

**NBCS**   
NORTHERN BEACHES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Love Learning*

# Discover *Love Learning*

PROSPECTUS  
PRE-K TO YEAR 12



“We want our students to **face the future** with **confidence** not only because they are learners, but because they **love learning.**”

Tim Watson  
NBCS Principal



# Strong foundations, future possibilities

In a rapidly changing world, the most powerful thing a young person can be is a learner. When students know how to learn, they're equipped for life. Whatever lies ahead, they can face the unknown, step into the future with confidence, and make a meaningful contribution to the world.

Our aim is to develop a culture that brings out the best in our students – in their learning, in their character, in the opportunities they take, in the friendships they make, and in understanding the message of the God who loves them.

We are delighted to know that you are considering becoming part of the NBCS community. We look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Tim Watson  
NBCS Principal

## SPACE TO THRIVE

Nestled on the edge of bushland, Northern Beaches Christian School is an independent co-educational school from Pre-K to Year 12 that supports and encourages learning, growth, wellbeing, connection and belonging, within a Christian community.

Over 45 years ago, our founders had a vision to build an exceptional school in Sydney's Northern Beaches that would provide a quality Christian education within a safe and nurturing community. Today, our School continues that vision, supporting and encouraging students to develop both a hope for the future and a lifelong love of learning.



“WE WERE LOOKING FOR A WELL-ROUNDED SCHOOL THAT WOULD MAKE OUR CHILDREN FEEL LOVED AND VALUED AND SAFE. WE REALLY FELT LIKE WE HIT THE JACKPOT WHEN WE MOVED TO NBCS.”

NBCS Parent



# A vision to Love Learning

At Northern Beaches Christian School everything we do is designed to inspire our students to Love Learning.

We bring the very best in evidence-informed teaching and learning to every classroom to increase the achievements and growth of each student. We have high expectations and encourage students to give their best, because when quality teaching and genuine effort combine in a supportive culture, success follows.

We celebrate our students' progress and achievements, striving to build a positive learning culture that values academic success while giving students a sense of belonging and connection, and equipping them with the character and skills to prepare them for the adventure of life beyond school.

Motivated by God's love, we are intentional about nurturing and growing young people who will make a positive impact on Australian society as its future leaders.



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**“NBCS HAS BEEN LIFE-CHANGING FOR OUR CHILD. IT’S GOING TO SET HIM ON A TRAJECTORY OF SELF-LOVE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE THAT WE HOPE WILL CARRY HIM THROUGH HIS WHOLE LIFE.”**

NBCS Parent

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# Our learning journey

## Primary

## Secondary

### PRE-K

#### NURTURING CURIOSITY AND A SENSE OF BELONGING

Our three-day Pre-Kindergarten early learning and school readiness program for four- and five-year-olds provides a nurturing, play-based environment that develops the skills and confidence children need to love learning.

#### CURRICULUM PRE-K

Pre-K combines the best of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the NSW Early Stage 1 Curriculum. Children enjoy play-based exploration, guided activities, a bush kindy program, and specialist teachers for Music, PE, French and Creative Arts.



### KINDY TO YEAR 6

#### WELL-KNOWN, WELL-LOVED AND WELL-TAUGHT

From Kindy to Year 6, our students develop strong foundations and a love of learning that equips them for a life of growth and challenge. They are encouraged to discover their passions, deepen their understanding and grow in curiosity about the world around them.

#### CURRICULUM KINDY TO YEAR 6

Our Key Learning Areas follow the NESA Curriculum and include English, Mathematics, PDHPE, HSIE, Science and Technology, Music, Creative Arts and French. Specialist teachers deliver PE, Music, Creative Arts and French lessons.

From Year 1, all students participate in the Primary Instrumental Program, with small group lessons and ensembles for violin or cello in Stage 1, expanding to brass and woodwind in Stage 2.

### YEARS 7 TO 12

#### OPENING UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Building on the excellent foundation laid in Primary, our Secondary students discover new learning opportunities through the wide range of subjects, co-curricular choices, and personal development opportunities on offer.

#### CURRICULUM YEARS 7 TO 12

In Secondary, students undertake core NESA subjects with an increasing array of electives offered from Year 8. In Years 11 and 12, students choose from a broad range of HSC elective courses and also have the option to take TVET subjects through TAFE and additional language courses through the NSW School of Languages.

“AT NBCS THERE IS A GENUINE PASSION FOR THE CHILDREN, AND FOR LEARNING. AND THERE’S A WARMTH AND AN ENTHUSIASM THAT COMES FROM EVERYONE YOU INTERACT WITH THAT’S GENUINE.”

NBCS Parent



Scan to view list of elective subjects offered



Scan to see latest HSC results

# A welcoming Christian School



NBCS is a Christian school that warmly welcomes all families.

We understand that every child, parent and staff member is on their own faith journey, and we strive to walk alongside all members of our community.

The Christian faith provides a framework for our community, shaping our values and culture and providing a deep sense of belonging, worth and purpose that allows students to flourish, grow and serve, whilst giving them space to explore faith and life's big questions. Our hope is that when students leave our School, they understand the Christian message and leave with open hearts.

We appoint and nurture quality Christian staff with a commitment to excellence in learning.

Primary and Secondary Chapel and Christian Studies classes, mentor time and service projects are opportunities to come together to explore and express faith and discover what Christianity in Action means for us as a community.

## WHOLE SCHOOL SERVICE PROGRAMS

At NBCS, we recognise and are grateful for the many blessings our community enjoys. As a Christian school, we aim to respond with generosity to others. From Pre-K to Year 12, our students regularly take part in both long-term and one-off service experiences that teach and demonstrate our school value of Compassion.



**"NBCS' STRONG SENSE  
OF COMMUNITY AND  
CHRISTIAN VALUES  
HAVE TAUGHT ME  
THE IMPORTANCE OF  
KINDNESS, RESILIENCE  
AND SERVING OTHERS."**

NBCS Student





# Exceptional staff make exceptional schools

“THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF VERY SUPPORTIVE TEACHERS, AND I THINK THEY’VE ALMOST BECOME AN EXTENSION OF OUR FAMILY. I DON’T THINK THERE’S A HIGHER ACCOLADE THAN THAT.”

NBCS Parent

We know that students learn best when they connect with their teachers. Our dedicated, passionate teachers prioritise building positive relationships with students, to encourage and enhance their learning, resilience and independence.

Through intentional professional development, and the delivery of best practice teaching and learning, we ensure all our teachers build their capacity to create and maintain a strong learning culture that improves outcomes for students.

## A SEAMLESS JOURNEY FROM PRE-K TO YEAR 12

Starting early at NBCS prepares children for the journey ahead. Familiar surroundings, shared learning spaces, and building connections with older students makes the transition to Secondary school an exciting adventure. Your confident, secure child can pour their passions and energies into learning and embracing every experience.



“WHEN I DROP THE GIRLS OFF IN THE MORNING, I LOVE THAT FEELING OF KNOWING THAT MY CHILD IS SO WELL KNOWN AND SO WELL CARED FOR. IT’S LITERALLY THE BEST FEELING IN THE WORLD AS A PARENT.”

NBCS Parent

# Nurturing and equipping students for life

At NBCS, we start from the belief that every student has God-given potential and worth, and are committed to supporting the wellbeing and positive behaviour of our students.

Our goal is for every student to grow in social and emotional maturity, be grounded in values that enable them to thrive, develop resilient and adaptive responses to life's challenges, and actively seek opportunities to serve the community.

## A CULTURE OF BELONGING

Our values help shape a community in which students have a sense of belonging and feel known and supported. We place great importance on fostering positive student-teacher relationships and working with families and support networks to ensure each student gets the care and support they need to stay connected and engaged.

## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Our wellbeing programs support students to develop self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making, helping them build character, healthy relationships and a love of learning.

In Primary, our embedded Friendology program explicitly teaches friendship and communication skills, equipping students to build positive and supportive relationships.

In Secondary, every student belongs to a small mentor group that provides a consistent space for connection, encouragement and friendship throughout their school journey. These groups follow the structured Wellbeing Framework, which is designed to support students to develop a positive approach to learning and life.

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**“WHAT REALLY SET NBCS APART FOR US WAS THEIR APPROACH TO THE WHOLE CHILD. THE FRIENDOLOGY PROGRAM WAS ONE THING THAT STOOD OUT. UNDERSTANDING FRIENDSHIPS AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS SETS YOU UP FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE.”**

NBCS Parent

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“WE’VE SEEN OUR CHILDREN GROW IN CHARACTER IMMENSELY SINCE THEIR TIME AT SCHOOL, BEING GUIDED AND SUPPORTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTIONS.”

NBCS Parent



# Confident, capable graduates

NBCS graduates are resilient, well-rounded, capable young people who are ready to make a difference in the world.

From their very first years at school, we seek to equip them with Values, Effort, Learning, Character, Relationships and Opportunities (VELCRO) so they can contribute, thrive and serve in their community and their post-school world.

“BEING A STUDENT AT NBCS HAS TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSEVERANCE, COMMUNITY, AND PERSONAL GROWTH. I’VE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO CHALLENGE MYSELF, TAKE INITIATIVE, AND REFLECT ON WHO I AM BECOMING AS I LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE.”

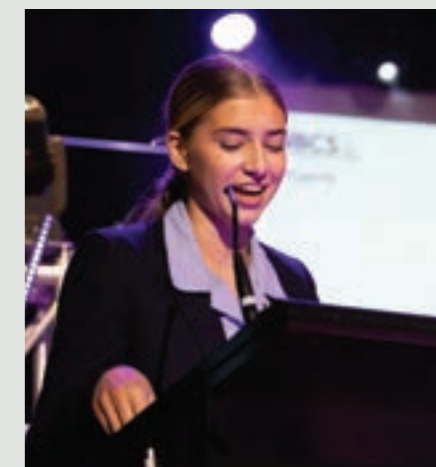
NBCS Year 12 Student

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A strong leadership program begins in Primary, where 48 student leaders form the Primary Parliament, ensuring student voice plays an active role in school life and decision-making.

There are a wide range of opportunities for Secondary students to become involved in service and leadership, including responsibilities within mentor groups and year group fundraisers.

In Year 12, students can apply to join the leadership team as School Captains or Prefects, with those selected entrusted with portfolios across Academic, Co-curricular, Service, Sport, House, CRU, Media and Production, and Wellbeing.



Scan to read reflections from our recent graduates

# Our Vision

# Our Mission

## LOVE LEARNING

The focus of our love determines who we are and who we become. Working with families, NBCS aims to shape the loves of its students – love of learning, love of others and love of God.

With an emphasis on formation, transformation, and information, we are intent on helping to shape the whole person. When students love learning, they make the most of opportunities, they give their best, and they flourish, even in the face of the challenges that may come their way.

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION

We trust our students will pursue wisdom and develop character within a supportive Christian community. Our aim is for students to explore and extend their potential in healthy and productive ways.

We want our students to know that they are loved by God and by the community around them. We celebrate with them in their successes and support them in their challenges.

# Love Learning

# Our Values



GRATITUDE



RESPECT



COURAGE



COMPASSION



COMMITMENT

Our values reflect who we are. In community, we teach them and seek to live them out. They guide our strategy and our decision making.

BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU.

Ephesians 4:32

“I WAS REALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE SCHOOL FROM THE MOMENT WE WALKED IN. THERE WAS A SENSE OF BEING AWAY FROM THE BIG CITY AND SEEING A SENSE OF SPACE.”

NBCS Parent

# World class educational campus

A 'hidden gem' on the Northern Beaches, our campus brings a bold vision to life through inspiring, purpose-built spaces designed to support meaningful learning and connection.

Students and staff have the privilege of learning in multi-award-winning, architecturally designed spaces. Light-filled facilities and lush gardens exist alongside bespoke learning spaces, including a new three-storey STEM centre, state-of-the-art performance hall, a stunning library, the 'Manhattan' senior study area, and the 'City', the vibrant centre of the School complete with a modern café.

## LIGHT-FILLED, SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Our commitment to sustainability is shown through a sequence of multi-level pavilion buildings beneath a spectacular 3,000 sqm intelligent 'living' structure, which harvests rainwater and reuses it for garden irrigation. A rooftop solar system supplies most of the school's daytime power needs, and a sophisticated Building Management System reduces our environmental footprint.



# Co-curricular opportunities

When students take part in activities they love, they build strong connections with friends and teachers, develop creativity, passion and leadership, and create shared memories that last a lifetime.

At NBCS, we cultivate a vibrant school culture where every student can discover something they're passionate about, inside or outside the classroom. From Kindy through to Year 12, around 900 Northern Beaches Christian School students take part in at least one of the 50 co-curricular activities offered every week.

From art, music, dance, drama and debating, to sport, service, outdoor adventure, media and technology, global tours and our annual Broadway musical, NBCS students have every chance to discover new interests, grow their God-given talents and develop confidence as lifelong learners and participants.

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**“OVER THE YEARS, I’VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BEYOND MY YEAR GROUP THROUGH CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP ROLES, AND SHARED EXPERIENCES. THESE OPPORTUNITIES HAVE ALLOWED ME TO FORM STRONG BONDS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF STUDENTS ACROSS THE SCHOOL.”**

NBCS Student

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## SPORT

FOSTERING SPORTSMANSHIP AND SKILL

## PERFORMING ARTS

CREATIVE, CONFIDENT PERFORMERS

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT AND CLUBS

EXPLORE AND ENRICH YOUR INTERESTS

## LOCAL AND GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

# Fostering sportsmanship and skill



NBCS offers a comprehensive program of sporting opportunities and pathways for students of every ability through to elite level. Our weekly timetabled sports activities are complemented by an extensive program of optional sporting opportunities that take place before and after school. Representative sports teams also play interschool competitions during the school day, leaving weekends free for family and community participation.

## REPRESENTATIVE PATHWAYS

NBCS is a member of the Christian Schools Sports Association (CSSA), which includes more than 80 NSW schools, allowing students to progress to Zone and State level. The School enters teams in CSSA Zone and State Gala sports days across more than a dozen sports and also participates in the Peninsula Cup competitions on the Northern Beaches.

## ELITE ATHLETES

Students can advance to state and national level competitions, both individually or via team selection, through the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) pathway.

Talented athletes wishing to pursue representative sport outside school are supported with individual and flexible learning arrangements to ensure they maintain a healthy balance between their sporting and academic commitments.



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**“AT NBCS THE KIDS  
HAVE DISCOVERED  
PASSIONS AND  
TALENTS THEY DIDN'T  
KNOW THEY HAD.”**

NBCS Parent

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# Creative, confident performers

“IT’S BEEN THE BEST DECISION I’VE MADE TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS, AND I COULDN’T BE HAPPIER. I SAW THE PERFORMING ARTS ELEMENTS THE SCHOOL HAD TO OFFER AND THE AMAZING MUSICALS, SO I MADE THE CHANGE FOR THE SENIOR YEARS.”

NBCS Student

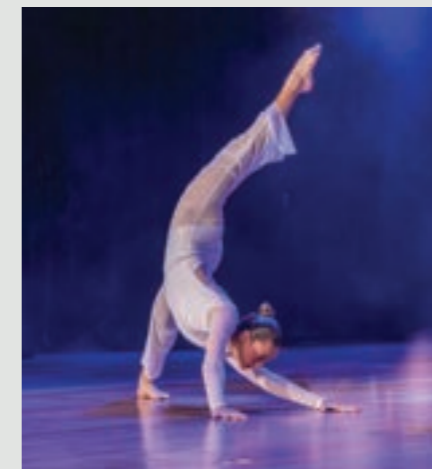
NBCS Performing and Creative Arts activities provide students with opportunities to build character and confidence and contribute meaningfully to their community.

## ANNUAL MUSICAL

Our annual, full-production Broadway musical is the highlight of the year for many students, who participate under the guidance of an industry professional director and choreographer, along with an outstanding and experienced creative team. Secondary students may join the musical as performers, musicians, technicians, costume designers or choreographers.

## MUSIC

NBCS is known for its strong music foundation, wide-ranging opportunities and state-of-the-art facilities. A great breadth of ensembles perform all music genres at recitals, lunchtime concerts, external competitions, music camps and workshop days. Private music tuition is offered and fully equipped music studios allow students to take ownership of the whole music process.

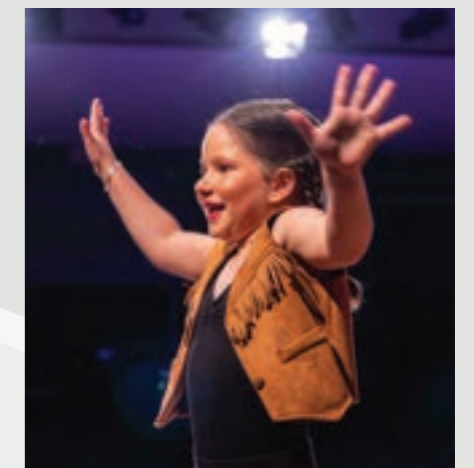


## DANCE

Embark on a vibrant dance journey at NBCS. This exciting co-curricular program promotes teamwork and a love of movement. Our recreational classes cater for all levels and teach jazz, hip hop, lyrical and musical theatre dance styles. Three performance teams allow dancers from Years 7 to 12 to participate in dance competitions and eisteddfods throughout the year.

## DRAMA

Our co-curricular theatre sports and drama clubs help students build confidence, enhance self-expression, and improve collaboration skills. These before and after school groups are taught by experienced professionals and provide a range of performance opportunities.



“DRAMA LET ME BE MYSELF AND LET MY IMAGINATION COME TO LIFE.”

NBCS Student

# Explore and enrich your interests



## CREATIVE ARTS

Skills workshops and recreational clubs encouraging creativity are based on student interest and can include drawing, painting, pottery, mixed media projects and jewellery making.

## ACADEMIC AND STEM

Programs such as Tournament of Minds, Ethics Olympiad, Mock Trial, Model United Nations and public speaking and debating clubs allow students to extend critical thinking and analysis and develop philosophical and political thinking. The STEM program evolves and develops with emerging technologies, providing opportunities in coding, robotics, design and engineering and a range of competitions.

## CHRISTIAN GROUPS

Voluntary lunchtime CRU groups are held weekly for students who want to explore the Christian faith further and enjoy activities that celebrate faith and service.



## PRIMARY CLUBS

Supported by staff, Year 6 student leaders run lunchtime clubs for Primary students with activities such as Minecraft games, gardening, dance, Science Fun, and sports games on the oval. Clubs change each term according to student interest and participation.



“THE DIVERSE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES FROM LEADERSHIP ROLES TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HAS HELPED ME DISCOVER MY STRENGTHS AND INTERESTS, PREPARING ME FOR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.”

NBCS Student



# Choose your own adventure

“MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE, EVERY YEAR, IS STUDENT OPPORTUNITY WEEK. THE FACT THAT STUDENTS GET TO CHOOSE A CAMP OR EXPERIENCE TO TAKE PART IN FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK IS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY AND MAKES THE WEEK FEEL PURPOSEFUL AND EXCITING. EACH YEAR, SOW HAS ALLOWED ME TO STEP AWAY FROM THE CLASSROOM AND DIVE INTO SOMETHING NEW.”

NBCS Student



## STUDENT OPPORTUNITY WEEK IN SECONDARY

Our unique, week-long Student Opportunity Week is a 'choose your own adventure' camp program for Secondary students. Year 7 students go on an outdoor adventure camp while students from Years 8 to 11 choose from 18 special-interest programs, which vary each year to cater for student interest, and range from performing arts, cooking, photography, elite surfing, scuba, horse-riding, coding and trekking, through to a reef study tour in North Queensland and Indigenous immersion experiences.

## GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

We offer an extensive range of Global Opportunities that provide unique, memorable and enriching experiences, and extend student learning beyond our borders. Secondary students can take part in curriculum tours for History and STEM, as well as Indigenous immersion and service learning tours, leadership training, and sport tours for netball, surfing, football and basketball.

As the only Australian school invited to send delegates to the annual UNIS-UN Conference held at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, NBCS offers a truly unique international experience to selected Year 11 students.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our Primary annual outdoor education program provides Kindy to Year 6 students with challenging outdoor experiences that develop teamwork, physical skills and confidence, and build on the skills and experiences of the previous year. From Year 3, students begin overnight camps, further strengthening their independence and resilience.

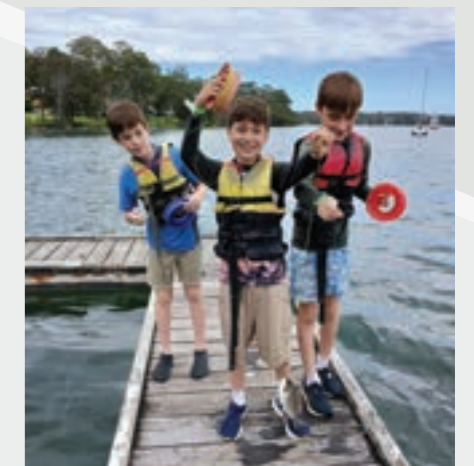
Secondary students can pursue The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.



View the list of amazing SOW experiences



Discover our upcoming Global tours





# Visit our school

Your child's learning journey is a partnership. Parents and carers are invited to connect with teachers, attend NBCS community events and performances, or stop by our excellent campus café for a coffee.

## EASY-TO-REACH LOCATION

Our School is centrally located between the Upper North Shore and Northern Beaches in leafy Terrey Hills. We are an easy 15-to-20-minute drive from most suburbs in the region, with public and private bus transport options servicing an extensive area.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A play-based, on-site, before-and-after school care program is offered by quality independent provider *TheirCare*.



BE LIKE-MINDED,  
BE SYMPATHETIC,  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER,  
BE COMPASSIONATE  
AND HUMBLE.

1 Peter 3:8

## IGNITE YOUR CHILD'S LOVE OF LEARNING

We warmly welcome you to join us on campus for a School Tour. Meet our Principal, Heads of School and Registrar, and ask your questions. You'll see our world-class campus and experience our school in action. We look forward to welcoming you to NBCS.



Book a tour

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