



St Patrick's College
GYMPIE



What we believe

Our holistic approach at St Patrick's College provides the opportunity for our young men and women to articulate their faith and live it in an open and authentic way. The charisms of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of Mercy guide our Catholic identity.

Participation in the daily prayer and Religious Life of the College ensures students develop a broad understanding of human capacity, especially in the spiritual and emotional domains.

Your son or daughter will take part in a variety of interactive experiences that will help them grow in appreciation of the faith dimension of others and themselves. These experiences occur through both the formal classroom learning of Religious Education as well as co-curricular programs. They play a significant role in driving many of the events that contribute to the vibrant and inclusive social atmosphere of the College.

Through camps, retreats, social justice programs and liturgies, our College family members – your children – have the opportunity to develop an articulate and purposeful way of engaging with the world.

We encourage your child to live a life that is reflective of all the good that is inherent in the mission of Jesus and the outreach traditions of the Church.





Who we are

At St Patrick's College, our mission is for our family community to be based on Gospel values of love, forgiveness, compassion, respect, sensitivity and justice expressed through our Catholic tradition. Since its formation over 120 years ago, St Patrick's College has prided itself on a standard of education that excels. The context is caring, loving and supportive, and is reinforced by the support of our parents, guardians and carers. We continue to create and maintain the St Patrick's College tradition.

In 2015, we welcomed the fifth enrolled generation of some of our families. What an honour. St Patrick's School was established in 1879 by the Sisters of Mercy and the Christian Brothers College was established in 1904. The quality of education and embedded religious instruction have continued to be the focus of Catholic education in Gympie.

Catherine McAuley was a fearless pioneer, laying the foundations of an educational, healthcare and social network to help those less fortunate. Edmund Rice promoted an education that recognised the dignity of each individual and actively sought opportunities for students to feel empowered by their faith and learning. These values of the Mercy Sisters and Christian Brothers continue to be lived out and witnessed here by your children at St Patrick's.

We are proud of what we do, what we achieve and what our tradition stands for. In the words of our College song, "There is pride in our hearts."

There is **pride**
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How we care for each other

We live our faith.

We care for each other.

We share opportunities.



Your child will be known and valued in our family-focused learning environment. Our College culture espouses positive relationships through the respect and care of others. Our aim is for your child to feel safe and to enjoy the opportunity to thrive in a supportive environment.

It is the relationships connecting your child with other students, staff and wider community that reflect the charisms of our founders Edmund Rice and Catherine McAuley. This occurs through academic pursuits, sporting endeavours, cultural aspirations, work opportunities, spiritual growth and social justice programs. Our house system with its associated home room structure is a pivotal aspect.

Our transition program is comprehensive and is specifically designed so that your child will experience the security and comfort of a family. Our intention is to make your child feel welcomed, even before they take the first step into the College as an enrolled student. Our College Principal meets with all families considering joining our College community.

St Patrick's College past students are invited to maintain strong connections with their peers and the College. The strength of our care and interest in others sees our alumni continue the rich tradition of connectedness that embodies our College community.





What we learn

- Fostering talent
- Providing challenge
- Pursuing wisdom

At St Patrick’s College, our mission is to develop the talents, skills and attributes of our students. However, it is important that they are also challenged to further develop these themselves. The overall goal of education is for your child to become wise. This is a life-long journey; one in which we at the College are honoured to provide the educational foundations.

Quality teaching is the foundation to successful learning. Teachers use contemporary teaching methodologies to deliver learning experiences tailored to the individual and grounded in the life of Jesus and the Gospels. All students are encouraged to achieve their absolute best in an environment where academic excellence is valued. Extension opportunities and extra support are readily available.

The curriculum at the College is unique to the region because it offers a breadth of learning in the early years of secondary education. Your child in Years 7 and 8 will engage in all elective curriculum areas, promoting a depth of understanding for inquiry learning beyond these years. We will challenge your child to aspire to the highest academic standard of which they are capable and provide the opportunity for them to achieve success.

Both our strong academic pathway and clear vocational options are supported and celebrated by our College family.

We actively support you and your child in the selection of their future career and further studies.

Academic and Educational Outcomes





Yr 7 Camp



What we offer outside the classroom

The commitment of our staff provides opportunities for your child to “Let their Light Shine.”

They support, nurture and oversee many curricular and co-curricular activities in the College to provide a comprehensive range of activities in the sporting, cultural and spiritual aspects of the school. Each year we recognise your child’s contribution to the College at our Awards Night.

Your child will have multiple opportunities to participate in aspects of the College including house events, interschool and district representation.

Sports include Soccer, Rugby Union, Netball, Volleyball, Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Triathlon, AFL, Touch Football, Hockey, Rugby League and Basketball.

Cultural programs include the biannual musical, Youth Choir, Tournament of Minds teams, Lions Youth of the Year, public speaking competitions, theatre sports and musical ensembles.

Social justice programs include house events, St Vincent de Paul, individual volunteer programs, CARITAS and community fundraising.

There are many local activities that your child will have the opportunity to participate in as representatives of the College including ANZAC Day ceremonies, International Women’s Day and local community projects.

As a student at St Patrick’s, your child will have many opportunities to grow holistically in our College family and in the wider community.





Years Prep - 6



Years 7 - 12

St Patrick's Prep to Year 12 Educational Precinct

We welcome you to share in the rich history of St Patrick's Catholic Parish. You are invited to tour our educational precinct, comprising our Primary School and Secondary College.



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