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CHRISTIAN COLLEGE





Welcome

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Calvary Christian College. When it comes to your child's education, our goal is the same as yours - to see your child become all they can be.

Recently, we celebrated over four decades in education as one of Townsville's leading Christian schools.

As we mark this great milestone, it's important to reflect on what we've achieved since first opening in 1978 with just 52 students.

Now a school of over 900, Calvary Christian College is an outstanding facility featuring a multimillion dollar Sports Centre, fantastic Library and Technology Centre and a 10-acre Agricultural Centre.

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 education system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches students 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 seeing you at Calvary Christian College.

Stephen Downes

PRINCIPAL



Values

Calvary Christian College has five key values which guide everything we do. We seek to inculcate these values in every student at the College.

The five key values come from Jesus' commendation to the wise stewards in Matthew 25:21 – "Well done, good and faithful servant".

WE VALUE EXCELLENCE ("WELL")

We encourage students to achieve higher levels by continually doing the very best they can with God's help – "They said of Jesus: 'He does all things well' " (Mark 7:37).

WE VALUE PERSISTENCE ("DONE")

We encourage students to develop the resilience and confidence to overcome challenges – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13).

WE VALUE HUMILITY ("GOOD")

We encourage students to respect and value others – "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:6).

WE VALUE FAITH ("FAITHFUL")

We encourage students to develop obedience to God's Word and trust in His faithfulness – "The just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:17).

WE VALUE GENEROSITY ("SERVANT")

We encourage students to see their gifts and talents as opportunities to glorify God as they serve others – "A generous man devises generous things and by generosity he shall stand." (Isaiah 32:8).



Vision & Mission

VISION

Our vision is to graduate young people of strong Christian character who will become an influence for good in their world.

Calvary Christian College is known for the high calibre of its graduates. It is our goal to equip and empower young people through faith in Christ to go on to make a positive contribution to the world in which they live.

MISSION

Our mission is to provide excellent opportunities for young people to develop Christian character and grow to their full potential intellectually, physically, spiritually and socially.

Luke 2:52 “and Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.”

Calvary Christian College is continually expanding and launching new initiatives that provide an excellent environment in which young people can succeed by finding and pursuing God’s unique purpose for their life.



Culture

SCHOOL LIFE

At Calvary Christian College we are committed to equipping and empowering our students to be emotionally, physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually resilient in preparation for the real world.

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.

Our students learn the importance of respect and the power of confidence through the opportunity to engage in a range of extra curricular activities such as camps, sports 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 encourage our students to honour commitments, stand firm on their beliefs and become an influence for good in their world.

PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

Our College delivers a culture of support and connection. Every Calvary Team Member is part of our Pastoral Care network.

We have a dedicated Pastoral Care Team made up of Chaplains and a Student Welfare Officer. The team oversees the range of support programs offered to students and works closely with the Principal and teaching staff to develop and maintain a positive and encouraging College environment.



ELC

Early childhood is filled with enjoyment, wonder and learning. It's a special time for children to be themselves and make meaning out of their world through connections, interactions and experiences. Our Early Learning Centre (ELC) is complete with fun and discovery where children are free to do what they love to do – play, laugh and learn!

We believe that a child's sense of wellbeing has a significant impact on their early learning journey. Children thrive in a safe, warm and enriching environment. Our ELC provides this and more, making the transition from home to care exciting and enjoyable for both children and parents.

Our Centre boasts three spacious rooms overflowing with laughter, learning and friendships – Junior Kindy (two years), Pre-Kindy (three years on or before June 30 in the current year) and Kindergarten (four years on or before June 30 in the current year) aged children. In these rooms the children are free to be themselves in a safe and secure environment.

Kindergarten children are provided with additional opportunities to assist with a comfortable and natural transition to Prep. This includes participation in specialist lessons such as Music, Health and Physical Education and access to the College Library. Our educators work closely with the Prep team to ensure each child feels prepared and supported for their entry into the Primary College campus.

Calvary Christian Early Learning Centre is a fully licensed and accredited Childcare Service with the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) available for all eligible families. The Centre is currently using the QSA Kindergarten Learning Guideline to inform our practice. This document has been derived from The Early Years Learning Framework, a new National initiative for all Childcare Centres across Australia.





Primary

The Primary College is a warm, supportive and Christian environment that fosters genuine relationships between students, parents and staff. We are committed to helping our students in their understanding of God's world, and equipping and empowering them to make positive contributions to the world around them.

We aim to provide a balanced curriculum from Prep through to Grade 6. Our programs are based on the National Curriculum and are embedded with a Christian World View. They have been developed specifically to provide a solid foundation for learning in the latter years of schooling.

An important part of the Primary College is our two transition programs - Ignite and Unite. These programs have been designed to enhance the beginning and the end of a child's learning journey in the Primary College.

Ignite assists Kindergarten students and their families with the transition from the Early Learning Centre to the Primary College. The program provides a great level of support to students to ensure they feel comfortable and confident with their entry into Prep.

Our Unite Program has been specifically designed for Year 6 students with the aim to prepare and equip them with the tools and knowledge for a smooth transition into the Secondary College in Year 7. Unite offers students the opportunity to participate in high school based activities to give them a taste of what is to come in their Secondary journey.

All of our Primary College students are supported by a team of dedicated and compassionate teachers that cater for a wide range of learning opportunities to enable students to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways.



Subjects

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ENGLISH

The English program delivers explicit and balanced instruction in reading, spelling, writing, listening and speaking effectively.

MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics program provides learning in the key mathematical standards of number, space, measurement, chance and data, working mathematically and structure.

SCIENCE

The Science program enables students to gain a global dimension to their learning and informs students how to continue to be better stewards of the resources God has provided.

LITERACY

Literacy lessons focus on developing an enjoyment for reading and understanding (comprehension) and how this can be applied outside the classroom setting.

THE ARTS

The Arts program incorporates Music, Dance and Drama. Students are able to respond and discover learning in a creative way through self-expression.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The HPE program develops basic physical fitness, skills and techniques. Each student has the opportunity to be involved in activities at their appropriate level and to experience success.



Curriculum

PRIMARY COLLEGE

The Primary College curriculum is structured and delivered to each specific year level. The year levels are then grouped into four main areas - Prep, Area 12 (Years 1-2), Area 34 (Years 3-4) and Area 56 (Year 5-6). These areas reflect the current structure of the Australian National Curriculum.

In the Prep area and Area 12 a solid foundation is laid with skills and proficiency in literacy and numeracy as a significant focus. Area 34 further builds on this, growing students' capacity for independent and inquiry based learning. As a culmination of the Primary Years, students in Area 56 are able to take the learning journey to the next step, where our matrix programs provide authentic and rich content and students become deeply engaged with their local and global communities.

Each area implements an integrated unit or matrix program. These have a literacy focus and draw on concepts from either Geography, History, Science, The Arts or Technologies. They have a common theme and align with the academic content and standards of the Australian National Curriculum. It also considers the students' needs and interests and promotes an inquiry/project approach for both the individual or groups of students providing opportunities for students to work individually or collaboratively as a team.



Extra-curricular

PRIMARY COLLEGE

CREATIVE ARTS TUTORING PROGRAM

In addition to classroom experiences in Drama, Music and Visual Art, the College facilitates an extensive extra-curricular Creative Arts Tutoring Program. The program provides students with the opportunity to further explore and develop their creative interests and talents.

A range of group and individual lessons are available from Prep to Year 6 for dance, instrumental (piano, guitar, strings, wind, brass, percussion), voice and speech. These lessons are offered before, during and after school pending the availability of tutors.

CHOIR

Year 4, 5 and 6 students are offered a position in the choir. The choir sings at our weekly Assemblies and Chapels, as well as other College events and the annual Eisteddfod.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Throughout Year 5 and 6, teachers work closely with the students to help develop their leadership skills. Specific students are selected to run programs for the entire student body encouraging participation and a sense of belonging.

MISSIONS PROGRAMS

Our Missions programs are designed to demonstrate compassion and develop an understanding of the servant heart of Christ towards others. The programs encourage students to look outward beyond themselves whether it be in their own backyard, their community or the wider world around them.





Secondary

The Secondary College is a dynamic, fulfilling and supportive environment that assists your child with their journey to adulthood. This is an exciting yet challenging time, where structure and boundaries infiltrated with sound moral and spiritual guidance are of the utmost importance to allow your child to develop a strong value system and foundation for their future.

The transition to the Secondary College can be daunting for some students. We aim to make this process as smooth and enjoyable as possible by providing a nurturing environment in which they can develop their interests and passions. We offer a varied curriculum in accordance with Australian and Queensland requirements and standards which supports students as they embark on individual pathways towards successful graduation. Students have the opportunity to participate in a range of subjects in addition to a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

During Year 7 and 8, students will participate in a range of both core and exploratory subjects. This provides students with the opportunity to experience a wide variety of learning areas and develop their future interests.

In Year 9 and 10, students are looking ahead to their futures and preparing themselves to make some very important choices. Students in these year levels will study a range of core, elective and school-based subjects with the opportunity to personally choose two of those subjects. Students are excited to trial different subjects throughout this phase which eventually leads to their subject decisions in their senior years. Teachers provide guidance with subject selection and work with students to identify their strengths and interests as well as preparation through prerequisite subjects.

Students in Year 11 and 12 are considering their prospects with regard to further education or transition into the workforce. Senior students have the opportunity to choose a specialised pathway which will direct them towards their goal beyond graduation.



Subjects

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CORE SUBJECTS

Our students participate in a range of core subjects that must be completed by every student. These subjects include English and Mathematics for all year levels, History, HPE and Science for students in Year 7-10 and SOSE for students in Year 7-8. All of these subjects are developed and delivered in line with the requirements of the Australian Curriculum.

EXPLORATORY SUBJECTS

Students in Year 7-8 have the opportunity to trial a range of subjects that are offered as electives later on in their educational journey. Students rotate through these subjects each term so that by the end of Year 8 they have experienced eight or nine different options to assist them in making informed decisions as they enter Year 9. Exploratory Subjects include (but not limited to) Agricultural Studies, Design Technology, Food Technology, Drama, Music and Visual Art.

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

Once students enter Year 9 they can begin to specialise by choosing two elective subjects. Examples of elective subjects on offer in Year 9-10 include (but not limited to) Agricultural Studies, Business and Economics, Design Technology, Food Technology, Drama, Media Arts, Music, Netball Excellence and Visual Art.

Students in Year 11-12 are able then to specialise in more subjects by choosing four elective subjects. Examples of elective subjects on offer in Year 11-12 include (but not limited to) Ancient History, Aquatic Practices, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Drama, Furnishing Skills, Music, Physical Education and Physics.



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SCHOOL-BASED SUBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

All students in the Secondary College have opportunity to participate in a range of school-based subjects and activities. These include Christian Living and Pastoral Care lessons, weekly Sport/Co-Curricular, and fortnightly Assembly and Chapel.

Students in Year 11-12 also participate in a Skills lesson each week which focuses on developing capabilities necessary for ongoing study and for life beyond the College.



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MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS AND CALVARY SHOWCASE

Secondary students are given the opportunity to develop their creative flair through involvement in the delivery of a major stage production. The College alternates annually between a Musical or Showcase performance providing students with a range of outlets to further develop their skills in acting, singing, set and prop design, make-up, sound and lighting production, stage crew, and digital media.

CHAPEL BAND

The Chapel Band in the Secondary College offers another creative arts outlet for our students – combined with ministry. Students are invited to join our Chapel Band as part of the worship team or production. The Chapel Band rehearses after school one day each week and are integral in assisting our Chaplains with our fortnightly Chapel services. The Chapel Band may also have opportunity to perform throughout the year at some of the College's big events such as ANZAC Day Assembly, Spring Fair and Awards Celebration.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SECONDARY COLLEGE

BLOCK SPORT

Secondary College students have the opportunity to participate in Block Sport – inter-school sport as organised across Townsville. Students choosing to be involved will have a chance for practices during normal Sport/Co-Curricular lessons throughout the week, with all games taking place outside of school hours. Some of the sports that Calvary has been involved in include AFL, Basketball, Football, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Touch and Volleyball.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain Biking is offered as an elective in the Secondary Sport/Co-Curricular Program. We have our own fleet of Merida Big 9 mountain bikes which cater to a wide range of interest and ability levels. Students are excited to be part of this program which connects them to the positive culture of Townsville mountain biking and its great natural resources. We create opportunities for our students to participate in interschool competitions for both adventure and mountain bike racing.

SCUBA

Scuba is another exciting extra-curricular opportunity on offer at Calvary for an additional cost. Scuba lessons are undertaken during the normal timetabled Sport/Co-Curricular lesson each week. The course involves three components – theory, pool and open water dives. Open water dives are usually completed at Magnetic Island on weekends throughout the year. Students will need to attend two of these open water dives in order to complete the course. The course offered is PADI accredited - meaning students will attain a qualification upon completion.

VOICES

Voices is a wonderful creative arts extra-curricular opportunity available to all students in the Secondary College. It combines the very best of singing and dancing giving students the experience of being a part of a modern day choir. The group rehearses during lunch times and has the opportunity to perform at some of the College's big events such as Showcase, Spring Fair and Awards Celebration.





Facilities

Here at Calvary we pride ourselves in providing the highest quality onsite facilities to excel our students' learning experiences. These facilities include a multimillion dollar Sports Centre, a multimillion dollar Library incorporating a 150 seat Lecture Theatre, a state-of-the-art Industrial Technology Centre, multiple ovals and a 10-acre Agricultural Centre.

SPORTS CENTRE

Sports and physical education is an important part of the curriculum at Calvary. Our Health and Physical Education Department provides a supportive environment where students can learn the necessary skills to further develop their sporting interests and abilities.

Our impressive Sports Centre allows the facilitation of an extensive Physical Education Program. Featuring a range of high quality multi-purpose courts including, two basketball, two netball, three volleyball and eight badminton, the Sports Centre also provides a place for social sports and after school competitions.

In addition, the College participates in Inter-House Athletic Carnivals, Swimming Carnivals and Cross-Country competitions. Students have the opportunity to engage in various College teams and at inter-school competitions.

We believe that sport is an excellent way for students to not only develop physically but maintain a healthy lifestyle and learn values of excellence, perseverance and goodness as they compete with one another.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

AGRICULTURE CENTRE

Calvary Christian College is proud to be home of Townsville's leading school Agriculture Centre. Situated on 10 acres of land, our school grounds house a small herd of cattle, goats and chickens. Agricultural subjects are offered to Secondary students providing a hands on experience to explore and learn the knowledge and practical skills valued in agricultural workplaces and other settings.

LIBRARY

Our modern multimillion dollar Library provides a welcoming and calm space for students to be inspired on their learning journey. The facility offers a variety of spaces catering to individuals, small groups and larger class groups.

The 150 seat lecture theatre takes this library to the next level, along with the high tech computer labs. The Library really is a space for great teaching and learning to occur.

BUS SERVICE

Calvary Christian College operates its own private bus service for use by students travelling to and from school. The bus service is also used for other College related activities such as excursions.

THE CARTLEDGE LIBRARY

"The true wisdom of man consists in the knowledge of God
our Creator and Redeemer"— John Calvin (1509–1564)





History

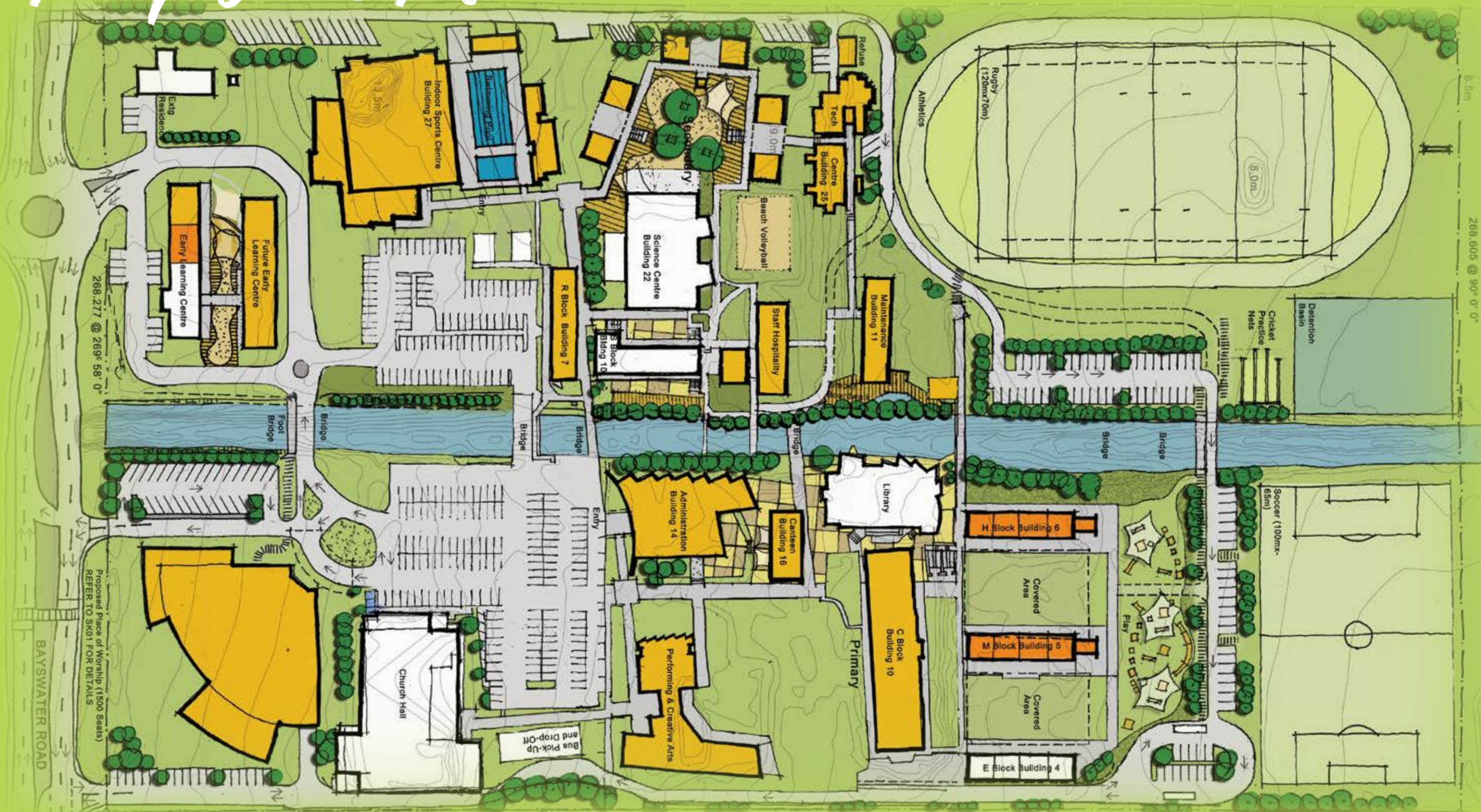
Calvary Christian College emanated from a vision to build a school with Christian values as the foundation of all learning. With just three teachers and 52 students, the school first opened its doors on January 31, 1978 in the Church Hall on Sturt Street.

The congregation members of Calvary Temple Assembly of God (now Calvary Christian Church) were the manpower behind getting the College up and running, sewing uniforms, building desks and preparing facilities.

The last four decades has seen the College grow from strength to strength. Now situated on a spacious 60-acre site along Bayswater Road, Calvary Christian College is home to over 900 students from the Early Learning Centre through to Year 12.

The growth of the College continues on today, with plans for the expansion and development of a number of new facilities just around the corner. First on the list is a brand new, modern Performing and Creative Arts Centre featuring a large theory and practice room, a large multipurpose room, two ensemble and six practice rooms.

Proposed Plan



*Proposed plan subject to change.

Existing Buildings
 Proposed Buildings
 Existing Buildings for Renovation



Faith

As a College we believe that being a faithful person contributes richly to our students' lives. We are committed to graduating not only minds full of knowledge, but 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 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.

CHAPEL

Chapel provides students with the opportunity to hear from a variety of Pastors and speakers who present upbeat biblical messages relevant to their lives. Students are encouraged to be involved in the production of Chapel through participation in either the Chapel Band or Production Team. Chapel also provides a link for students to connect with Calvary Christian Church and the Elevate Youth Team.



Enrolment

READY TO ENROL

Simply complete an application for enrolment form for each child you wish to enrol at the College and return to the College Registrar with the following information:

- Application fee (\$100 per family - non refundable).
- Copy of most recent school reports.
- Copy of most recent NAPLAN results.
- Copy of birth certificate.
- Copy of immunisation records.
- Copy of any specialist reports (if applicable).
- Copies of formal Court Orders or informal Separation Agreements (if applicable).
- Copy of Visa (if applicable).

NEXT STEPS

Once you have returned all relevant information to the College your application will be submitted to the Principal for approval to proceed to the interview stage.

If your application is progressed to the interview stage you and your child/ children will be invited to attend an interview with the Principal.

Following the interview process, you will be formally advised as to whether your application was successful or unsuccessful.

If a place is not available, your child's name will be held on a waiting list until we are informed otherwise.

More

OPENING HOURS

8.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Thursday
8.00am - 3.30pm Friday

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