BISHOP DRUITT COLLEGE
BDC
COFFS HARBOUR
FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE

PROSPECTUS

A KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 12 SCHOOL
IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bishop Druitt College is an independent, co-educational Kindergarten to Year 12 Anglican school situated in Coffs Harbour on the North Coast of New South Wales.

The College commenced operations in 1994 with an enrolment of 57 Primary School students. Currently the enrolment is over 1216 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 - a testament to the esteem in which the College is held by the community.

As a school, our aim is to transform lives through the provision of an excellent education. It is our express intention to develop graduates who are dynamic, caring and optimistic. Our hope is that they will be well-rounded individuals who are grounded in the Anglican way of faith, hope and love.

Our wish for our departing Collegians is that they will have a passion for learning and will value the virtues of wisdom and integrity. They will be individuals who endeavour to positively transform the communities in which they live and work. In the great and the small things they do, they will enliven and enrich our world.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing with you the exceptional educational opportunities that Bishop Druitt College offers.

Alan Ball
Principal
Passion for learning motivates, enlightens and enriches our endeavours and provides meaning to the lives of our students.

VISIONS AND VALUES

The aim of Bishop Druitt College is to be the foremost college on the North Coast of New South Wales. It is the product of a vision to build a college with access to all who want their children to achieve the highest standard of education and one that is founded on faith.

At Bishop Druitt College we value:

Our Anglican Foundation
Optimism, tradition, inclusiveness, service, compassion, tolerance, hope and faithfulness.

Learning
A dynamic ethos, endeavour, passion, commitment, creativity, innovation, integrity and wisdom.

Our Community
Trust, respect, the individual, relationships, our environment and an outward looking perspective.
LEARNING
Underpinning the success of the College is a simple belief - we believe in the right of every student to learn and of each teacher to teach. Hence the teaching and learning process is one that is valued by all within our community.

Our College has a proud record of excellent academic results in statewide and nationally benchmarked tests, and has historically produced Higher School Certificate results that place it in the upper echelon of schools in New South Wales.

The College is situated on one campus and operates in two parts - the Primary School (Kindergarten to Year 6) and a Secondary School (Years 7 to 12).

Staff are highly qualified and skilled professionals who are encouraged to be dynamic and creative. They are supported by vibrant professional development programs and demonstrate high levels of collegiality in teaching programming.

PRIMARY SCHOOL
The Primary School has over four hundred and seventy students enrolled from Kindergarten to Year 6. The Primary School uses the NSW Board of Studies curriculum for all key learning areas.

In addition to classroom teachers, specialist teachers work with students in areas including research skills, speech, Drama, Music, French, Japanese and Learning Resource Centre programs (Gifted and Talented and assisting students facing learning challenges). The Primary School has an occupational therapist and a speech therapist (as visiting professionals).

SECONDARY SCHOOL
The Secondary School has classes in each year level and offers a broad choice of study programs based on the NSW Board of Studies curriculum.

The College has a strong history of academic success, which is based on recognising and nurturing the individual’s talents and providing a safe environment in which they can develop.

As well as offering a thorough grounding in English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, a wide range of electives in Technology and Applied Studies, Creative and Performing Arts and Languages is offered to students as they progress through the Secondary years.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM
The co-curricular program of the College provides enormous opportunities for our students to explore who they are and the gifts they possess. It includes sporting pursuits, community service activities, music and the arts, drama, public speaking, debating and a highly valued outdoor education program.

The co-curricular program forms an important part of life at the College. Being involved is a commitment to the College, to oneself and to sharing experiences with students and teachers that might not necessarily be encountered in the daily routine. The program offers our students the opportunity to be a part of a team in an increasingly egocentric world. They encounter challenges, work together to overcome obstacles and accept judgement, learn to manage the disappointment of defeat and share the joys of success.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION
The College Outdoor Education program centres on camping experiences for students in Years 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. Each camp is designed to offer learning experiences and team building activities that cannot normally be offered in the school environment. The College takes great care to organise outdoor education experiences that challenge and extend our students’ intellectual, physical and social gifts.
PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care is central to the total school environment at Bishop Druitt College. Therefore, pastoral care at the College addresses the diverse needs of the community - emotionally, physically and spiritually. Pastoral care is integral to the Bishop Druitt College community where everyone has the right to be safe, to learn and to be respected and treated with dignity.

Pastoral care is the practical expression of the Gospel message within the College community.

It provides for a nurturing and secure environment.

We believe that Pastoral care:
- Embraces the example of Jesus and the teaching of the Gospel, especially in relation to faith, hope, love, forgiveness, justice and freedom.
- Promotes the dignity of the human person and the value of human life within a harmonious multicultural society.
- Provides opportunities for positive relationships and interactions within the school community, through both the formal and informal curriculum.
- Promotes a holistic approach to quality teaching and learning in ways that foster the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of each person.
- Reflects the love of God by caring for those within the school community, especially those experiencing disadvantage.
- Makes provision for positive teaching/learning management policies, school rules and sanctions that will promote the good order of the school community, with a positive attitude to just and fair treatment for all members of the community.
- Maintains a warm and welcoming atmosphere, where members of the school community are recognised and affirmed.
- Is the shared responsibility of every person in the community.
- Contributes to students recognising that their fundamental freedoms and rights are reciprocated by responsibilities.
- Aims to ensure that students' needs are responded to with sensitivity. That they are not prohibited by differences brought about factors such as socioeconomic status, gender, ethnic origin, race or disability.
- Provides for celebration and affirmation of individual qualities and differences. It promotes an awareness of the individual needs and learning styles of community members.

Great schools harness the aspirations and achievements of all. At Bishop Druitt College, staff, students and parents all have a role to play in achieving this goal.
Our motto, Faithfulness in Service, anchors the mission of the College in the value of each individual and the responsibility they have to make a difference.

OUR ANGLICAN FOUNDATION

While Bishop Druitt College embraces Christian values and the practices of the Anglican Church, many members of the College community come from other Christian and non-Christian traditions. We welcome and value each one for the way in which their different cultures and outlook enrich the life and culture of the College.

Our foundation as a Christian school aims to develop a moral perspective and framework of values in our students. We believe this is critical in assisting each student to deal with challenges they will inevitably face as they grow as individuals and members of a wider community.

FACILITIES

Bishop Druitt College has outstanding teaching and learning facilities, generous classroom spaces, an air-conditioned libraries, specialised spaces that include well equipped Science laboratories, Information and Communications Technology facilities, the School of Music, performance spaces, Visual Art rooms and Design and Technology rooms. As well, our newly opened Branson Centre offers state-of-the-art sporting facilities, including two basketball courts, two netball courts, two volleyball courts and eight badminton courts.

Our newest facility is the Roger Oates Centre (Coffs Coast Trade Training Centre) that will offer Certificate 3 Hospitality courses to our senior students.

Fifteen hectares of playing fields and recreation areas complement the built environment.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Bishop Druitt College is supported by a number of organisations. They nurture and promote the ethos of the College through the assistance they provide our community.

Parents and Friends Association

The Bishop Druitt College Parents and Friends Association supports the aims and objectives of the College through the promotion of fundraising, fellowship, friendship and fun.

The Association raises funds for the College through various means, with monies distributed to the College in the form of donations and sponsorships.

Involvement in the Parents and Friends Association is encouraged.

Alumni

Bishop Druitt College was founded in 1994 and is named after Reverend Doctor Cecil Henry Druitt, who was the first Bishop of the Diocese of Grafton. The Primary School opened in 1994 and the Secondary School one year later. A collection of College archives is managed by the Archive Officer, who also maintains a database of previous students and staff.

ENROLMENTS

We would like to invite you to come and meet with us to see first hand our wonderful school and all it has to offer. For further information please contact:

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Bishop Druitt College is situated in the beautiful natural environment of the Boambee Valley, minutes from Coffs Harbour’s beaches and the rainforests of the hinterland. Only 4km from the Coffs Harbour CBD, the College is just minutes away from the shops and amenities.

Coffs Harbour is almost centrally located between Sydney (6hrs by car) and Brisbane (5hrs by car). The College is well served by school bus transport as well as being located 1km from the Pacific Highway, which is served by private bus lines. The College is only 5.5km from the domestic airport that has approximately seven flights to Sydney (1hr flight) per day.