



ST ANDREW'S
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS



INSPIRED BY
FAITH

DISTINGUISHED BY
CHARACTER

LEADERS BY
INFLUENCE



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*We are a Christian faith-based College,
that strives for excellence in all we do.
Our staff encourage, guide and motivate
our students to become inspired by faith,
distinguished by character and leaders
by influence.*

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St Andrews Christian College...

A COMMUNITY RICH IN HOPE AND PURPOSE



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01 Welcome to St Andrews Christian College

St Andrews Christian College commenced in 1983 at Surrey Hills in response to a growing demand for a distinctive Christian school that reflected and supported Christian values and assisted students in realising their potential in all areas of the curriculum. The College moved to Burwood in 1998 and then to its present site in Wantirna South in 2010.

The College has grown significantly and built an established reputation for:

- Our Christian and Biblical grounding throughout the College.
- Our strong sense of community, centred on Christ.
- Developing the whole child – spiritually, physically, cognitively, socially, creatively and emotionally.
- Helping our students to discover their full potential and purpose in life.
- Academic excellence.

At St Andrews, we provide an education that encompasses “head, heart and hands learning”, understanding that we are all created by God to worship Him and serve those around us. We want students to know God and their purpose in this world, equipped to be positive agents of change in our broken world and honour Christ in whatever they do and wherever they go in life.

*“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God.”*
1 Corinthians 10:31

An education at St Andrews Christian College is rich in hope and purpose and delivers more than just good results.

If this approach to education is what you desire for your child, and you would love to partner with us in this exciting venture of Christian education, I encourage you to contact the College and discover what makes St Andrews Christian College such a unique and special community.

“We have a unique College community rich in hope and purpose, where students are encouraged to discover their gifts, learn to respect and serve others and honour God in all they do.”

Nick Haines

PRINCIPAL
Nick Haines

Establishing a strong foundation...

PURPOSE, COMPASSION, SERVICE

Our children totally thrived at St Andrews under the Christian care and teaching of the teachers and staff.

Fiona Bligh

FIONA BLIGH - Parent



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02 Our Motto *'Glory to God'*

03 Our Mission

To educate our students so that they are well skilled, understand life on the basis of Biblical truth, and are motivated to walk with God and serve Him in their lives, so that they will be a positive Christian influence in the world.

04 Our Purpose

To honour and glorify God in all we do at St Andrews Christian College.

We do this through:

- Learning the truth of the gospel and how to apply this into everyday life.
- Providing a safe, nurturing learning environment that encourages students to know, love and serve God and to know their purpose in the world.
- Learning to love and serve others in an environment of grace, acceptance, truth, justice and mercy.
- Supporting parents as the prime educators of their child.
- Aspiring to educational excellence that enables each child to fulfil their potential academically, spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially and culturally.
- Aiming to be a leading provider of Christian education and academic excellence.

“Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honour.”

Proverbs 21:21



05 Graduate Profile

Our goal is the formation of students who display the following attributes:



06 Testimonials

from Past Students



I attended St Andrews Christian College from Year 6 through to Year 12. I was encouraged to work hard and to excel in my academic studies, which continues to this day as I work on my PhD.

More importantly however, I was encouraged to grow both as a person, and in my Christian faith; to treat others with dignity and respect, and to love and serve God with all I have.

I understand that everything I have, including my academic success, comes from God – so I do not trust in my own strength or abilities. I am thankful for my time at St Andrews, and how it has helped shape me into who I am today.

Stephen Terrington
STEPHEN TERRINGTON
Astro Physicist

I commenced at St Andrews in 2001 as a prep student. The following year, my family relocated to Sydney, and upon our return to Melbourne in 2008, I gladly re-joined the College community in Year 7. I absolutely loved my time as a student there. Under the tutelage of the teachers, I gained an excellent education (and am now a school teacher myself), developed in character as a follower of Jesus, and matured as a productive member of society. The College's values are more than mere words; they undergird every lesson and every interaction. I deeply value the effort of the leaders to foster the potential in each individual, and I will always be grateful for the rich experiences and opportunities afforded me by the wonderful St Andrews team. Meeting my now husband was the icing on the cake!

Sasha Ambrosino
SARAH AMBROSINO
Primary School Teacher

St Andrews is a school that encourages students to flourish academically, mentally and spiritually. There is a strong sense of care and attention from the teaching staff.

St Andrews stands out from other schools that I attended because I was allowed to explore and develop academically and creatively in a way that enriched my spiritual growth and fostered a spirit to learn and improve.

Crucially, it was a safe space to simultaneously grow spiritually, and prepare myself for life past high school. My time there was wonderful, as there was a strong sense of community not only among my peers, but with the teaching faculty. This has led to me keeping these friendships and bonds long after I have graduated.

Ian Neo
IAN NEO
Industrial Design & Information Technology

Creating lifelong learners...

DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS

"A teacher's enthusiasm creates an atmosphere where learning is an exciting and joyful experience. When students love learning, they will be transformed into lifelong learners."

Natalie Farmer
VCE COORDINATOR / SECONDARY TEACHER



07 Learning and Teaching

Developing curious and disciplined minds

St Andrews is known for its academic excellence, but we are about more than results.

That's because Christ is at the centre of our College. We don't just see education as academic – we believe in educating the whole child, whether spiritually, emotionally, socially, creatively, physically or cognitively.

We teach students to grow as whole people, known by God and knowing their purpose in Him. Our approach to teaching is Christ-centred and Bible-based, and we are committed to nurturing awe and intellectual curiosity about God's world.

We encourage students and teachers to become lifelong learners both in academic pursuits and their walk with Christ. Through lifelong learning, we can grow and deepen our relationship with God.

Students are encouraged to collaborate in their learning, cooperate with other community members, and discover their God-given gifts. Our goal is to shape confident adults who seek to glorify God in everything they do and be a light to the world.

This combination of Christ-centredness and excellence is what makes the St Andrews community unique.

“ Our engaging learning environment provides each student with the opportunity to discover their gifts and thrive. ”

M. Swanborough
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
HEAD OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
Michael Swanborough



“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”
Colossians 3:17

Embarking on new challenges...

DISCOVERING THEIR GIFTS

"I love that my children have been blessed with the opportunity to study at St Andrews. Since day 1, they have been surrounded and supported by a good community of students, staff and other parents."

Amy Tupham
AMY TUPHAM - Parent



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08 Primary Education

Beginning the journey of self discovery and the joy of learning

Prep – Year 6

Starting school is an exciting and challenging time. Our Primary School offers a vibrant learning environment, facilitated by a community of caring and highly-trained teachers and support staff.

We want to help your child discover their gifts, and that's why we offer a range of subjects and teach in differentiated ways to support your child's learning.

We offer core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities, supported by a specialist program that includes Art, Biblical Studies, Chinese, Digital Technologies, Drama, Health, Music, Physical Education and STEM.

Christ is the centre of College life, and St Andrews students learn about Him at all ages. From Lower Primary, your child will explore the Bible and the story of Jesus from Genesis to Revelation. Upper Primary students build on these foundations, asking the significant questions of life and faith in an open environment supported by committed Christian staff.

We see families as integral partners with us in their child's education. As a Primary School, we look for ways to engage with and encourage families through community events, such as Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Grandparents' Day, family picnics and the Year 6 Graduation Dinner.

With this solid foundation, students can grow with purpose and step with confidence into Secondary School.

“We are passionate about providing excellence in education where each child is known and celebrated for the way God has created them.”

Janita Bratton

HEAD OF PRIMARY SCHOOL
Janita Bratton



*“Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him.”*
Pslam 127:3



Exploring future pathways...

PREPARING THEM FOR LIFE

"As a parent I have been at the perfect vantage point from Prep to Year 12 to see our son Zachary bloom into a human being that values qualities like care, compassion, patience and commitment. This can only happen with the love and meticulous care shown in word and deed by the teachers at St Andrews and epitomised by their Christ-centred teaching and character."

Sebastian Simon
SEBASTIAN SIMON - Parent



09 Secondary Education

Developing Future Leaders

Year 7-12

Secondary School represents a new phase that will carry your child into adulthood.

At St Andrews, Secondary School students are challenged to explore their academic interests and build an educational base for their VCE studies. These years are a pivotal time for your child to learn critical thinking skills to tackle challenges, both in school and beyond.

We offer a wide range of elective subjects in Years 8 to 10, including Business Studies, Chinese, Digital Technology, Media, Music and Drama, Robotics, STEM and Visual Arts. Our robust VCE program provides students with an exceptional range of subjects so that they can pursue their passions through Year 12 and into future pathways.

Our Secondary curriculum is grounded in the belief that, as we study, we are uncovering the wonders of God's creation. All students also undertake a Biblical Studies subject which helps them further understand the Bible.

We encourage students to investigate local and global issues and think deeply about their worldview.

Students can graduate from St Andrews with an excellent education for their future and a deep sense of God's purpose for their lives.

“We are focused on preparing our students for life so they will become Godly young men and women who will make a positive impact in our community.”

John Presant
HEAD OF SECONDARY SCHOOL
John Presant



“Whatever you do, do well.”
Ecclesiastes 9:10

Nurtured to grow...

FINDING CONNECTION AND COMPASSION

10 Wellbeing

Connection, compassion and wise guidance

Student wellbeing is an integral concern of everyday life at St Andrews – from Prep to Year 12.

Like your child's education, we believe that your child's wellbeing involves their whole self – including physical, emotional and spiritual aspects. That means that wellbeing is a matter for all staff, from teachers, to administration and maintenance staff.

“ I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. ”

John 10:10

Our staff are skilled in wellbeing principles to help your child establish positive relationships and develop resilience. Students can access pastoral care and support from their classroom teachers (Primary students) or homeroom teachers (Secondary students), and daily devotions and prayer are a key point of connection for students.

Our dedicated Wellbeing Team work to ensure that wellbeing is a priority and staff are able to best support students.

We take a proactive approach to wellbeing at St Andrews, constantly seeking to improve how we support students and staff to create a positive learning environment. Areas we address include mental health, relationships, and students with special needs.

Your child will develop resilience and compassion for others, but also the knowledge that support is there when they need it most.



Sparking their creativity...

EXPANDING THEIR EXPERIENCES



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11 Co-Curricular Activities

Growth through challenges and experience

Growth doesn't just happen in the classroom. By participating in co-curricular activities, your child can boost their self-esteem, build friendship groups, expand their abilities and ignite passions that can last throughout their lives.

Across the College, St Andrews offers various activities to help your child explore their talents and interests, as well as push themselves in new and challenging areas.

The Sports program at St Andrews has expanded rapidly, and we are proud to have a wider range of sports on offer. Mainstream sports include badminton, basketball, cricket, netball, softball, soccer, tennis, table tennis and volleyball. For students interested in music, there are opportunities to join ensembles that span abilities and genres – including Primary and Secondary worship bands, vocal, strings, jazz and concert bands.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award program is another highly beneficial activity available to students. It is a non-competitive and flexible program of cultural and adventurous activities. All Year 9 students are enrolled in this program.

Our Chess Club is also popular, and St Andrews teams have attended state and national championships in recent years.

Whatever their interests, your child will have the opportunity to strengthen existing skills or investigate new ones, all while learning persistence, teamwork and curiosity.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11



Broadening their world...

CREATING A HEART TO SERVE

12 Mission Service Learning

In our affluent society, we believe students need to know that being a follower of Jesus means having a servant heart.

Mission Service Learning (MSL) is an opportunity for our students to expand their worldview and gain a heart for serving others with their gifts and talents.

This learning trains the whole child to use their knowledge (“head learning”) while allowing the Holy Spirit to direct their lives (“heart learning”) to serve God (“hands-on learning”).

Students start by learning how to serve their own families and classes before extending to serve the College and surrounding community. Eventually, students consider other cultures and nations, gaining a broader view of God’s world.

Across the College, students take up the challenge to serve others in the various contexts they explore. These activities could include praying for Year 12’s during exams, singing at a nursing home, supporting local charities, or even joining overseas mission trips.

As they learn about the differences in people and cultures, we desire that your child builds empathy and compassion. Even more importantly, we hope that they will understand their call to serve God and others, whether at home, university, the workplace or overseas.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

The mission trip was a life changing experience for our daughter. Not only was she removed from the comfort and securities of home but she learned to trust God and exercise her faith in ways you can never learn in a classroom environment. It has enriched her life in both experience and friendships.

Patrick McCabe
PATRICK MCCABE - Parent



13 How to Apply

Everything you need to know



1. Take a Tour

We encourage you to book a personal tour or attend our yearly Open Day event. Both of these options can be booked online.



2. Apply Online

Our online application form can be completed in your own time. The enrolment process commences when you have submitted your application with our Registrar.



3. Interview and Offer

For those eligible to begin school in the coming year an interview with the Head of School will be arranged to discuss your enrolment application. If successful you will be sent an official 'Letter of Offer' and required to finalise your decision within two weeks.



4. Orientation & Transition

In the months prior to your child starting school both parents and students are invited to attend a staged orientation and transition program to inform and ease nerves.



5. Tuition Fees

Our fees are affordable, with discounts available for siblings. Payment arrangements can be made to suit your requirements. For a more detailed explanation of our fees please visit our College website.



6. Get in Touch

Still not sure what to do next? Our Registrar is available to assist you with each step along the enrolment process. Contact 03 8847 8309 or email enrolments@standrews.vic.edu.au for assistance. Our College website also hosts additional information about tour dates & times, College fees, application process information and forms.



14 Connecting with St Andrews Christian College

St Andrews Christian College is located in Wantirna South, a suburb in Melbourne's Eastern metropolitan area. It is a well established family area that features many schools, shopping centres and cultural facilities. St Andrews Christian College is also conveniently located next to a major transport hub enabling easy access for students who require public bus services for transportation.



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