

NBCS 
NORTHERN BEACHES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Love Learning

Prospectus



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Meet our Principal

At NBCS, we love learning. Our hope is that together, as students, families and staff, we can build an enriching school community that supports the learning and growth of our students.

In a rapidly changing world, NBCS students can look ahead with confidence and hope. 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.


Our school's job, in partnership with families, is to enable students to develop creative, truthful and wise answers to the questions of 'Who am I?' and 'How can I be me?' on their journey to adulthood.

We have high expectations of our students. We believe that when they are well-guided and given the right resources, they rise to the challenge.

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.

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Excellence in Education, Christianity in Action

A positive learning culture

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. We strive to build a culture that values academic success, gives students a sense of belonging and connection, and equips them with the character and skills to prepare them for the adventure of life beyond school.



Our Story

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

A vision of excellence

NBCS was established in 1981 by a group of parents with a vision to build an exceptional Christian School on the Northern Beaches. Since the first day when 39 students met together in a rented church hall, the flexibility and faith, creativity and community values of our founders have underpinned the growth of the School. Today, more than 1,200 students inhabit our world-class learning spaces.



Our Vision and Mission

VISION | Love Learning

Through our caring Christian community, we foster a deep sense of belonging that allows our students to flourish, not only in their academic pursuits but also in their personal growth. We strive to develop their character and passions, igniting a lifelong love for learning.

With an emphasis on transformation, not just information, we are intent about shaping the whole person. By the time our students finish school, they should have learned how to learn, how to think, what to do and why to do it. Love Learning is characterised by engaged, resilient students who can make connections with what they are learning, who they are and who they want to become. Their love of learning will see them confidently follow their passions and take hold of the many opportunities on offer at school, doing their personal best in any challenge that comes their way.

MISSION | Excellence in Education, Christianity in Action

At the heart of NBCS is the pursuit of academic excellence, with each individual learning journey shaped by curiosity and a love of discovery, so students can walk into a wide future full of possibilities. Our ability to achieve Excellence in Education is strengthened by the integrity that comes from clearly articulated Christian values put into practice. Our nurturing Christian community imparts a profound sense of worth and purpose to our students and invites them to explore faith and life's big questions.



Our Values



Gratitude

A thankful heart creates a healthier mindset, allowing us to embrace possibilities. Gratitude helps us to be joyful and enables us to celebrate the wins along the way, while keeping our sights on what is ahead with a sense of hope and purpose.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – **1 Chronicles 16:34**



Respect

When we affirm the value of another person, listen to them and consider their needs, we build trust and ultimately a deeper sense of belonging. Respect builds a more resilient, connected community.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." – **Matthew 7:12**



Courage

Grit, determination and perseverance are attributes that enable us to navigate challenges with a sense of resolve and optimism. Courage ensures we come through the other side of these challenges, with a greater depth of character and self-knowledge.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." – **Deuteronomy 31:6**



Compassion

We want to look beyond our own needs and seek opportunities to use our God-given talents and resources to make a difference in the lives of others. Compassion sheds light in dark places, heals hurts and shows the heart of God.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." – **Colossians 3:12**



Commitment

We are willing to work hard and give our best in whatever we do. Commitment is the ability to see things through, to be people of our word, committed, reliable, diligent, and engaged, knowing that effort and application matter.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." – **Colossians 3:23**



A Christian School

Welcoming to all

Recognising and respecting that faith is an individual's choice, NBCS honours and welcomes students and families from a diversity of backgrounds, worldviews, and faith experiences. 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.

Living and sharing the beauty of faith in Jesus

The Christian faith provides a deep framework for our community, shaping our values and culture. We are a community that loves and supports one another, fostering a sense of hope that comes from our trust in a God who graciously loves, rescues and redeems.

Explore and understand

By the time a student leaves NBCS, our hope is that they understand the Christian message of dignity, truth and grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and hope, underpinned by Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

We have regular times in the week that we come together to explore and express faith, and discover what Christianity in Action means for us as a community. These include Primary and Secondary Chapel and Christian Studies classes.

Outstanding Christian teachers who care

Exceptional staff make exceptional schools. We appoint and nurture quality staff who have a commitment to excellence in learning and the Christian faith. 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.





Love Learning at ABCS

PRIMARY | A journey of discovery

Our students are well-known, well-loved and well-taught. Our Kindergarten to Year 6 teaching programs encourage students to take risks in their learning, to stretch and challenge themselves as they discover and develop their passions, think together and question their world, and develop firm foundations for a life of growth and discovery.

Our vision, Love Learning, leads us to continually look for ways to improve our teaching and learning environment to ensure that the explicit teaching, assessment and feedback we deliver helps our students meet their targeted learning goals. We are intentional about using educational research that increases the achievements and growth of each student.

CURRICULUM | Kindy to Year 6

In Primary, our key learning areas follow the NESA Curriculum and include English, Mathematics, PDHPE, HSIE, Science and Technology, Music, CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) and French. Specialist teachers deliver CAPA, Music 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.

SECONDARY | A springboard into new opportunities

In Secondary, we build upon the excellent foundation laid in Primary to instil a love of learning in our students. We invite them to discover new learning opportunities through the wide range of subject and 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. As they work towards the Higher School Certificate in Years 11 and 12, students choose from a broad range of courses, including the option for TVET subjects through TAFE and additional language courses through the NSW School of Languages.



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THE LATEST HSC
RESULTS



Celebrating the individual

We recognise that the learning journey looks different for every student at different stages of school life. Our students are encouraged to look ahead with confidence, hope and courage. We set consistent and high expectations as we support and nurture each young person's learning. We love to celebrate the efforts and success of our students, whether high achievers or those who have overcome adversity to do more than they thought possible.

Post-school options

We help prepare students for their life's journey, equipping them to grow and develop in confidence, leadership capacity, problem-solving, effective communication and compassion.

In the senior years, our Careers Adviser and NBCS Careers website provide our students with advice and up-to-date information, supporting them in their next steps beyond school, that are a good fit for their interests and abilities.

Learning enrichment and support

NBCS provides a range of support and enrichment learning opportunities. Enrichment opportunities include whole-grade or subject acceleration, deep-dive extension projects, and academic competitions that enable capable students to grow and thrive with like-minded peers. Students can be selected to represent NBCS at inter-school competitions, such as the Ethics Olympiad, da Vinci Decathlon, Tournament of the Minds and debating.

In Primary, our academic extension programs include extension reading in Stage 1, extension writing in Years 3-6, and extension Mathematics from Stage 1. The specialist Learning Enrichment team works with teachers to assess and identify student needs, and works one-on-one or in groups in extension or learning support classes.

In Secondary, we recognise and foster the individual interests and abilities of students, providing choice and adapting to their learning styles, within a well-structured learning environment. The Learning Enrichment team supports our teaching staff by equipping them with research-based interventions and collaborative programming to meet the diverse learning needs of students.



Student Wellbeing

Nurturing and growing our community

NBCS is a school known and appreciated for strong relational connections, pastoral care and excellence in learning. Our nurturing community is founded on Christian hope and the belief that every student has God-given potential, worth and purpose.

A culture of belonging

We are committed to supporting the positive behaviour and wellbeing of all students. Our values help shape a functional, connected community, where students have a sense of belonging and feel safe and supported. This environment allows them to grow in resilience and self-knowledge, and live intentional, fulfilling lives. We place great importance on fostering positive student-teacher relationships and working with families and support networks. This helps us to better understand students, encourage resilience and independence, and ensure each student gets the care and support they need to stay connected and engaged.

Low stress, high results environment

The NBCS Wellbeing Framework is an intentional and cohesive journey mapped out from Kindergarten through to Year 12, designed to develop an understanding and the skills needed to thrive. The stage-based programs ensure students can achieve their best results, while keeping stress at bay. We help them develop social and emotional maturity, along with practical skills, to achieve a healthy life balance that will set them up for success beyond school.

A seamless journey from Kindergarten to Year 12

Starting at a young age at NBCS automatically prepares children for the journey ahead. Familiar surroundings, cohabiting shared learning spaces, and the opportunity to build connections with older students make the transition to Secondary school an exciting adventure. Your confident, secure child can build positive relationships across age groups, and pour their passions and energies into learning and exploring, open to a world of possibilities.





Our Campus

Inspiring and invigorating learning

Students and staff have the privilege of living and learning in multi-award-winning, architecturally designed spaces. Light-filled facilities and lush gardens exist alongside bespoke learning spaces, a state-of-the-art performance hall, two beautiful libraries, the 'Manhattan' senior study area, and 'the City' – the vibrant centre of the school complete with an exceptional café.

Effective learning spaces

All inside and outside spaces are dynamic and flexible to enhance and inspire learning. Many classrooms have dual functionality, catering to both multi-class learning and more focused learning. All learning spaces are powered by a robust campus-wide Wi-Fi and feature custom modular furniture, floor-to-ceiling whiteboard walls, and large-screen displays.

Sustainable and intelligent structures

Fundamental to the design is our commitment to sustainability, shown through a sequence of multi-level pavilion buildings beneath a spectacular 3,000 sqm intelligent 'living' structure. The canopy column design harvests rainwater to large underground collection tanks. The water is then redirected to flush toilets and to provide irrigation for hundreds of surrounding planter boxes. Collected rainwater is also fed into a canopy misting system that is triggered by high summer temperatures and cools the communal space below. A 158kw rooftop solar PV system supplies most of the school's daytime power needs. Using a sophisticated Building Management System, windows and louvers are automated to provide ventilation in response to climatic conditions. This ensures we reduce our environmental footprint.

Co-curricular

Extending opportunities and enriching lives

Whether through creative and performing arts, music, debating and public speaking, outdoor adventure, service, sport, media or technology, NBCS students have every chance to discover new interests, grow their God-given talents and develop confidence as lifelong learners and participants.

SPORT

A comprehensive program of sporting activities and opportunities take place weekly. Timetabled sports activities are complemented by a comprehensive program of optional sporting opportunities that take place before and after school. Representative sports teams also play interschool competitions during the school day. This allows for weekends to be 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 and provides pathways for students to progress to Zone and State level. The School enters teams in most 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 are supported to pursue representative sporting commitments outside school.



PERFORMING ARTS

Music

NBCS is known for its strong music foundation, wide-ranging opportunities and state-of-the-art facilities.

There are many avenues for students to explore and develop their musical talents with a great breadth of ensembles and private music tuition offered. The diverse program caters for all music genres, from classical and jazz through to pop and rock.

Fully equipped music studios allow students to participate in and take ownership of the whole music process – from learning an instrument, to writing music, performing and production.

Students are encouraged to join one of the many bands and ensembles offered and to take part in recitals, lunchtime concerts, external competitions and eisteddfods, music camps and workshop days.

Annual musical

At NBCS, we have established a proud tradition of staging an annual full-production Broadway Musical. Under the guidance of an industry professional director and choreographer, along with an outstanding and experienced creative team, we perform in our state-of-the-art performance space, the Marina Prior Centre.

Secondary students may participate as performers, musicians, technicians, costume designers or choreographers.

Drama, Theatresports and dance groups

Our co-curricula Theatresports, drama and dance clubs and ensembles help students build confidence, enhance self-expression, and improve collaboration skills. These groups, which operate on various days before and after school, are taught by experienced professionals and provide a range of performance opportunities.





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

Programs such as 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. A complementary academic assistance program provides opportunities for students to obtain support from subject-specific teachers outside timetabled classes.

STEM CLUBS

The STEM program evolves and develops with emerging technologies, providing opportunities in coding, robotics, design and engineering. Students may pursue state, national and international pathways for a range of competitions.



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LIST OF AMAZING
SOW EXPERIENCES.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND CAMPS

In Primary, our annual year-based sequential camps program provides students with challenging activities that develop physical skills and confidence in the outdoors, while developing teamwork, friendships and a love of the outdoors. Secondary students can pursue The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, offered at the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY WEEK (SOW)

All Secondary students take part in our unique, week-long Student Opportunity Week each year. This 'choose your own adventure' program replaces the traditional annual year group camps, encouraging students to pursue their own passions and interests. With more than 15 special-interest programs offered each year, there is something for everyone. Programs range from performing arts, cooking, photography, elite surfing, hiking, horse-riding, coding and trekking through to a reef study tour in North Queensland and Indigenous immersion experience. Offerings evolve each year to cater for student interests.

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

We offer an extensive range of Global Opportunities that provide unique, memorable and enriching experiences, and extend student learning beyond our borders so that we develop global citizens.

Over their Secondary years, NBCS students can take part in curriculum tours for English, History and Visual Arts, as well as cultural immersions, leadership training, sport or service tours, and language exchanges in nine different countries.



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UPCOMING TOURS



YOUR NEXT STEPS FOR ENROLMENT

If you would like your child to be considered for enrolment at NBCS, please submit an online application using the QR code, or go to: www.nbcs.nsw.edu.au/enrolment



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