



**St Joseph's  
College**  
TOOWOOMBA

**2024**

**College Prospectus**



# Principal's Welcome



Pope Francis has said "To Educate is an act of love, it is to give life. And love is demanding. It calls for using the best resources, for awakening passions and for great patience ... young people are in need of quality teaching, together with values not just enunciated but witnessed".

Choosing a school for your young person's secondary education is a very important decision and, as parents/carers, like Pope Francis, you will believe that your child deserves the very best education. At St Joseph's College Toowoomba, we share your belief.

We recognise the value you place on a quality education that goes beyond what is standard and creates the best opportunities for your young person, their development and future. We also believe that there are no limits to a young person's potential and our aim is simple; to facilitate academic and personal success by bringing each person to the fullness of life through education within a safe and supportive environment that embraces our Gospel and Ricean values of Respect, Compassion, Dignity and Endeavour. From my experience within Education, two imperatives underpin high-performance schools: high standards and positive relationships. At St Joseph's, we seek to work in partnership with our families to enact a liberating education.

Our team of well-qualified and dedicated staff works collaboratively to ensure all students flourish and achieve the goal of academic and personal growth for all. We have a progressive approach to developing and delivering our curriculum in an environment that is flexible in meeting the needs of our young people.

I hope you enjoy reading through our Prospectus which provides an overview of the broad and balanced experiences at St Joseph's College but, more importantly, I thank you for considering St Joseph's College Toowoomba for your young person's secondary school education. We look forward to seeing you and your child on campus and are confident you will find in our community the collaborative partnership that you are looking for.

May God Bless you,  
**Mr Jim Brennan**  
**Principal**









# Mission & Vision



## Our Vision

St Joseph's College is an educational community focused on the Spirit of Jesus.

## Our Mission

### Faith Education:

Christian principles permeate all aspects of College life. St Joseph's endeavours to create an atmosphere where Christian Spirit and values take precedence, so that students' gifts of faith may be nurtured, internalised, and integrated with the culture of our times.

### Intellectual Goals:

St Joseph's College cultivates intellectual values in students and promotes integrity, respect for the truth, openness to reality, and respect for scholarly virtues.

### Personal Development:

We help students grow as individuals, by allowing them to discover their unique gifts and develop positive self-esteem. This ensures that recognition is given to many aspects of personal growth, so academic achievement is not seen to be the only means of success.

### Community Orientation:

Parents, students and staff of St Joseph's College form a Catholic Christian Community in which they demonstrate care and respect for each other. An awareness of the total human family will be fostered through involvement in the wider community.





## Living Out Our Core Values

St Joseph's College is founded on the ideals and values of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Nurturing relationships and recognising the dignity of all people in the light of the teachings of Jesus is paramount at St Joseph's College.

Our values of Compassion, Respect, Endeavour and Dignity shape the culture of the College and are the lived expression of our Edmund Rice charism. They are the basis from which we conduct ourselves in our everyday life.

Our values are modelled by staff and community members who demonstrate to our students how they, too, can grow into proactive and robust young women and men.

## Spirituality at the College is Alive and Engaging

We have a strong reputation for nurturing the Christian faith and the Gospel values are core to everything we do. We are committed to creating an experience of Catholicism that is welcoming and relevant to the lives of our students. Regular ritual celebrations, prayer and reflection unites all members of the community in an uplifting and meaningful way.

Our praxis (faith in action) opportunities include outreach programs such as Rosies - Friends On The Street, and Breakfast Club, which allow students to develop an understanding of their responsibility to the community in which they grow and live.

Our students leave the College knowing how to make a difference in their community. They aspire to live our College motto of 'Serve Him in Others'.





# Student Engagement



## The Joey's Way



### The Joey's Way Curriculum

The Joey's Way is supported by specific curriculum built around Australian Curriculum General Capabilities and taught during Joey's Way time each morning. The Joey's Way Curriculum is skill-focused and is designed to equip students with the skills they need to be great learners and responsible, respectful citizens who embody the values of a Catholic Education in the Edmund Rice tradition.

Topics in the Joey's Way Curriculum include, but are not limited to: Goal Setting; Organisation and Study Planning; Information Technology; Service Learning; Environmental Awareness and Advocacy; Careers Education; Cyber Safety; Metacognition; Respectful Relationships; Health, Safety and Risk Management.

Additionally, the Joey's Way Curriculum is supported by the following experiences:

#### Year 7 Camp

My Community: Connecting and learning about The Joey's Way

#### Year 8 and Year 9: The Resilience Project

**Year 8 Camp** - My Self: Learning about personal character strengths and resilience

**Year 9 program** - My Limits: Building resilience and overcoming challenges

#### Year 10 Work Experience

My Future: Engaging in work experience opportunities

#### Year 11 Leadership Camp

My Leadership: Preparing to become Leaders of the College

#### Year 12 Retreat

My Journey: Reflecting on our legacy at St Joseph's College

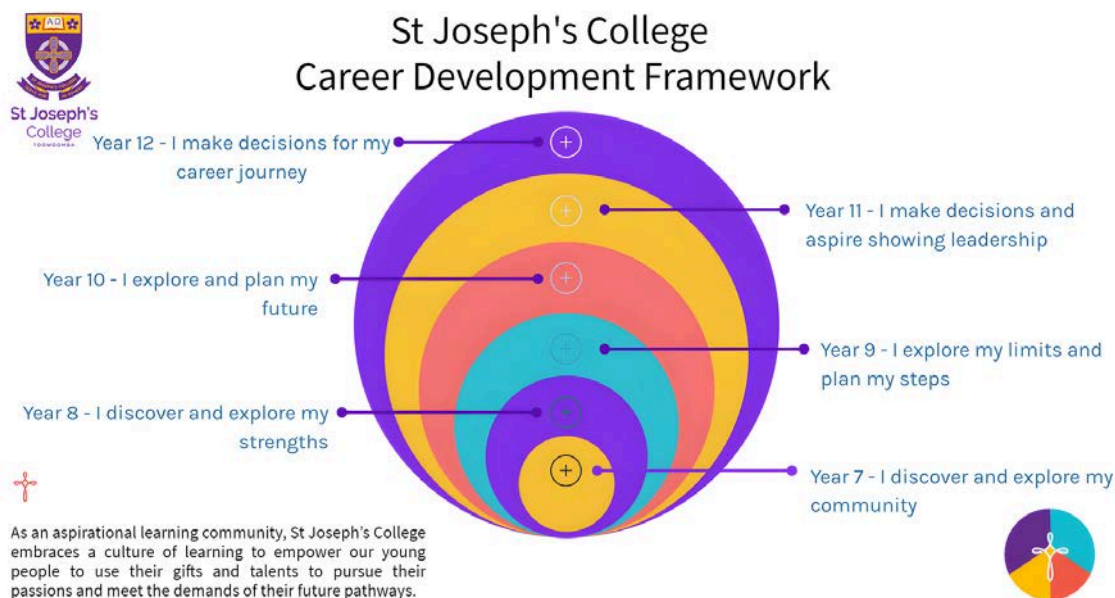
Student Engagement at St Joseph's College is the foundation for all great learning. All staff at St Joseph's College work in partnership with families and the broader community to ensure students are; attending school, safe at school, connected and respected members of the community and aspiring to excellence in their learning. Student Engagement at St Joseph's is characterised by two priorities: Relational Pedagogy and Joey's Way.

## Relational Pedagogy

Staff at St Joseph's College aspire to a Relational Pedagogy. This is a system of high expectations and high support for all students. As well as the liturgical aspects of the Religious Life of St Joseph's College, Relational Pedagogy provides community members with an experience of Jesus' vision for humanity as embodied by Blessed Edmund Rice. High quality relational pedagogy is made up of the following practices:

- Providing students with extremely clear but non-threatening expectations.
- Relentlessly expressing care for all students.
- Challenging all students to learn and grow.
- Supporting students through challenges.
- Celebrating student successes.
- Managing indiscretions restoratively.
- Expanding possibilities for students.

Staff of St Joseph's College utilise The Joey's Way framework as the model of Relational Pedagogy to which we aspire.



The Career Development Framework is a developmental approach to career education. Career development is a journey, as economic conditions change, our young people will engage in lifelong learning and will change careers throughout their lives many times. To empower our young people to adapt to the everchanging world of work, the St Joseph's College Career Development Framework focuses on ensuring our students can make informed career decisions, develop career goals and manage their future career pathways. To assist our students to transition to post-school pathways, the aim of the Career Development Framework is to ensure students have the skills to manage their career pathways and pursue their passions.

# Curriculum



## Middle Years

In the Middle Years, students encounter choice and challenge. They are exposed to a full range of core-based subjects and elective opportunities. Students can develop the problem-solving and critical thinking skills required to transform into successful learners. The progressive scope of our curriculum is at the forefront of innovation and will create your child's best future.

### Years 7 & 8

The Middle School Curriculum spans four years of learning commencing in Year 7 and is based on the Australian Curriculum.

The following core subjects underpin our curriculum:

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
- Health and Physical Education

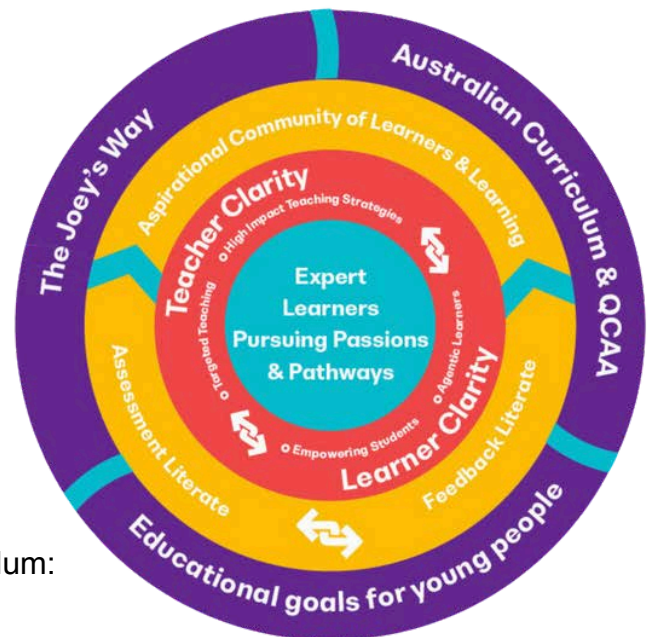
These are complemented by a mix of compulsory and elective subjects that appeal to each student's personal interest and passion including:

- Visual Art
- Drama
- Music
- Design Technologies (including Digital, Design, Wood, Metal, and Food & Textiles)
- Business and Economics
- Japanese
- French

### Years 9 & 10

During these important foundational years, students are able to select four semester electives over the two years to develop their skills. These electives come from the elective subjects they have experienced in Year 7 and 8. Opportunities for students to participate in English Extension and Mathematics Extension are also offered at the College.

## The Teaching and Learning Framework:





## Senior Years

Years 11 and 12 signify a pivotal time in a student's educational journey at St Joseph's College. Our focus is on developing students as independent learners and active participants in their learning so they are prepared academically, socially and emotionally once they leave school. The combination of extensive choice in career pathways and a genuine desire for student wellbeing ensures our senior students leave as resilient, well-prepared and confident young adults. The Senior Curriculum offers over 34 QCE subjects, based on the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) syllabus, to work towards optimising the students post school opportunities.

The Senior curriculum offers 24 General and 10 Applied ATAR subjects, six certificate courses and is recognised as a leader in Vocational Education Training (VET), as well as providing opportunities for students to undertake School-Based Apprenticeships or traineeships.

### Our Subjects include:

#### Religion

- Study of Religion
- Religion & Ethics

#### English

- Literature
- English
- English & Literature Extension
- Essential English

#### Mathematics

- Mathematical Methods
- Specialist Mathematics
- General Mathematics
- Essential Mathematics

#### Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology

#### Humanities & Commerce

- Accounting
- Economics
- Geography
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Social & Community Studies
- Tourism
- Certificate III in Business

#### Health & Physical Education

- Physical Education
- Certificate II & III in Sport & Recreation

#### Languages

- French
- Japanese

#### The Arts

- Drama
- Drama in Practice
- Music
- Music Extension
- Visual Art
- Visual Arts in Practice

#### Technologies

- Design
- Digital Solutions
- Certificate III in Information Technology
- Fashion
- Hospitality Practices
- Furnishing
- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways



# Co-Curricular



Our students are encouraged to embrace all activities as an opportunity to expand their experiences, further develop existing skills and find new passions.



Involvement in all aspects of school life increases each student's sense of belonging, expands friendship groups and leads to higher levels of motivation and engagement.





# What's on offer...

## Cultural

St Joseph's College offers a diverse range of performing arts opportunities and events. The College has a wide variety of music ensembles including instrumental and choral groups.

Instrumental and vocal music lessons are available in our private tuition program from experienced visiting tutors. In Year 7, a Music Immersion program is offered that gives selected students the opportunity to kickstart their progress in our music tuition program. Performances are held throughout the year and include school recitals and showcases as well as community performances. Ensembles also participate in the Toowoomba Eisteddfod. A school musical is staged every second year.

- Concert Bands: Senior or Junior
- Choirs: Junior Choir, Girls' Choir, Boys' Choir, Combined Choir
- Jazz Ensemble
- String Ensemble
- Brass Ensemble
- Woodwind Ensembles: Flute Trio, Clarinet Ensemble, Saxophone Quartet

## Other

- Debating
- Chess Club
- Student Voice
- Mooting
- Breakfast Club
- Art Club
- Art Festival
- Social Justice & Community Service (e.g. Rosies)
- Science and Engineering Challenge
- Otaku Society
- Interact Club
- Knitting and Crochet Club

## Sporting

In addition to St Joseph's all-inclusive Health and Physical Education classes, our sporting program gives students an opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports.

### Term 1

- Basketball - Friday Night Competition
- Cross Country - Interhouse/Interschool
- Futsal
- Netball - Laura Geitz Competition
- Swimming - Interhouse/Interschool

### Term 2

- AFL - Darling Downs Gala Day(s)
- Basketball - Open AAG Positive Cup
- Football (Soccer) - Bill Turner Cup
- Hockey - Darling Downs Cup
- Netball - Wednesday Night Competition and QISSNC
- Rugby League - Wednesday Night Competition
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- Softball - Golden Glove Competition
- Volleyball - Tuesday Night Competition

### Term 3

- Basketball - AAG Positive Cup (Year 10) and CBSQ Competition
- Football (Soccer) - Red Lion Cup
- Netball - Wednesday Night Competition
- Rugby League - Wednesday Night Competition
- Track and Field - Interhouse/Interschool

### Term 4

- Basketball - AAG Positive Cup (Year 7/8)
- Touch Football - All Schools Competition



