



# St Benedict's

CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

St Benedict's is a Catholic, systemic co-educational College growing to 1000 students in Years 7-12 in 2022. After opening in 2011 and moving to its permanent home in 2013, last year the College's building program was finally completed with the opening of the College Hall and Gym.

The College is located on 15 acres in the heart of the rapidly developing South West growth centre in the new subdivision of Catherine Park, and adjacent to one of Australia's newest Parish churches, St Mary of the Cross McKillop and St Justin's Catholic Primary School.

As a systemic Catholic High School, St Benedict's College offers a comprehensive NESA curriculum. Also on offer is a range of extra curricula activities to meet the varied needs of our students such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Music and Dance tuition programmes and a range of co-curricula clubs.

We are a member of the Macarthur Independent Schools Association (MISA) for interschool Tuesday sport and other cultural activities such as Debating and Public Speaking. There are representative sporting pathways for our students to Diocesan, State and National levels.

As a Catholic high school, St Benedict's Catholic College strives to be an inclusive and pastorally caring place of learning where, in the words of St Benedict we have "something to strive for" and "nothing to run from". In response to an increase in youth mental health concerns and contemporary pressures on families and young people, in 2019 the College joined the Positive Education Schools Coalition, seeking to embed positive psychology, principles and strengths based education, for students and parents, in its wellbeing programme. Our STRIVE programme, which involves each child's learning strategies being monitored by a tutor, targets learning improvement and begins with its foundation, the understanding that a child's learning is inextricably linked to their whole of life experiences.

As the College moves from its foundation years, the students continue to have a unique opportunity to develop many of the College's structures and to craft the intellectual and cultural life of the College which will stand as part of the College for many years to come.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to welcoming you to our school community.