Prospectus

CALVARY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Welcome

Welcome to Calvary Christian College. We are excited that you are considering our College for your child's education.

Our goal is the same as yours - to see your child become all they can be.

There are few endeavours more important to your child's development and success than their education. It plays a significant role in shaping the person your child becomes, the character they carry, the success they see and the integrity in which they walk.

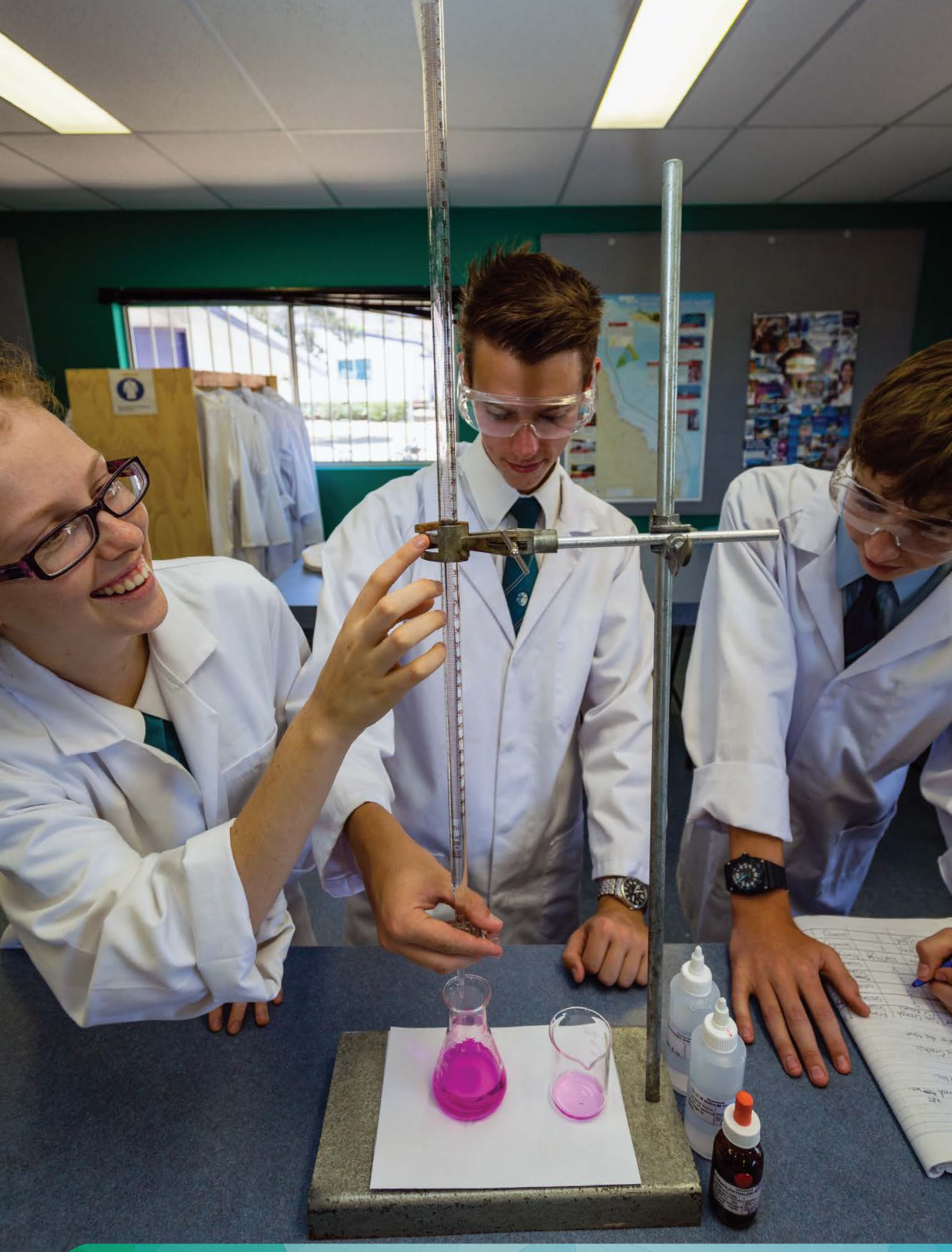
Every school is about education, but parents who entrust their children to Calvary Christian College do so because they understand an educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living but doesn't teach them how to make a life.

We want you to discover all that Calvary Christian College offers, so that you can make a well-informed decision regarding the investment into your child's future.

I look forward to welcoming you to Calvary Christian College.

Stephen Downes
PRINCIPAL

I have excellent opportunities to grow, mature and lead



I have excellent opportunities to share my ideas

We believe in value-based education

At Calvary Christian College we support your child's developmental, primary and secondary educational needs, catering for students from the age of two in our Early Learning Centre, right through to Year 12 all on the one campus.

Founded in 1978 with 70 students, Calvary Christian College is the product of a vision to see quality education accessible to the Townsville community. With this strong foundation, the College's well-rounded graduates are confident, caring and contributing members of society.

Calvary Christian College exists to graduate young people of integrity, compassion, confidence, and strong Christian character.

Calvary Christian College has five key values which provide the foundation for everything we do. These values are founded in scripture:

"Well done good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:21.

These five key values shape how we approach life at the College.

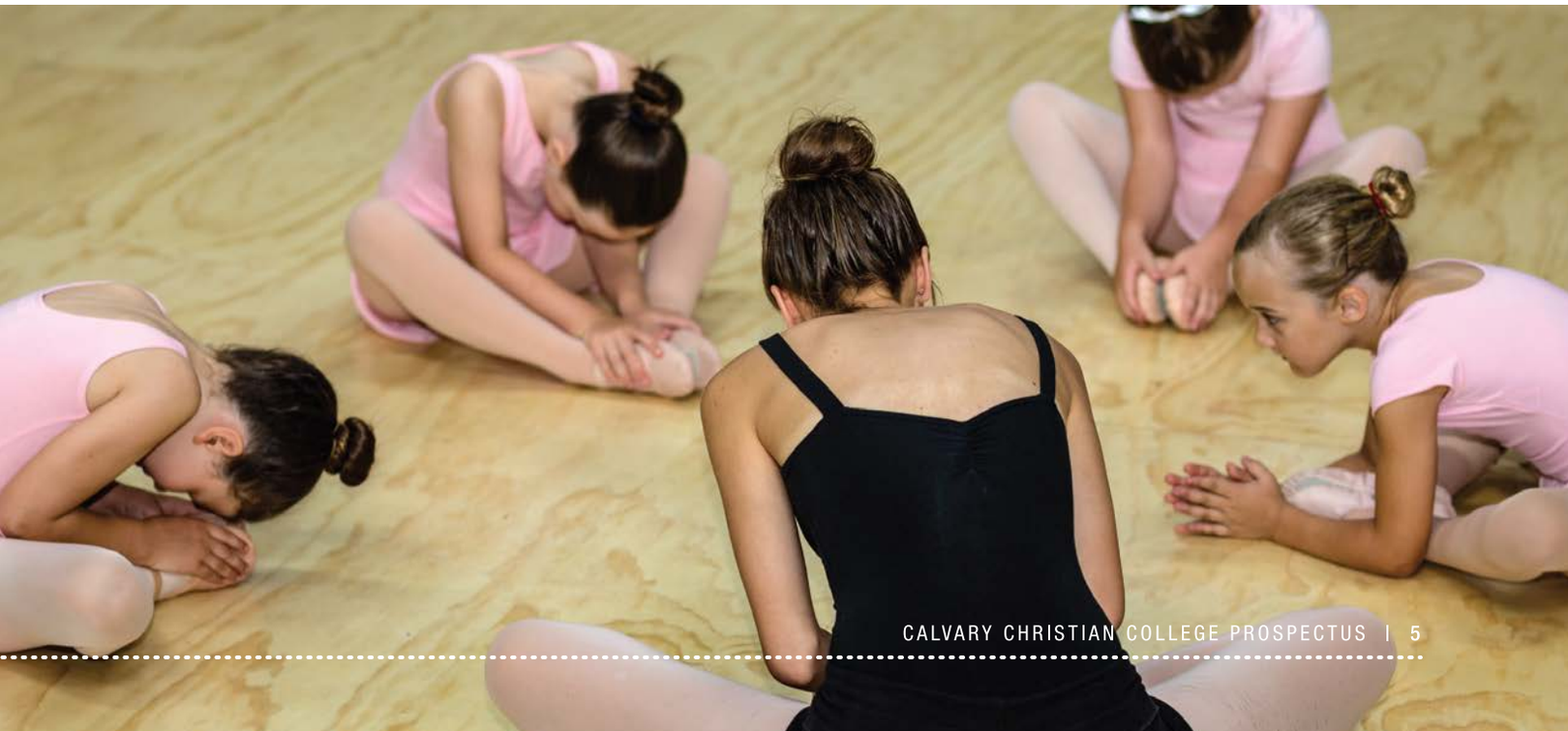
We believe in developing talented individuals

At Calvary Christian College we believe in excellence and we encourage our students to aim for this in all of their academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.

Every child is special and unique. We come alongside your child to identify and support the development of their intellect, talent, skills and passions.

We believe that learning for life requires much more than strong academic and vocational knowledge.

We provide our students with a wide-range of cultural and sporting pursuits in which they can excel including an Outdoor Experience Program, Inter-House Competitions, Special Speech Program, and the Instrumental/Dance Program.



We believe in contributing to our world

At Calvary Christian College we are committed to equipping and empowering our students to be emotionally, physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually resilient.

Our students have access to people, programs and technology that will foster and develop their character and skills to enable them to effectively and successfully interact in their world. We teach our students the value of respect - for themselves, each other and those in authority.

Calvary Christian College students are well prepared to succeed in the real world.

Our students learn the importance of respect and the power of confidence through the opportunity to engage in camps and creative arts pursuits. Guidance and support is provided by a dedicated Chaplaincy Team, Classroom/Pastoral Care Teachers, Year Level Coordinators and Student Leaders/Mentors who all encourage our students to honour commitments, stand firm on their beliefs and become an influence for good in their world.

We believe in leading by example

We educate the “whole” child. We are committed to teaching great content as well as producing strong character as we shape students who not only do good; they are good.

Every Calvary Christian College student is unique and equally important in regards to their valuable contributions. While we provide personal encouragement, students are also taught to value their peers and to build meaningful relationships. Students can enter life’s challenges with respect for others yet have a confidence to communicate their own beliefs.

At Calvary Christian College, we encourage our students to respect one another with compassion and to assume responsibility for attitudes and actions.

Our students learn the importance of humility and responsibility through team-work in the academic, sporting and cultural arena with such activities as Inter-House and Inter-School competitions, community service endeavours and musical productions.

I have excellent opportunities to achieve my goals

I have excellent opportunities to live out my faith

We believe in being faithful

As a College, we believe that being a faithful person contributes richly to our student's lives. We are committed to graduating not only minds full of knowledge - but also hearts full of hope, faith and love.

At Calvary Christian College we provide an environment for your child to develop Christian values of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

These are not just values, but also principles that equip and guide our students to make good choices and help them to develop self-respect, dignity and strength of character.

Our weekly Chapel Services, Christian Living Classes, Class Devotions, the "Just Like Jesus" Program and Year Level Camps provide opportunities for students to lead and participate in vibrant worship and develop their Christian character.

Our students also have the support of a family-like community. We provide different levels of support and encouragment for our students through Year-Level Coordinators, a Chaplaincy Team, our Student Welfare Officer and coordinators specialising in the areas of curriculum, learning support and career pathways.

We believe in making a difference

At Calvary Christian College we know our students are created full of potential, with a destiny and a purpose.

We believe that it is our responsibility to provide our students with opportunities which will uncover their passions and abilities to enable them to live generously in their world.

Students at Calvary are encouraged to be diligent and compassionate, confident and responsible, pro-active and thoughtful.

At Calvary Christian College we want our students knowing that they can use their gifts and talents to make a difference in the world.

Activities such as Grandparents Day, Day of Blessing and Co-Curricular give our students a holistic view of the world they live in- giving them ample opportunities to refresh others and to be a positive contributor in their world.

We believe in life long learning

Our site at Calvary Christian College includes a separate long-day Early Learning Centre and also an entire Prep – Year 12 Campus.

Early Learning

Our Early Learning Centre provides a nurturing environment that makes the transition from home to school safe, exciting and enjoyable, not only for our students, but also for our parents. Our carefully structured curriculum builds a solid foundation that is essential for their learning journey.

Primary College Prep - Year 6

Our Primary College is a safe and stimulating place separate to our Secondary Campus, allowing the building blocks of early learning to be laid. The environment is warm and nurturing, balanced with a structured, enriched and exciting curriculum. We foster our student's development with the utmost of care.

Students engage in the building blocks of learning - literacy, numeracy and critical thinking. Diverse extra-curricular subjects are covered including, Art, Music, Physical Education, Information Technology, Christian Life Skills, and Speech and Drama. Upper Primary students have exposure to diversified challenges and experiences through Year Level Camps, Chapels and extra-curricular activities. This environment prepares and supports our Primary College students to develop in preparation for Secondary College.

Junior Secondary College Year 7 - 10

Our Secondary College addresses the needs of young adolescents by providing the foundation to individual pathways that maintain a balance between academic rigor, discipleship, Christian character, identifying and fostering individual skills, talents and personal development.

Calvary Christian College is dedicated to implementing the Australian Curriculum with core subjects: Mathematics, English, Health and Physical Education, History and Science. Offered alongside of these core subjects are electives including Agricultural Studies, Art, Business Studies, Drama, Home Economics (Cooking), Information Technology, Manual Arts (Metalwork and Woodwork), Media and Design, and Music.

Senior Secondary College Year 11 - 12

Our Senior College is a dynamic, fulfilling and supportive environment that prepares our students for life beyond school. Our goal is to graduate students who possess leadership skills, take personal responsibility for learning, and are empowered and equipped to make a difference in their world.

This is achieved through a wide selection of subjects that are academic, creative and practical. Students may choose, with guidance, a number of future pathways.

Subject offerings include subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Drama, English, Furnishing Studies, Marine and Aquatic Practices, Mathematics, Modern History, Music, Physics, and Visual Art.

Students also have opportunity to choose an alternate pathway which may involve TAFE or a School-Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship.

I have excellent opportunities to develop my creativity

We believe in fostering creativity

We celebrate individuality and creativity and encourage students to engage in developing their skills and talents. We have purpose built facilities, and specially trained teachers and staff to aid our students learning and developing in a variety of areas.

Students at Calvary Christian College are given the opportunity to develop creative works in Art, Drama, Music and Manual Arts (both Metalwork and Woodwork) Classes. Our Special Speech and Co-Curricular activities enable students to engage in pursuits beyond the classroom – inviting them to discover gifts which may become lifelong areas of interest.

Our annual musical productions/showcase evenings, Stage Bands and weekly Chapels allow students to practice their performance skills, develop stage confidence and discover the joys of being part of a team. Annual events such as our Spring Fair and Information Evenings give parents and friends the opportunity to enjoy works produced by our students and share in the creative process.

We believe in fostering physical ability

We have many talented sports people at Calvary Christian College and pride ourselves on providing an environment where students can learn necessary skills and develop their sporting potential.

Physical Education is an important part of the curriculum at Calvary and all students are encouraged to participate. Each year the entire College participates in Inter-House Athletics Carnivals, Swimming Carnivals and Cross-Country Competitions. In addition, the students also have the option of engaging in various College teams and at Inter-School competitions.

Calvary also provides students, both Primary and Secondary, opportunities to participate in social sport during their break times. Sport is an excellent way for students to not only develop physically and maintain a healthy lifestyle, but also to learn the values of excellence, perseverance and goodness as they compete with each other. Our Basketball Courts, Volleyball Courts and large ovals allow us to introduce students to a wide variety of sporting activities.

We believe in a quality learning environment

At Calvary we believe that the learning journey of every student can be an exciting, challenging and rewarding. Our College provides an environment which is safe and caring, a place where students can feel free to explore their God-given potential. Calvary's environment encourages our students to make good choices about their curriculum endeavours and social interactions.

We also provide a place where, when students don't always get it right, they are encouraged to make positive life changes. At the heart of every learning journey is the relationship between teacher and student. This single factor has an incredible impact on the quality of teaching and learning that occurs at our College. Our quality onsite facilities which include a multi-million dollar Library, a 150 seat Auditorium/Lecture Theatre, multiple ovals, Beach Volleyball Courts, Science and IT Labs provide a structure for great teaching and learning to occur.

We believe in community

Calvary Christian College was founded with a strong sense of community. The most important aspect of this College is relationships - students (past and present), parents and staff. Community is established through communication and doing College life together. Other ways community is established is through:

International Students

Calvary College has enjoyed a long association with international students and recognises the valuable contribution these students make. The College is richer because of the different cultures represented in our College community. International students are supported and encouraged by an International Student Registrar, the Chaplaincy Team and our ESL Coordinators.

ABV Care

After School, Before School and Vacation Care is provided through ABV Care which is located on the College Campus. ABV Care Staff are committed to providing an excellent service of care and supervision in order to support the busy lifestyles of our College families.

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