Prospectus
Your Child - Our Purpose - Their Future
Principal’s Welcome

We understand the educational journey for your child is unique and at Suncoast Christian College we believe in guiding your child as they achieve their personal best in an environment where a love of learning is valued and Christ is the foundation of all we do.

We believe in preparing our students for their future by supporting them as they explore their gifts and talents. Our purpose is to provide a College environment that is safe, nurturing and encouraging, reinforcing the Christian values of our parents and families. We are committed to partnering with you to nurture your child’s academic, social and spiritual development.

Your child benefits from a team of dedicated Christian teachers who believe in developing your child’s academic potential and character with high quality pastoral care and attention given to the wellbeing of every student.

Our staff enjoy celebrating your child’s achievements with them and preparing them for their future as they explore and build on their gifts and talents.

Our success is measured by the quality of student that graduates from our College – our students know God loves them and has a plan for their life.

Your family will be warmly welcomed into our Suncoast community and I look forward to sharing our College with you.

Mark Ash
Suncoast Christian College (a ministry of Suncoast Church) is a Prep to Year 12 Christian co-educational College with Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten, located in Woombye on Queensland’s beautiful Sunshine Coast.

Established in 1979, the College is known for its sense of community and true commitment to excellent Christian education for Sunshine Coast families. At Suncoast we understand the educational journey for your child is unique and we believe in guiding your child as they achieve their personal best in an environment where a love of learning is valued.

Suncoast Little Learners (Pre-Kindy & Kindy) provides a wonderful first pre-school experience for children and an important link to a confident transition into Prep, through an approved Queensland Government Kindergarten Program.

Our College curriculum caters for the individual needs of our students. Suncoast is committed to providing multiple academic and vocational pathways to future study and career possibilities and guide students to develop their interests and giftings.
“I feel I belong at Suncoast, I have great friends and feel supported and inspired by my teachers. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else!”

Suncoast Student
“It was a big decision to send my little boy off to Kindergarten to get ready for Prep, but the staff here have given me a feeling of confidence since day one, knowing they love and care for my son as I would care for him at home.” Little Learners Parent
Imagine a day of discovery, playing with friends, constructing castles in the undercover sandpit, racing trikes up the winding pathway through the gardens, picking a fresh strawberry in our very own vegie patch, discovering new life as we watch our ducklings hatch, making a mess with squelchy coloured goo, creating a masterpiece with sequins and cereal boxes, and jumping, dancing and singing with our teacher. Your child will love life as a Suncoast Little Learner.

We are blessed that our Centre is wonderfully run by caring Christian teachers who are mature, experienced and committed to the profession of early-childhood education. Recognised as our most valuable asset, they create a warm and nurturing environment where children feel secure and loved.

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Registered as a long-day care centre, families are eligible for the Government Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit.

**Kindergarten (3½ - 4½ years old)**
*Get Ready for Prep*
- The Qld Government approved program operates 5 days a fortnight between the hours of 7:30am and 3:15pm, 38 weeks of the year.
- Weekly Physical Education, Performing Arts and Library visits with specialist teachers.
- Holiday program available for 10 weeks during school breaks.

**Pre-Kindergarten (from 2½ - 3½ years old)**
- Extended hours care 7:30am – 5:30pm for 48 weeks of the year.
Primary School

We understand that your child is unique and at Suncoast you will find our goal is the same as yours, to prepare your child for their future.

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In Primary we focus on the establishment of strong literacy and numeracy skills, development of effective social skills and a love for learning. The Primary years at Suncoast Christian College includes a specialist Prep Centre, Junior Primary (Years 1 – 3) classes and Upper Primary (Years 4 – 6) classes.

Our e-learning strategy enables our students access to up-to-date technology in the classroom to enhance their learning. Classes have access to banks of notebook computers, interactive whiteboards and iPads, as well as collaboration and communication software. Internet access is safely monitored and restricted.

Morning Tea and Lunch times are always fun at Primary with students in Years 1 – 6 having the option of participating in free activities throughout the year. Activities can include Dance Club, Italian Club, Lego Club, Beading Group, Chapel Band, Chess Masters, Computer Club, Choirs, Skipping Club and many more.

The Helping Hands Network partners with Suncoast Christian College to deliver before and after school care and vacation care services.

Prep
Suncoast has a purpose-built Prep Centre, incorporating interactive whiteboard learning technology, spacious child-height multi-purpose kitchen and exclusive outdoor learning area. Hopping into Prep is FUN at Suncoast! The Prep curriculum is an engaging play based program with learning embedded through exploration, experimentation and child-centre investigations.

Junior Primary
The importance of Early Years education is reflected in Junior Primary where students are nurtured within their own precinct and provided with a safe, supportive environment in which to learn and flourish. Our students develop effective social skills and gain confidence through performing art lessons, a specialist physical education program, literature enrichment in a purpose built area of the library and contemporary IT resources.

Upper Primary
In Upper Primary we provide a balanced curriculum with co-curricular programs for students as they continue on their educational journey, building on academic and social skills learnt in Junior Primary. Our students will further develop their literacy and numeracy skills, participate in fun and engaging physical activities, express themselves through the performing arts and be equipped with practical, hands-on IT skills. Students are provided with a leadership development program to grow their Christian character and learn to lead by example to younger students.
Discoveries made, friendships formed, the beginning of a lifelong adventure of learning – these are the Primary years your child will enjoy.
Middle Years

The Middle Years is a significant time of schooling for our young people. During this time, we seek to meet the needs of children moving into their time of adolescence. The transition from childhood to adulthood is more challenging today than ever before. At Suncoast we have developed (and continue to refine), a tailor-made program for Years 7-9.

What an exciting and challenging time as we share the journey with your children. At this stage the students’ creativity, energy and level of interest are exploding and we want to make the most of this – to make sure that their learning is both engaging and fun.

Curriculum
Middle Years learning focuses on encouraging the student to negotiate the curriculum according to interests and passion, through a wide range of electives. Students study English, Mathematics, Humanities, Christian Studies, Health and Physical Education and Science as core subjects.

All Secondary students will participate in the 1:1 Notebook Program, equipped with a computer for use at home and at school.

Opportunities for students are provided to practise and demonstrate understanding and skills in a variety of contexts whilst developing their unique gifts and abilities.

Co-Curriculum
Middle Years students participate in a variety of experiences that help educate the whole person. Opportunities abound through sport, chapel, camps, academic competitions, music programs, community service and leadership development. Many students also choose to participate in the Voice & Instrumental program (VIP) offered at the College.
Senior Years

Senior Years is a time of growing in personal responsibility, of advanced learning, the setting of life goals and of spiritual growth. It is an exciting and fulfilling three years as students approach their graduation.

It is to our Seniors that we look for guidance in terms of setting the tone and culture of our College. Over the years we have been proud of the standards set and role modelling of our Senior students; decency, honesty, integrity, courage and faithfulness are all attributes that we strive for at Suncoast.

Senior students are leaders. They express this through leadership in the Senior Leadership Team, House Captains, Year Level Delegate Committee and their involvement in performing arts, sport and in community activities. The Senior badge is worn with well-deserved pride.

Curriculum

Year 10 students study the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Christian Studies along with electives of their choice.

These subjects help to develop skills and concepts necessary for their Year 11 and 12 OP and Vocational subjects and traineeships. The holistic curriculum features work experience, Leadership and Personal Development Camps and Christian Studies program.

Co-Curriculum

Recreational and competitive sport occurs in the timetable for all students. In addition, teams of Senior students compete against other independent schools in Touch, Rugby, Football, Volleyball and Basketball.

An extensive Voice and Instrumental Program (VIP) supports performance opportunities at Chapels, Assemblies and special events such as the Onstage variety concert, the biannual musical production, Easter and end of year celebrations. Chapel Bands, the Performance Band and Dance Company provide a world of performance opportunities.

Many students also choose to participate in the Voice & Instrumental program’s (VIP), Speech, Drama and Dance classes offered at the College.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) & School-Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships

Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs at Suncoast provide our students with great pathways into the workforce and further education.

We recognise that there are many routes to success, should that be a purely vocational, ‘hands on’ learning experience or, increasingly, many students choose a dual pathway that still provides an OP but contains a vocational education and training component.

The College currently has approximately 30 school-based trainees and apprentices out in the workforce in vocational areas as diverse as: community recreation, hairdressing, hospitality, broadcasting, retail and aeroskills.

School-based traineeships and apprenticeships are integrated into the Senior timetable as one of the six Senior subjects so students may remain OP eligible.
My son has often commented on the seemingly endless time, advice and guidance that the teachers have given him, along with encouragement to enable him to succeed in his Senior Years. 

*College Parent*
“I love to provide the opportunity for students to challenge themselves and to see them grow and develop their character through a love of sport.” — Mark Lester, Head of Sport
Student involvement in sport is particularly high at our College with students enjoying a variety of opportunities to pursue recreational and competitive sport. We encourage students to be part of the sporting culture at Suncoast.

We believe sport influences a student’s life by developing great focus and commitment, strong relationships with peers, and by providing an understanding of being a team and individual player, and receiving recognition within the school community.

Primary Years
Fun and engaging physical programs commence from Prep with a perceptual motor program, through to the Upper Primary SCISSA (Sunshine Coast Independent Schools Sporting Association) program.

Secondary Years
Secondary students engage in authentic, creative, experiential, challenging, interactive and achievable experiences. Students participate in SCISSA and interschool and club competitions in Netball, Basketball and Rugby Union.

Co-Curriculum Sporting Opportunities
- Tennis Academy
- Equestrian
- Netball
- Basketball
- Athletics Club
- Football Academy
Performing Arts & VIP

We have a team of extremely talented Christian artists and performers who love to teach and who are generous with their time and their hearts. Our Performing Arts Department has created a safe artistic environment where we promote creative exploration and development in all of the performing and visual arts areas.

Suncoast focuses on promoting creative integrity, personal discipline and building community through our major performing and visual arts events all within the framework of our Faith.

A love for the Arts is encouraged at Suncoast. Students are regularly given the opportunity to perform at Chapels, assemblies and special events such as Spotlight, Onstage and end of year celebrations. Upper and Junior Primary Choirs, Dance Group, Chapel Band as well as a College Band provide a world of performing opportunities.

Many Primary students also choose to participate in the Voice & Instrumental program (VIP) offered at the College.

Opportunities available to Performing Arts Students:
- Music, Dance, Drama and Art from Prep – Year 10
- Film and Television, Art, Music, Dance and Drama OP subjects
- Cert III Music
- Creative Art (school-based subject)
- Excursions to theatre, musicals and visual art exhibitions
- Encouragement to participate in local and national arts competition
- Dance Company
- Performance Band and Vocal Group
- Visual Arts Festival – Arts on Twilight
- Junior Primary Celebration Morning
- Primary Performance Night – Spotlight
- Secondary Variety Concert – Onstage
- Major Musicals
“Stepping onto stage at Suncoast is not just about performing, it’s about development and opportunity.”

Tanya Hulthausen, Head of Performing Arts
Suncoast Christian College recognises that every student is unique and that the environment in which they are nourished will play a pivotal role in how they deal with the responsibility of adulthood. As a result, we have support staff, programs and processes in place to protect and care for every student.

As a Christian community we understand that a holistic approach to schooling is the desire of parents for their children and therefore our Pastoral Care is fundamental to who we are and what we do in our daily life at the College. Suncoast is known for its quality student support. We have a team of people dedicated to providing an inclusive learning environment for children with early intervention, effective remediation, individualised programs and enrichment to help every child achieve learning success.

Students are supported on an individual basis with dedicated Primary and Secondary Chaplains. They also benefit from group programs run in partnership with the Suncoast Church in the areas of friendship and social interactions, family life and crisis situations as well as leadership. Our Chaplains partner with teachers, parents, pastors and other members of the College community to achieve positive outcomes.

Our Christian teaching is supported by daily staff devotions, weekly student chapels for the students to continually grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's love for them. We support our students through a culture of mentoring and discipleship and guidance in careers and curriculum.

The Director of Student Development and the Chaplaincy team assist students and their families as they navigate their way through their school years. It is understood that this stage of life can present many challenges that are unexpected and often very difficult.

We consider it a privilege to be given the opportunity to work with the families who are a part of our community.

Christian Studies are incorporated into the curriculum across the College and the Chaplaincy Service compliments this with a very caring, supportive and motivational intention.