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.

With primary and secondary cohorts on one campus in easily accessible Annandale, our students progress seamlessly from Prep to Secondary, 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.

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 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.
Learning Enrichment

A differentiated curriculum that supports enriched learning experiences is taught in each Learning Area (subject).

Students have regular opportunities to extend themselves academically during class time and are encouraged to participate in extension activities throughout the year. These include demonstrating their talents in annual public speaking and debating competitions or participating in various club activities.

The school believes in supported learning suitable to the abilities, needs and goals of individual students. Teachers support a differentiated curriculum and develop strategies for students with different learning needs. For students in secondary school, transition programs are in place to assist students to prepare for an independent life beyond school.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Project Club
Chess Club
Art Club
Debating
Drama Club
Geek and Tech Club
Swim Club
Run Club
Coding Club
Teen Vinnies
Christian Meditation Group
Environmental Clubs
Pastoral Care

Southern Cross Catholic College is committed to developing socially responsible citizens who become productive and engaged members of our local community and society.

Our curriculum and pastoral care programs support communities in a collective effort to optimise social, emotional, and academic outcomes of young people. This is achieved through identifying social and emotional capabilities that young people need to acquire in order to be successful. Embedding this in the school experience gives students the tools to influence their own wellbeing, and learn good citizenship through maintaining positive relationships, making contributions to others and the community. The development of a Growth Mindset is at the centre of the Pastoral care approach.

Our peer led, experiential learning program is skills based and empowers young people to support each other and contribute positively to their community. This program provides students with a supportive learning environment in which to develop the skills, understanding, attitudes and strategies to improve their mental, social and emotional wellbeing.

Our college Code of Behaviour underpins our approach to building a culture that promotes learning. Our 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.

“All rights have to be balanced by responsibility because we are in a relationship”

Bishop Michael Putney, address to State Parents & Friends Representatives, 4 July 2005.
Secondary Curriculum

Secondary schooling provides a platform for the future by combining 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 to provide a broad foundation to senior studies with students developing knowledge and skills across all key learning areas. Senior Secondary focuses on developing deeper understanding of their chosen subjects and ensuring that they achieve entry to their post-school destinations. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and to develop a self-disciplined approach to study.

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 disciplined environment enable students to reach their full potential.

The curriculum is learner-centred and aims to develop each student’s repertoire of skills for life, building their basic competencies and providing a focus on new 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 standards, the learning areas on offer include:

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- ENGLISH
- MATHEMATICS
- SCIENCE
- HUMANITIES
- HPE
- LOTE (JAPANESE)
- THE ARTS
- DESIGN & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Subjects on Rotation:

- THE ARTS
- Drama, Visual Arts, Music, Media
- DESIGN & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
In Senior Secondary the range of subjects broadens considerably while the depth of study increases. Students are currently able to study the following subjects:

**Accounting**

**Biology**

**Certificate I in Construction**

**Certificate II in Hospitality**

**Certificate III in Business**

**Certificate III in Sport and Recreation**

**Chemistry**

**Design**

**Digital Solutions**

**Drama**

**English**

**English Extension**

**Essential English**

**Essential Mathematics**

**Furnishing Skills**

**General Mathematics**

**Geography**

**Health**

**Information and Communication Technology**

**Japanese**

**Mathematical Methods**

**Media Arts in Practice**

**Modern History**

**Music**

**Music Extension**

**Physical Education**

**Physics**

**Religion and Ethics**

**Specialist Mathematics**

**Visual Art**

**Visual Arts in Practice**
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.
Our Camps

Year 7 to Year 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 7**
- **Action Challenge**
- Mackay
- 3 nights

**YEAR 8**
- **Echo Creek Adventure Centre**
- Tully
- 3 nights

**YEAR 9**
- **Mungalli Falls Outdoor Education**
- Milaa Milaa
- 3 nights
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.

The College has well equipped classrooms with a bank of Chromebook computers available to each student in Years 2 to 12 to access their own device during class time. Teaching staff have their own laptop computers and utilise these for curriculum planning, teaching, learning and administration purposes.

Students are responsible for appropriate and 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 the internet.
Music and The Arts

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

All students from Prep to Year 8 participate in curriculum based Music, Drama and Visual Arts classes.

Music is a popular elective from Year 9 to 12. The college boasts a comprehensive Instrumental Music program that offers tuition in Strings, Piano, Woodwind, Guitar, Brass, Percussion, Voice and Contemporary Voice.

Students are encouraged to realise their music potential through performing with the college ensembles, these include the Stage Band, Concert Band, String Orchestra, two choirs and numerous Guitar Ensembles.

Led by experienced and dedicated teachers, our students enjoy Drama and Visual Arts classes that support a packed curriculum at Southern Cross Catholic College. Musical productions such as “Mulan”, “The Wizard of Oz”, “Back to the 80’s” and events such as “Arts Under the Stars” give our students the opportunity to explore the world of performance to develop their artistic abilities with confidence.