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I just felt that sense of parental peace and just the relief that you found the right school, that's priceless ...

Sarah Woo, Toongabbie Christian College Parent



Welcome

From the Principal

Over 40 years ago, Toongabbie Christian College was founded by Toongabbie Baptist Church with the vision of establishing a school for Christian families that offered a quality education without having to compromise on faith and values. The result of this vision is the College that our families enjoy today; a place that is more than a school, but a uniquely Christian community where families are united by a common purpose and enjoy a sense of belonging.

We are proud of our strong culture that connects home, church and school; where Christian education is more than just a subject to be studied – it's a way of life. Within our well-resourced facilities, our committed Christian teachers cultivate a learning culture where students feel safe and happy to express their faith and pursue academic and personal excellence. Our Biblical Worldview approach to education is woven throughout our teaching of the NES Curriculum to provide our students with meaningful learning experiences that enrich their lives and lead them to find their unique purpose.

In my conversations with past, current and prospective families, what has stood out is that parents/carers are increasingly looking for schools that partner with them to raise well-rounded young adults who graduate with a purpose for life.

Our families can draw on our 40 years' of experience in graduating students with strong values, who are equipped to pursue their goals, grounded through their faith and go on to make a meaningful contribution to their community.

To find out if Toongabbie Christian College is the right school for your family, I invite you to join us at one of our Open Days or register for a Personal Tour to experience the difference firsthand and see our uniquely Christian education in action.

We look forward to meeting your family soon.

Dr Johan Griesel
Principal

Discover

Why Toongabbie Christian College?

Integration of Faith, Life and Learning

We present the NESA Curriculum from a Biblical Worldview perspective that challenges each child to grow in their Christian faith.

Our Primary students participate in daily devotions, worship and prayer. We focus on teaching Biblical Studies where we aim to inspire our students to open the Bible for themselves and develop their relationship with God both at the College and independently. Our WAVES (Worship and Very Exciting Stuff) program, tailored for young learners, is an engaging way for students to learn more about Christianity in our traditional Chapel setting.

In Secondary School, students meet daily in their Family Group to share devotions and pray together. Students participate in fortnightly Chapel services, often led by the students themselves. Secondary students take Biblical Studies as a subject from Years 7 to 10 and Biblical Life studies in Years 11 and 12.

Welcoming Christian community

Our College stands apart from the rest, in that the College Community is committed to their faith and have found comfort in a school that reinforces the values they practise at home.

We come together for worship and prayer, special Assemblies, community events such as our Koinonia Toonie Community Night (College Fete), College Musicals and Presentation Nights.

Parents/Carers may participate in their child's classroom in a voluntary capacity and are encouraged to contact their child's classroom teacher to find out more about these opportunities. Families interested in getting further involved in life at the College are invited to join Koinonia, our parents/carers group.

Close relationship between school and home

Toongabbie Christian College's Christian education extends beyond each child's school day. We partner with parents/carers and their churches to nurture and equip young people with the skills and competencies they need to lead a successful Christian life.

We encourage our families to be actively involved in their child's learning and development, and to keep informed of what is happening at the College. We keep in regular contact with our families through Information Nights, Parent Teacher interviews, our community newsletter and social media.

Where required, our Learning Support and Enrichment teams work with parents/carers to involve families in their child's everyday learning journey.

Private Bus Service

Our optional, private door-to-door bus service offers our families a convenient transportation option for their children and ensures safe travel to and from the College each day. The College is also well serviced by a variety of public transport options.

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All the kids are treated like family – it's a feeling that goes beyond special days like birthdays or even at church. The great thing is that sense of community when we see the other families.

Mariano and Linda Torrasi, Toongabbie Christian College Parents

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Community

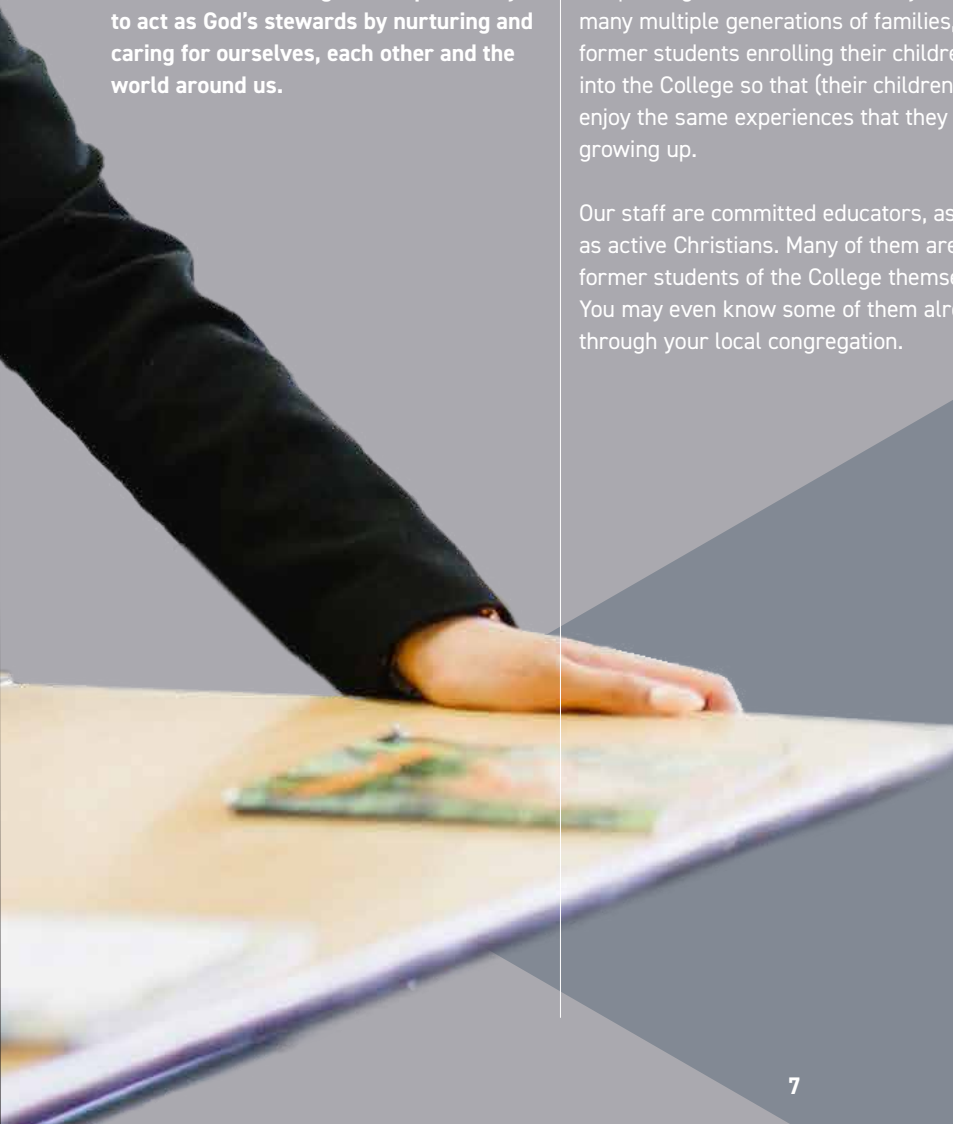
More than a school

What has resonated with the multiple generations of families who have chosen our College for their children, is that Christian education is not a subject to be studied – it is woven into everything that we do. Our Biblical Worldview shapes our shared understanding and responsibility to act as God's stewards by nurturing and caring for ourselves, each other and the world around us.

Relationships and community are the very essence of our College. Testament to this is our strong referral network, with many of our current and future families enrolling their children based on the experiences of their friends and family. We are privileged that our community includes many multiple generations of families, with former students enrolling their children into the College so that (their children) can enjoy the same experiences that they did growing up.

Our staff are committed educators, as well as active Christians. Many of them are former students of the College themselves. You may even know some of them already through your local congregation.

The result of our unique integration of home, church and school is a learning environment where each child is known as an individual from a multi-dimensional perspective, giving our staff valuable insight into how best to support them to pursue academic and personal excellence.



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Kindergarten

Our committed Kindergarten staff work in close partnership with each family to nurture the God-given talents of their children.

Our Kindergarten learning programs and strategies are informed by research and evidence-based practices to equip students with the literacy and numeracy skills required for success in their Primary years and beyond. In Kindergarten, we focus on developing essential skills such as oral language, auditory awareness, fluency, phonics, comprehension and engagement with technology. However, our teaching philosophy extends beyond foundational learning, aiming to inspire a lifelong love of learning within each child.

Families are able to enrol their child into Kindergarten providing that their child is aged five years or above on or before 30 April in the year of commencement. Commencing at the College from Kindergarten offers a seamless transition into Primary School as each child has established connections within the College and sense of belonging to the greater College Community.



Primary

Years 1 to 6

Our Primary classrooms are nurturing spaces that encourage a natural love of learning within each student.

Students are engaged with Christian values in all aspects of their learning and encouraged to grow spiritually and academically. Our Primary teachers work closely with each child and their family to ensure that they achieve the foundational skills and knowledge to succeed in their educational journey. This includes:

- Spiritual development – growth in knowledge and faith commitment through Biblical Studies and a devotional program.

- Academic potential – a range of academic and co-curricular subjects to respond to individual interests and needs to develop potential.
- Sport/Physical development – personal progress is encouraged through participation, suitable facilities and the study of PDHPE.
- Social and emotional development – a focus on promoting wellbeing and equipping students with the skills and strategies to be resilient and optimistic.

The learning journey of each child is tailored to meet their individual needs and whether they need further extension or support.

Our Enrichment teacher works closely with classroom teachers to identify students who require additional extension in their learning. Cross-grade acceleration is also offered where appropriate.

Our Learning Support team is on hand to assist students who require additional support with Reading, Comprehension or

Mathematics. The Learning Support team collaborate with parents/carers to create individual education plans for students.

The College operates an Out of School Hours Care service to assist families with the supervision of their children before and after school, as well as during vacation periods.

The Centre operates from 6.30am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.30pm during term time. Vacation Care runs from 7.00am to 6.30pm on weekdays during the school holidays.

Secondary

Years 7 to 12

Our Secondary School offers young adults a comprehensive academic program and further opportunities to explore and develop their skills and interests inside and outside the classroom.

The Secondary School program builds upon the foundational learning of the Primary years. Students are challenged to pursue academic and personal excellence within a supportive environment that equips them to pursue their goals and make a meaningful contribution to their communities.

As students transition into Secondary School, the curriculum becomes increasingly specialised from Years 7 to 12, and students have access to a variety of specialist learning facilities to enhance their learning. These include a Drama Theatre, Multi-purpose Centre/Auditorium, dedicated workshop for Design and Technology classes, Science Laboratories, Food Technology and Textiles room.

From Year 9, students are able to choose from an exciting range of electives, such as Child Studies, Commerce, Drama, Engineering, Food Technology, ICT, Physical Activity and Sports Studies, Textiles, Timber, Visual Arts and more.

In Years 11 and 12, students benefit from a wide range of subject options that they can select from to design their own course of study. Our Careers Adviser is available to students to assist in making informed choices regarding subject selection and identification of pathways to support their goals. The College offers a wide range of HSC Courses and VET pathways to suit students' personal goals for life after school. Students are also able to study a Certificate III in Live Production and Services (Theatre Studies) onsite. Where a student wishes to study a course that the College is unable to provide, we support their learning through external providers such as Distance Education.

Subject teachers in consultation with the Dean of Curriculum Secondary identify students who require additional opportunities in their learning. Consideration is also given to accelerated students in identified subjects.

Leadership development is an integral aspect of Secondary School. We equip students who display leadership qualities through staff mentoring and an Inter-School Leadership Camp – an opportunity to combine with students from other schools to build connections and grow together in their leadership potential.

Student leaders are provided with opportunities to serve as a part of the Student Advisory and Leadership Team in Years 7 to 11, on camps, peer support leaders to Year 7 and 8 students, and as Prefects in Years 11 and 12 who endeavour to lead the College through a variety of portfolio areas including: Academics, Campus Ministry, Care for Campus, House and Social Justice.

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A Holistic Approach

The College provides a wide variety of opportunities for students to explore their God-given talents and experience meaningful learning outside of a traditional classroom setting.

Co-curricular opportunities

Inter-school sport is popular, with students able to participate and compete in local, CSSA, CIS, Zone and State level competitions.

Our Music, Band and Performing Arts programs enable students to participate in a variety of performance opportunities across the year, such as our College Musical. The College is home to fantastic performance spaces, such as the Drama Theatre, Multi-purpose Centre/Auditorium and well-resourced Music Rooms in Primary and Secondary School.

Camps in Primary and Secondary School are designed to encourage participation in a range of skill and team building exercises, and encourage students to challenge themselves while having fun. There is also an opportunity for students to attend an annual Mission trip to Suva, Fiji, serving the Homes of Hope community, an organisation that works with young women and children. We share the gospel with the community, assist with renovations, repairs and childcare.

Students are welcome to join a number of lunchtime groups in both the Primary and Secondary Schools. In Primary School, clubs include Bible Study, Chess, Coding, Dance, Garden, Lego and Music. In Secondary School, clubs include Bible Study, Eco, Games, Knitting and Prayer.

Wellbeing, Pastoral Care and student support

We are committed to providing an environment where every student is valued and able to flourish in mind, body and spirit.

Every student in Kindergarten to Year 12 is assigned to one of four Houses: Arnott, Burrows, Cuthbert or Hale. The House program encourages students' sense of belonging by providing them with opportunities to bond with their peers across a range of creative, sporting and social events throughout the year.

In the Secondary School, Year 7 Home Room and Years 8 to 12 Family Group programs ensure that students feel a sense of belonging and are encouraged to grow in person and spirit throughout the critical adolescent years. Our student-led Peer Support program encourages older students to develop responsibility as mentors and role models to younger students.

The College Wellbeing Team works closely with students and families to provide a holistic approach to student care in the Primary and Secondary Schools. The team includes a Psychologist, Counsellors, a College Chaplain and a student mentor.

Enrolment

How to Enrol

Step 1: Register your interest

Ask for more information or register your interest in becoming a Toongabbie Christian College family by sending us an email at enquiries@tcc.nsw.edu.au or calling us on (02) 8863 2952.

Step 2: Tour the College (optional)

Open Days and Tours are available so you can experience the difference firsthand and make an informed decision about what is best for your family. For families who are unable to attend these events, a Personal Tour may be requested by appointment. A Virtual Tour of the College is also available on our website.

Step 3: Submit your documentation

Our Enrolments Team can provide you with an enrolment pack that includes our Enrolment Policy, enrolment criteria and application forms. Please read these documents carefully before submitting your application.

Once you are ready to commence the formal enrolment process, please submit a completed copy of the application form and supporting documentation, including your Pastor's Reference. The Pastor's Reference plays an important role in the consideration of all applications for enrolment.

At the time of lodging enrolment documentation, a \$50 application fee becomes payable.

Step 4: Attend a Principal's interview

A Principal's interview provides an opportunity for our Principal, Dr Johan Griesel, to get to know your family, explain the College's approach to curriculum delivery and answer questions you might have.

Following a successful interview, you will receive a Letter of Offer. If there are no places available for your preferred grade or year of entry, you will be placed on a waiting list and offered a place should one become available.

We look forward to meeting your family soon.

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