



*St John's*  
Anglican College



# A place for TOMORROW'S

## From the Principal

Welcome to St John's Anglican College, the leading Kindergarten to Year Twelve coeducational school in south west Brisbane. Shaped by Christian values in the Anglican tradition as they guide everyday College life, St John's graduates are well educated, respectful, resilient and compassionate; equipped to be people of influence in their communities.

St John's is a place for the development of the mind, for innovation and creativity, for inspiration and well being and for the nurturing of the spirit. Preparation for the responsibilities of leadership in tomorrow's local and global communities begins in Kindergarten and is progressively undertaken by our caring and committed teachers through to Year Twelve as part of everyday community life.

Our teachers care about your child, are available to listen and provide fine role models. They are leaders in learning, focused on providing the best possible educational environment and ensuring that each child's academic potential is nurtured. Teachers are innovative and collegial in their approach and new ways of teaching and learning are explored and encouraged.

Focused on the future for each child, the College welcomes parents to participate in their educational journey and facilitates community networks with tertiary providers and businesses, which support each student in their transition from school to university and the workplace.

Your family will be welcomed into our community and I encourage you to explore this possibility with us.



Kind regards

Mrs Maria McIvor  
Principal



LEADERS

St John's Anglican College offers families in south west Brisbane coeducation from Kindergarten to Year Twelve. Forming young hearts and minds – St John's offers personalised learning for exceptional achievement.

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# A place for THE MIND

St John's values intellectual development drawing on expertise, insight, truth and knowledge, with imagination, persistence and determination.

St John's sets high expectations for student achievement. This is achieved through:

- encouraging students to develop positive habits of mind and skills in critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork through our teaching approaches;
- offering stimulating extension programs through national and international competitions and clubs;

- providing academic challenge through the University of Queensland Enhanced Studies programs in Physics, Chemistry and Extension Music and Literature;
- developing a comprehensive Senior School Pathways program leading to appropriate university or TAFE courses.

Our highly skilled teachers are leaders in learning, who care about your child's progress and encourage in them a passion to achieve. Around 80% of our graduates go on to study at university in the Sciences, Engineering, Business, Information Technology and the Creative and Performing Arts.



Ian Lightbody  
Secondary Teacher

“ I love to learn and I encourage a love of learning in my students as well. Whether it be travelling to new places, discussing ideas or training to gain new skills, we live in the age of information.

The exploration of ideas and the quest for knowledge is exciting. Whilst at the College I've been encouraged to study, which sets such a great example to my students. I have managed to complete two Masters degrees; develop a deeper understanding of my great passion, astronomy; written a children's book and conducted ground breaking research into shared leadership.

Most importantly though, I love it when I see the flame of learning and discovery growing ever brighter in the students I teach. ”



THE MIND

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# A place for INNOVATION

St John's is a collaborative, online, interconnected learning community.

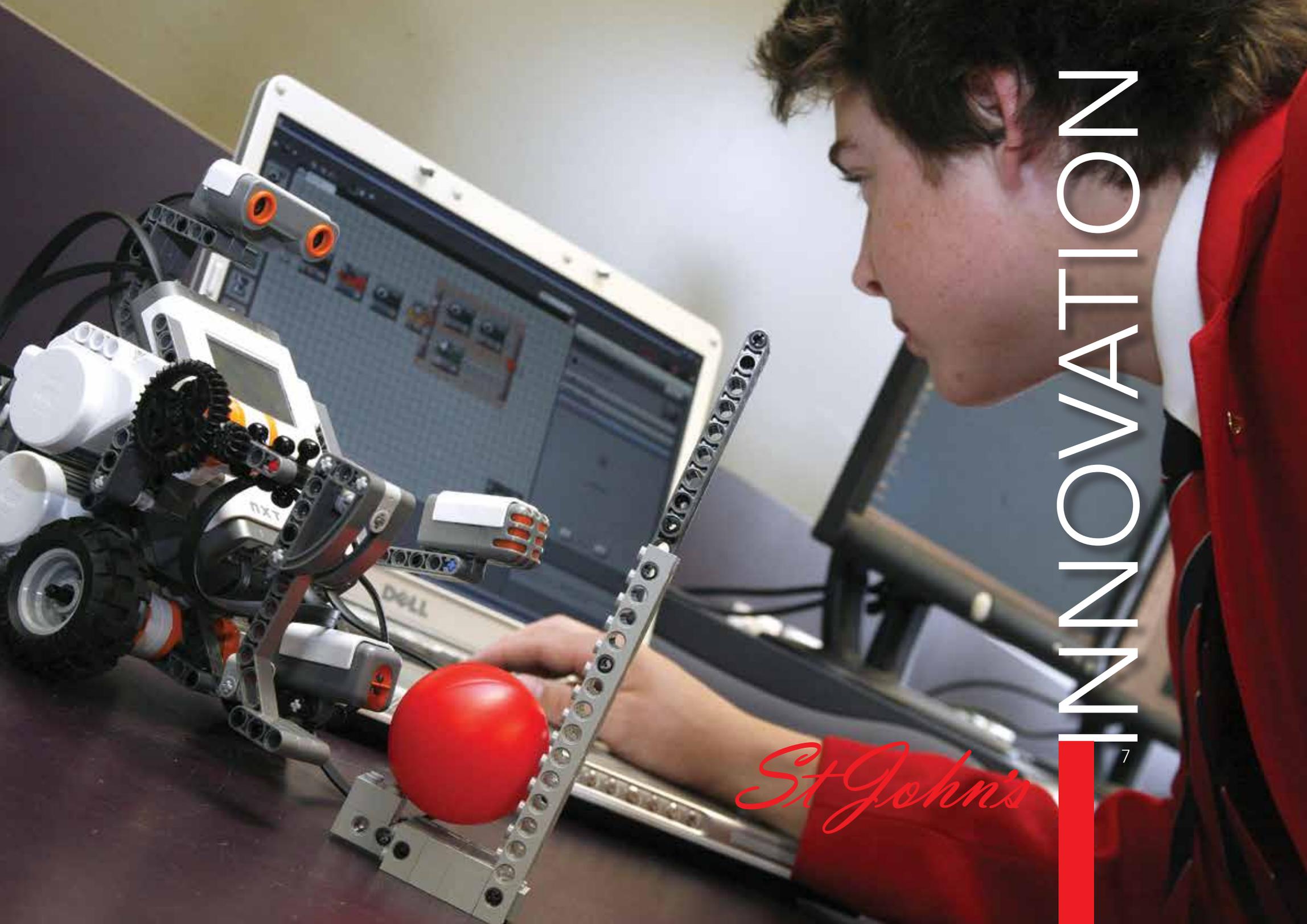
Teachers and students access a sophisticated online learning environment to enhance their classroom learning. Students interact with their course work and their teachers at any time through our supervised learning management system which ensures access and transparency.

Classrooms feature Wi-Fi, data projectors and interactive whiteboards. All secondary students use laptops to aid their learning. The use of information communication technologies in learning motivates students and develops essential skills for their careers and life in a rapidly changing world.

St John's links with business and industry to assist students seeking apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities in the local community. Hospitality students partner with industry hotel management course providers to develop practical experience, while Industrial Design courses offer a pathway to the workplace.

St John's teachers are continuous learners who are enthusiastic about developing their own practice through further study and research.





# INNOVATION

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# A place for CREATIVITY

Drama, music, dance and the visual arts make a valued contribution to the curriculum from Kindergarten through to Year Twelve. St John's recognises the importance of artistic, imaginative and intuitive ways of knowing in the development of the whole person.

Studying in the Performing Arts requires discipline and commitment and all students have the opportunity to study a band or orchestral instrument through the Instrumental Music Program which commences in the Primary School.

The performance program includes bands, choirs, ensembles, dance excellence teams, drama troupes and musical stage productions. Students regularly perform at

local, state and national events and with distinction in eisteddfods and competitions.

Students are offered a diverse range of opportunities from work in the classrooms and studios, to individual specialist tuition and group productions.

St John's students experience first-hand the life and work of practising and performing artists through links with arts industry professionals and intensive workshops with commercial theatre groups, dance companies, the Australian Chamber Orchestra, The University of Queensland and The Queensland Conservatorium of Music.





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CREATIVITY



# A place for INSPIRATION

Physical education commences early at St John's. From Kindergarten our children benefit from learning basic physical skills from a specialist teacher. Throughout Prep to Year Two all children enjoy Physical Education classes, swimming lessons, and a Perceptual Motor Program designed to develop coordination, balance and flexibility.

From Year Three the Physical Education program ensures that students are confident to participate in a range of popular sports. Through the JTAS and local district sports competitions, our students are able to participate in a range of major sports and carnivals, and to develop important teamwork skills and values.

The College competes as a member of The Associated Schools (TAS), the premier coeducational sporting association in south east Queensland. TAS offers weekly sporting competition at home and away venues in a wide range of sports for both boys and girls. Students also compete in carnivals in swimming, cross country and athletics, all leading to regional, state and national competitions. Students have access to quality coaching and training sessions and camps, motivating them to achieve at their personal best.





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INSPIRATION



# A place for WELL-BEING

From an early age through to the senior years, students are given the opportunity to develop their personal and leadership skills in teams and year levels, through buddy programs, student council and the wide range of service and extension activities in our local and wider community. Ultimately students make application to be considered for leadership positions in the College, an experience that equips them well to be people of influence in later life.

A whole school approach to mental health and well-being involving promotion, prevention and early intervention activities in the curriculum across all year levels is fostered. The program encourages the development of a positive environment where

all students feel safe and are actively engaged in developing the social and emotional skills required to meet life's challenges.

Our College is a safe environment in which students feel valued for and proud of their achievements. Student feedback and involvement is regularly sought.



*Julie Bielby*  
College parent

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*Our son has attended the College for the past 9 years since commencing in Prep and I must say they have been very rewarding. He receives a first-rate education at St John's and is given opportunities to study a wide range of subjects and participate in a myriad of activities. We are very happy with the quality of teaching and find the staff to be both friendly and approachable. All staff work hard to provide students with the tools and values they need to succeed. All this is reflected in our son who is happy to go to school each day and after all, that is the most important thing.*

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# WELL-BEING

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# A WELCOMING place

International students are welcome at St John's Anglican College where our teachers are experienced in educating students from overseas. They will get to know your child's strengths and direct their learning into our Senior Pathways Program in preparation for university or TAFE courses after graduation. Through our pathways program, students study a wide range of subjects in Year Eleven and Twelve and develop essential skills in critical thinking, problem solving and team work.

Our College has high expectations for achievement in English language learning which is taught at our International College. In the senior secondary school studies we have strong expertise and a good track record in Science and Engineering, IT and Business preparing students for university or TAFE. Our graduates favour University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University.

The Australian education system is one of the best in the world and international students who have come to study in Australia have experienced success. Brisbane is a great city in which to study, providing a safe environment and a relaxed lifestyle.

Studying in Australia is a wonderful experience for international students and St John's Anglican College provides a strong and supportive community of students, teachers and parents who will care about your child. The personal well being of international students is ensured through their involvement in physical education, personal development and outdoor education programs under the guidance of caring and supportive teachers and the support of their homestay family.

## International College Programs include:

- **High School Preparation Course** (ages 12 to 18 years)
- **Primary School Preparation Course** (ages 8 to 12 years)
- **Short Vacation Study Tour** (ages 8 to 18 years)
- **Long Vacation Study Tour** (ages 8 to 18 years)

## High School Preparation Courses

These courses are designed for students who have studied English as a Second Language in their home country, but wish to enter mainstream high school classes at St John's Anglican College. A minimum one year of study of English (or equivalent) in the student's home country is required before acceptance.

St John's International College is based on the same campus as St John's Anglican College.



## Location

St John's International College and St John's Anglican College are operated in Forest Lake, located in greater Brisbane, the capital city of the state of Queensland. With a population of around 1.5 million, Brisbane offers all the attractions and facilities of a vibrant international city. The city is clean and safe for travellers and caters to the needs and interests of all overseas visitors.



Welcome to the St John's International College Program. Our College provides students with intensive primary or high school preparation courses before they commence school at St John's Anglican College.

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### Your High School Preparation Program will include classes in:

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking and Pronunciation
- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- English for Maths
- English for SOSE (Study of Society and Environment) (Levels 2, 3, 4, 5)
- English for Science (All levels)
- English for Literature (3, 4, 5)
- Mathematics
- One hour of sport once a week (all levels)
- Library

### Teaching and Learning

Highly qualified, committed and experienced teachers make the International College an ideal place for learning the English Language.

Teachers hold TESOL and high school teaching qualifications and are trained in preparing international students for high academic performance. A blend of ESL and mainstream teaching methods and techniques allows students to experience a self-paced learning environment. This program includes task based, inquiry based and discovery based learning, enabling students to develop a vital range of skills to meet the study requirements, such as researching, investigating, analysing, hypothesizing, problem solving, processing and presenting.

Students are also taught a range of study skills and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning and progress. Class sizes are kept small, with an average of 15 students per class, to provide the students with the best possible learning environment.

### International College

The International College has multiple classrooms and shares the same campus facilities with the main domestic students. Students at the International College also have access to the wide range of reference material at the St John's Anglican College Resource Centre.



A blend of teaching methods is used to enable students to develop a vital range of skills to meet the requirements of primary school study. For example, students will experience working in groups, class discussion, individual work, inquiry based learning, project work, self assessment, independent study, homework and assignments.

### Short and Long Term Study Tours

St John's International College welcomes study tour groups at St John's Anglican College. We provide high quality English Language instruction combined with wonderful cultural activities and good fun!

Study tours are planned to accommodate both the academic requirements of improving English Language skills and the sightseeing interests of overseas students. The programs are customised for each group, with activities chosen to suit their needs and interests.

Tours vary in length, from one to 12 weeks, however most are conducted over two or three weeks. On most days, three to four hours are set aside to study English as a Second Language followed by a wide range of activities and guided tours to local sites of interest to visitors.



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## 1. Wide Variety of Courses

Our College offers a wide range of senior subjects to study in preparation for tertiary entrance. These may include:

- English
- English for ESL
- Mandarin Chinese
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Drama
- Art
- Music
- Geography
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Hospitality Studies
- Physical Education
- Mathematics A
- Mathematics B
- Mathematics C
- Information Technology Systems
- Technology Studies
- Graphics
- Business Management
- Accounting

## 2. Homestay Program

Homestay accommodation with a local family, allowing easy access to the College, is required for all international students. Homestay families may be relatives of the student, or families carefully screened and approved by the College. Our homestay families provide a supportive and caring environment for students as they treat them as part of the family.

The College carefully select homestay families, to ensure the students are given the best possible opportunity to understand the Australian way of life and to practice their English.

Our International College employs a Homestay Coordinator who ensures that:

- Each long term student has his/her own room, which includes a bed, desk, wardrobe and study lamp.
- Four meals a day are provided by the homestay family (breakfast, packed morning tea and lunch and dinner).
- Homestay families are visited regularly to ensure that standards are adhered to and that students feel welcome and happy in their surrounds.

All homestay families live within walking distance, are on bus routes to and from our College, or can arrange suitable transportation for their student to get to and from the College. All homestay families must live within 30-40 minutes travel time to the College. All homestay families have received a security clearance from the Queensland Government. Families are selected because of their ability to provide a stable, safe and caring environment for all students. Families who have children attending St John's Anglican College are given priority to host international students.

Prior to arrival, all students are provided with full details of their Australian homestay family, to help them understand their new environment. Students arriving from overseas are welcomed at Brisbane International Airport and greeted by their homestay families.





### 3. Well rounded education

We believe in a well rounded education that gives students confidence, self motivation, social skills and leadership opportunities. All students are encouraged to participate in the full range of College activities, including many sporting and cultural opportunities, such as:

#### Sports:

- Basketball
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Cricket
- Netball
- Hockey
- Athletics
- Cross Country Running
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Astronomy Club
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Amnesty International
- Chess Club
- Tournament of Minds
- Book Club
- Computer Club
- Stage Crew (sound and lighting)
- Verse Speaking Choirs
- Concert Band
- Stage Band
- Choral Groups

- Strings Groups
- Orchestra
- Dance Troupe
- Drama Troupe

#### Cultural:

### 4. Pathways to University

Students at St John's Anglican College may enter any university in any state in Australia or anywhere in the world. Many of our graduates have studied law, business, accounting, science, medicine, engineering and computing.

Students in our College study the Queensland Studies Authority courses which are internationally recognised. All courses are designed to develop core skills that are the keys to lifelong learning at university or TAFE and beyond!

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## St John's International College (High School Preparation Course)

High School preparation course is designed to assist students' entry into mainstream classes in Year Seven to Year Eleven.

Students may apply for entrance into Years One to Eleven at St John's Anglican College and enjoy the educational benefits of the primary or high school curriculum alongside Australian students. Prior to entering the College, students enrol at the St John's International College to develop their English Language proficiency.

Students must have achieved a suitable level of competency in the English Language to allow them to understand and participate in primary and high school classes. Students seeking entry to Years Seven and Eight at our College should have successfully completed Level 4 of the preparation program (or equivalent). Students seeking entry into Years Nine, Ten and Eleven must have successfully completed Level 5 of the High School Preparation Course.

Admission to the mainstream year levels as an international student is dependent upon passing an English Language test. Queensland government regulations require that students seeking a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) must complete at least three semesters of senior studies. St John's Anglican College provides a positive and caring environment for students while they receive an Australian education. A strong academic program has been designed to encourage each student to reach his or her potential and to discover individual talents.

The College offers music, dance, drama, sport, languages and art in order to promote students' social, cultural and physical development.

## International Student Support Services

Our students' happiness and success are the main priority at St John's Anglican College and St John's International College.

Support and assistance is offered by our caring staff to students experiencing any personal or academic difficulties during their stay. Students are encouraged to make appointments to see members of staff (including Head of the International College, Deputy Principal and Homestay Coordinator) to discuss their academic or social concerns.

Support is provided with assignments, time planning and examination preparation, to ensure students achieve to the best of their ability. Assistance with applications for university entrance is also provided.

A free homework club service is open to all international students as well as a free instrumental music program.

All international students (apart from those undertaking study tours) wear the College uniform of St John's Anglican College and are expected to abide by the Code of Behaviour.

## Entry Requirements

The St John's International College is open to overseas students aged 6 to 18 years, with satisfactory academic and behavioural records in their own countries, who wish to enter an Australian primary or high school.

### Student Visa:

All students must hold an appropriate visa, issued by the Australian Government, for the duration of their course. Requirements for the issue of Student Visas may vary depending on the student's country of origin.

### Guardianship Visa:

A Guardianship Visa is available for parents wishing to accompany their children during their stay in Australia. It is required that students entering the primary school course be accompanied by a parent or other adult relative throughout the duration of their primary school years.

### Overseas Student Health Cover:

All students must take out and maintain Student Health Insurance Cover. Full details may be obtained from educational agents, or the Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulates in your country.

Students will:

- Have documentary evidence of completion of the appropriate schooling for their age in their home countries.
- Have had at least one year's exposure to English through formal study in the case of high school students.
- Provide an indication of the extent of English instruction thus far and the level of proficiency in the case of primary school students.

### Placement Test:

The level in which new students begin their program will be decided by the student's results from the Placement Test. This test includes an interview and a listening, reading, writing and grammar test which has been designed specifically to place students into their appropriate language proficiency levels.



Ms Shirley Sun  
Head of St John's International College



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## Course Components

LEVEL 1: Elementary	LEVEL 2: Pre-intermediate	LEVEL 3: Intermediate	LEVEL 4: Upper Intermediate	LEVEL 5: Upper Intermediate to Advanced
English – Integrated skills	English – Integrated skills	English – Integrated skills	English – Integrated skills	English – Integrated skills
English for Maths	English for Maths	Study Skills	Study Skills	English for Maths
Social Studies/ Humanities	English for Science	English for Maths	English for Maths	English for Science
	Social Studies/ Humanities	English for Science	English for Science	English for Literature
		English for Literature	English for Literature	Social Studies/ Humanities
		Social Studies/ Humanities	Social Studies/ Humanities	

## Sample Program: Level 5 High School Preparation

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30am to 10:30am	Integrated skills	Integrated skills	Integrated skills	Integrated skills	Integrated skills
	Grammar focus	Vocabulary focus	Grammar focus	Vocabulary focus	Grammar focus
Break					
11am to 1pm	Writing (Reading and Speaking)	English for Mathematics	Writing (Reading and Speaking)	English for Science	English for Australian and Social Studies
Lunch					
1:45pm to 3:10pm	Reading Literature, Media and Everyday Texts	Speaking and Listening	Reading Literature, Media and Everyday Texts	Speaking and Listening	General English Review
	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework
	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar
	Vocabulary	Vocabulary	Vocabulary	Vocabulary	Vocabulary
	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing

# A place for COMMUNITY

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“ I look back on my school years at St John’s Anglican College with gratitude and fondness. If it wasn’t for the supportive, understanding and dedicated teachers I would not have had the courage, determination or skills to fulfil my dream.

My years at St John’s ensured I was well prepared for life after school. ”

*Ashleigh Brewer (2008),  
plays Kate Ramsay  
in Channel 10’s Neighbours*

“ What sets St John’s apart from other educational institutions is that it does not aim to simply provide an education to young people – it exists to develop young people into competent and mature young adults. The College’s central ethos revolves around empowering people of influence and through a diverse curriculum and variety of extra curricular activities, it gives graduates the skills and confidence to lead, whatever their chosen vocation.

People who make a contribution to society: that’s the reason the College exists. ”

*Zachary Raftery (2006),  
Correctional Counsellor, The GEO Group Australia Inc.*

“ I graduated from St John’s in 2003 and the skills that I learned at College have served me well throughout my university studies and in my career thus far.

I would encourage any student at the College to make the most of the support and guidance that is available to you while at school in order to create a solid platform on which to build a career, whatever shape that may take for you as an individual. ”

*Samuel Hannaway (2003),  
Lead Recruitment Advisor - Coles*



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