love that embraces their joys and sufferings. The constellation of stars raises echoes of Australian spirituality, both ancient and modern and having a constellation as the symbol and name of the College reminds us of the wonders of creation and of the ancient great southern land, its people and customs upon which the school was built and now grows. The Southern Cross constellation is found on the Diocesan Crest as it represents Mary – Help of Christians: the patroness of our Diocese and our College.





# Inclusive Education & High Potential Learners

**“An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools. An inclusive education finds a place for all and does not select in an elitist way the beneficiaries of its efforts” – Pope Francis**

Southern Cross Catholic College adopts a whole school approach to valuing the strengths, uniqueness and diversity of each student. By providing a safe and supportive environment that responds to individual needs, all students can engage with the curriculum.

Through the use of inclusive practices, we are also committed to supporting and educating each and every student to his or her potential. Students with additional learning needs, as well as high potential learners, are provided with differentiated learning and teaching to meet their needs. Students have regular opportunities to extend themselves academically during class time and are encouraged to participate in extension opportunities throughout the year. These include demonstrating their talents in annual public speaking

and debating competitions or participating in various club activities. For students at juncture points, transition programs are in place to assist them to prepare for a smooth transition into the next phase of learning and an independent life beyond school.



## SCHOOL CLUBS:

- Project Club
- Chess Club
- Art/Craft Club
- Debating
- Drama Club
- Tech Club
- Swim Club
- Run Club
- E Sports
- Mini and Teen Vinnies
- Christian Mediation Group
- Environmental Clubs
- Cooking Club







## Pastoral Care

**Southern Cross Catholic College is dedicated to developing the whole person to become productive and engaged members of our local community and contemporary society.**

The wellbeing of our students is of paramount importance at Southern Cross. We consistently strive to provide opportunities, support and challenges that are designed to enable each individual student to flourish and **thrive**. We acknowledge that mental and physical good health are key to success in the formation of young people that can meet the world and its challenges and be the best version of themselves.

The recipe for all students to succeed and flourish is based around three ingredients – having a **Growth Mindset, Grit and Wellbeing**. We aim to arm our students with the tools to jump into the learning pit with their studies at school and in life beyond our gates. Jesus is our ultimate teacher, as we uphold our distinctive mission to model the Gospel values. In our everyday actions.



**Positive Education** places wellbeing at the heart of learning and teaching. It is a strengths-based approach where we focus on what is going well – We **focus on the good**. The **24 Character Strengths** describe the positive human qualities that, when actioned, contribute to **living a good life**. By recognising our strengths, we can share our strengths with others and make time to build on areas that require further development.

The **Southern Cross Way** is embedded in the rich tapestry of life at Southern Cross. Students feel safe, valued and respected.

Our College Code of Behaviour underpins our approach to building a culture that promotes learning. This Code of Behaviour outlines our beliefs and expectations around behaviour and includes key rights and responsibilities. All members of our

community have the right to feel safe, the right to learn and the right to feel respected and with these rights comes independent responsibilities.

An experienced Pastoral Team including Guidance Counsellors and Pastoral Leaders are on hand to support students with their learning, development and wellbeing.

At Southern Cross, we are working together to create a life-giving community where all students feel valued and included. We develop a sense of belonging and co-responsibility in living our College Motto – **To Love, To Serve, To Shine**.

Southern Cross Catholic College is a place where standards are high and each person is valued and respected.





## Primary Curriculum

Primary schooling provides foundational knowledge and skills for our students to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens. The curriculum is presented as a developmental sequence of learning and is taught through quality teaching. Our experienced and dedicated staff nurture and challenge students to perform to the best of their ability.

Southern Cross Catholic College provides opportunities that assist our students in developing self-confidence and valuable life skills that prepare them for various roles in the world beyond school. Our excellent facilities and orderly learning environments enable students to reach their full potential.

Within an atmosphere of high expectations, students experience a diverse range of subjects, allowing them to discover new talents and build on their strengths.

Each term, positive education practices including: Growth Mindset, Gratitude, Mindfulness and Character Strengths are embedded to enhance student wellbeing.

**Aligned with the Australian curriculum and Brisbane Catholic Education Religious Education Curriculum, the learning areas in Primary include:**

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Health & Physical Education
- Languages (Auslan P-2, Japanese 4-6)
- The Arts (Drama, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts, Dance)
- Technologies (Digital and Design)

### Home Work Program

Southern Cross supports students in many ways. Our Home Work Program and Tutoring runs Monday to Wednesday from 2:55pm – 4:15pm for students in Years 6-12. Staff volunteer their time to assist students to achieve their best.







## Secondary Curriculum

**Secondary schooling provides a platform for the future by combining academic studies with the development of skills and attitudes essential for life beyond school.**

Our experienced and dedicated staff nurture and challenge students to perform to the best of their ability. Junior Secondary years provide a broad foundation for senior studies with students developing knowledge and skills across all key learning areas.

Senior Secondary focuses on developing deeper understanding in chosen subjects and ensuring that students are prepared for tertiary entry or transition to their post school destinations. In Senior Secondary, students are required to take responsibility for their own learning and develop a self-disciplined approach to study.

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and disciplined learning environment enable students to reach their full potential.

The curriculum is learner centered and aims to develop each student's repertoire of skills for life, building their basic competencies and providing a focus on technologies and active citizenship.

Within an atmosphere of high expectations, students experience a diverse range of subjects, allowing them to discover new talents and build on their strengths.

**Aligned with Australian and Queensland curriculum, the learning areas on offer in Junior Secondary include:**

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities (History, Geography, Economics, Business)
- Health & Physical Education
- Languages (Japanese)
- The Arts (Drama, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts)
- Technologies (Industrial Technology, Design, Digital Technologies, Food Technology, Textiles Technology)





In Senior Secondary the range of subjects broadens considerably while the depth of study increases.

Subject choices include:

GENERAL SUBJECTS:

Accounting	English & Literature Extension	Music
Biology	General Mathematics	Music Extension – Composition
Business	Geography	Music Extension – Performance
Chemistry	Health	Physical Education
Design	Japanese	Physics
Digital Solutions	Legal Studies	Specialist Mathematics
Drama	Mathematical Methods	Visual Art
English	Modern History	

VET & APPLIED SUBJECTS:

Certificate I in Construction	Certificate III in School Based Education Support Services	Information & Communication Technology
Certificate II in Hospitality	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Industrial Technology Skills
Certificate III in Business	Essential English	Media Arts in Practice
Certificate III in Sport & Recreation	Essential Mathematics	Religion & Ethics
Certificate III in Fitness	Furnishing Skills	Visual Arts in Practice
Certificate III in Health Services Assistance		

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Our Camps

Year 5 to 9 students attend camp annually.

Fully supervised, camps are a great opportunity for personal growth and awareness of responsibility for the community and environment.

Year 5	Apex Camp Magnetic Island
Year 6	Lake Tinaroo Environmental Centre Lake Tinaroo
Year 7	Camp Gedling Herveys Range
Year 8	Echo Creek Adventure Centre Tully
Year 9	Mungalli Falls Outdoor Education Millaa Millaa



## Our Sport

### The College has a proud history of participation in a wide variety of school sport.

Sport is an important part of education as it promotes an active lifestyle, develops teamwork and emphasises the importance of the persistence and training required to do your best.

Our students enjoy and benefit from having access to extensive college grounds, abundant sporting fields and fully enclosed multi-purpose facilities. We aim to ensure that, through regular and enjoyable involvement in physical activities, our students will develop skills and attitudes that will lead to lifelong participation in healthy recreational activities and lifestyles.

#### Students are assigned to one of five Pastoral House teams:

Castle (Red), Elliot (Blue), Stuart (Green), Hervey (Gold) or Louisa (Purple).

Enthusiasm and team spirit are evident in the inter-house sporting events where all students participate in friendly and inclusive swimming, cross country and athletics competitions.

In addition to our inter-house competitions, the College also facilitates the running of several sporting programs including; Rugby League, Netball, Basketball, Soccer, AFL, Touch Football, and Cricket. All of these programs provide opportunities for male and female junior and senior students to compete in competitions as small as regional and as large as state competitions throughout the year.

These academies and development programs are in addition to the many block sport opportunities offered to our students each term.



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## Information Technology

**In partnership with Townsville Catholic Education we constantly monitor opportunities and devices to incorporate technology into the learning environment of our students.**

The Southern Cross Catholic College overarching philosophy is to encompass technology into the learning space to enhance learning experiences.

Students are responsible for appropriate accessible use of IT devices whilst at school.

Cybersafety is an integral part of the curriculum and all students are required to commit annually to an Acceptable Use of Technology agreement relating to the devices and internet.

**The College is well resourced with a range of contemporary IT equipment including:**

- One to one Chromebooks for students in Years 2-12
- iPads for students in Prep and Year 1 and allocated Secondary subjects
- 3D printers and laser cutters
- Media and photography equipment
- Robotics
- Interactive whiteboards
- RedCat PM systems for amplification in each classroom
- Teacher laptops for curriculum planning, teaching, learning and administration purposes



## Music and The Arts

**Music and The Arts are integral to our holistic approach to learning at Southern Cross Catholic College. A dedicated Music Centre has been built on campus and provides state of the art facilities for our students.**

Led by experienced and dedicated teachers, all students from Prep to Year 8 participate in curriculum based Music, Drama, Media Arts and Visual Arts classes. Arts subjects are popular electives from Year 8 to 12. The college has established a comprehensive Instrumental Music program that offers tuition in Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Strings, Classical Guitar, Piano and Voice. Students are encouraged to realise their music potential through performing with the college ensembles, which include Concert Band, Stage Band, multiple String Orchestras, two Choirs and numerous Guitar Ensembles.



Students in Primary years 4 – 6 participate in our SCCC Music Immersion Program. Students are given the opportunity to learn a string and / or brass instrument, play in a small ensemble and present concerts to family and friends.

Extra-curricular musical productions such as “Mulan”, “The Wizard of Oz” and “Popstars” and events such as: “Mulkadee”, “Arts Under the Stars” and theatre restaurants give our students the opportunity to explore the world of performance to develop their artistic abilities with confidence.





# Vocational Education and Training

## Southern Cross caters for the 21st Century learner

Vocational Education and Training is an integral part of our Year 10-12 curriculum. Students in year 10 study a Certificate II in Active Volunteering. This ties with our Charism of service to others. Certificate completion involves 20 hours of volunteering both within the College community and externally.



In Year 11 & 12 students have the option of studying a variety of Certificate courses. These courses are Nationally recognised. Many of these run within our time table, while others are run externally through other Registered Training Organisations. Students are also encouraged to complete work placement as part of this program.





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