The St. Peter’s Experience

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Welcome to St Peter’s Anglican Primary School. I trust that you will find the information here of benefit to you.

St Peter’s has a long history of excellence. Excellence in Christian Education, Music, Academia and Sporting Avenues. Students at St Peter’s are known, are cared for and valued as individuals.

Students learn best when they are engaged and stimulated to want to learn. The relationship that staff have with students is vital.

As a parent myself, I understand the importance of the decision in selecting a school that meets the needs of your children. I would be delighted to speak with you about how St Peter’s could be that choice for your family.

Should you be interested in enrolment at St Peter’s, please contact our Admissions team either via email or by phoning the school directly. School Morning and Twilight tours are scheduled throughout the year. You would be more than welcome to attend and meet with the Head of School for an informal chat.

Our staff are excited about the wonderful learning experiences they are preparing for the students at St Peter’s Anglican Primary School.

Please enjoy our prospectus and make contact if we can be of any further assistance.

Mr Brendan Gorman  
Head of School
Achievement
Respect
OUTSTANDING EDUCATION

The early childhood and primary years are the most important school years for the development of character, intellect and personality. In the early years habits and attitudes are developed that will shape future learning and build resilience. This is why we value the importance of quality teaching in a nurturing atmosphere of personal support, Christian faith and values.

We see the spiritual development of each child as essential to a purposeful education so we provide a Christian education and encourage our students to live out the Christian message through following the example of Jesus in serving others.

The school curriculum includes the six Key Learning Areas prescribed by the New South Wales Board of Studies: English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and Its Environment, Creative and Practical Arts and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

Curriculum/Teaching and Learning

The curriculum is carefully structured to cater for the diverse social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of our students. We place strong emphasis on a well-rounded education that is differentiated to meet the individual needs of students. Comprehensive learning support and enrichment programs are in place to extend the differentiation that takes place the classroom.

Literacy is essential for learning. We aim to enable students to understand and use language effectively to make meaning in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive, critical and powerful. In the early years, we offer an evidence-based approach to reading and writing that stimulates the development of phonemic awareness and includes the use of phonics. English across the school takes place in a literature-rich learning environment. We provide literacy extension classes for students who require extension in this Key Learning Area.

Numeracy is a strength in the school. We endeavour to produce confident and creative mathematicians. The students are taught mathematical concepts and processes to further their mathematical fluency. They pose and solve problems and develop their ability to communicate their mathematical reasoning. Mathematics is taught in ability-based groups from Year 2 onwards to enhance the differentiated approach to teaching.

Values and Mission

Spiritual
A love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Intellectual
A love of learning, an open and positive attitude of mind, a strong work ethic and the pursuit of academic excellence.
Cultural
An appreciation of the creative and performing arts in general, and music in particular, will be encouraged and fostered.

Physical
A love of games, physical fitness and a consciousness of the need to live a healthy and active lifestyle and to appreciate and care for the environment.

Social
A love of community expressed in care and consideration of others, courtesy, co-operation, personal organisation, honesty, citizenship and service.

Care and Compassion
Care for self and others.

“Be Kind and compassionate to one another.”
Ephesians 4:32

Doing Your Best
Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence.

“Whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is noble, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” Philippians 4:8

Fair Go
Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society.

“... And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”
Micah 6:8

Freedom
Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.

“Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone.” 1 Peter 2:16 and 17

Honesty and Trustworthiness
Be honest, sincere and seek the truth.

“The holy person’s walk is blameless, he does what is righteous, he speaks the truth from his heart.” Psalm 15:2

Integrity
Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds.

“The holy person has no slander on his tongue, he does his neighbour no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow man.” Psalm 15:3

Respect
Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person’s point of view.

“Love your neighbour as yourself.” Matthew 22:39

Responsibility
Be accountable for one’s actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment.

“If you are asked to give an account of yourself, give a good account of your conduct towards fellow citizens and towards the state.” Romans 13:14

Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion
Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.

“Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Romans 12:17 and 18

Christian Living
St Peter’s Anglican Primary School is unashamedly a Christian school. Our staff are practicing Christians and this foundation is a vital pillar of our school.

All students are taught a distinctively Christian education. This is part of all areas and not just through our structured Christian education.

All students attend Chapel – held at St Peter’s Anglican Church. Jesus is preached, taught and lived at St Peter’s Anglican Primary School.
Inspire
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BEGIN THE JOURNEY

The St Peter’s Anglican Primary School Prep class is a pre-kindergarten class set in purpose designed learning spaces within the grounds of our school. Children participate in a program where they play, investigate, communicate and develop all the skills necessary to make a successful transition to Kindergarten. They complete pre-literacy and numeracy activities, as well as visit the library, have chapel with a member of the St Peter’s Anglican Church ministry team and enjoy time with our specialist music and PE teachers.

Generally children have already turned four when they commence Prep, however, applications can be lodged for children who will have their fourth birthday prior to 30 April in this pre-Kindergarten year.

There are four separate Prep classes, with options available for either 2 or 3 day programs. Children may be enrolled in one of these classes.

- The classes operate during all four school terms.
- The full class enrolment is 20 children.
- Fees for Prep (Pre-Kindergarten) are invoiced to parents prior to the commencement of each term.
- Acceptance into the Prep program enables progression into Kindergarten and beyond.
- The class operates from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm and the children are signed in and out by a parent or carer.
- Children in Prep are able to access Out of School Hours Care for an additional fee.

Children bring a packed recess and lunch each day. They wear the St Peter’s sports uniform throughout the year.
Junior Primary comprises of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 and seeks to develop students who love to learn. Through engaging and innovative teaching and learning across all key learning areas, students are provided with the support they require to be successful learners.

Students have access to a range of information technology and enjoy specialist lessons in Music, Language and Physical Education. Junior Primary is an exciting place to be and ensures that students are well prepared to meet the challenges that await them in Year 3 and beyond.
Positive friendships
Teamwork
JOURNEY AND BEYOND

Years 3-6 Primary provides students with genuine opportunities to engage in challenging and relevant learning opportunities using a variety of technology.

Our commitment to learning is complimented by specialist teachers, staff and programmes offering growth and development across Sport, Music and Language, as well as Outdoor Education. Students are encouraged to become effective thinkers and independent learners.
**Music**

Class music lessons are provided by specialist teachers. Visiting music tutors provide private tuition in drama, singing, percussion, piano, guitar and strings.

**Band**

Approximately 100 children from Years 3 – 6 are members of our Concert Bands. Junior Band is held on Tuesdays and Senior Band on Mondays. Tuition is in tutorial groups rotating throughout the school day, and the whole Band rehearses after school. The Senior Band plays at the school assembly each fortnight.

- Concerts for instrumental performances are held throughout the year.
- Tutorials are held in the Performing Art Centre

Our Band programs are a highlight of our school.

**Choral groups**

The school has three choirs: Year 2 Choir, Middle Primary Choir (Years 3 and 4) and the Senior Choir (Years 5 and 6). These choirs are open to any students. The Vocal Ensemble is an enrichment group for Senior Primary students who would benefit from the opportunity to further develop their musicianship through singing. The ensemble sings complex repertoire for young voices and focuses on developing musical interpretations of songs.

**Percussion**

The Years 3 and 4 Music Makers group (M and Ms) is very dynamic and use percussion to create and make music. Students develop and refine their performance skills, build on their musical knowledge and experiences and enjoy making music together.

The Girls’ and Boys’ Stomp Bands are percussion ensembles for students in Years 5 and 6. The two Stomp Bands focus on creative composition and performance using everyday objects as instruments.

**Instrumental**

The Recorder Ensemble is for primary children who wish to broaden their musical experiences. The students enjoy playing recorders in parts in a variety of styles and playing music from different periods in musical history, from Baroque to Rock.

**String Orchestra**

Our Orchestra has proved to be a stand out success under the tutelage of Mr George Kowalik. The performances are most impressive as these young performers take their rehearsals very seriously indeed. Interested students are prepared for possible future membership of this Orchestra through the very successful ‘Introduction to Strings’ Program.

**Extra Curriculum**

There are numerous extra-curricular activities and clubs offered at St Peter’s. Interested students have many avenues to pursue specific gifts and interests outside of the classroom.

**Language**

- French - Kindergarten
- French and German (Years 1 - 4)
- German (Years 5 - 6 extension)
- Spanish (after school classes)

**Public Speaking and Debating**

- All children from Year 3 are involved in Public Speaking.
Specialist teachers
• St Peter’s Public Speaking Competition (Years 4 – 6)
• IPSHA (Independent Primary Schools) Debating Competition (Years 5 – 6)

**Competitions**
St Peter’s competes in many competitions:
• NSW Chess League Competition (Zone Winners since 2005)
• National Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians
• UNSW Global Competitions

**Other Clubs and Activities**
- History Club
- Chess Club
- Art Club
- Lego Club
- Knitting Club
- Gardening Club
- IT Robotics Club
- Writing Club
- Crusaders @ Lunchtime (Year 2 and 3) and (Year 4 and 5)
- Crusaders Breakfast Club (Year 6)

**Outdoor Education**
A developmental camping program is an integral part of the Primary experience at St Peter’s. Students from Years 3-6 attend camps ranging from 2 to 4 days.

Students in Years 3 have ‘camp at school’ to help prepare them for the ‘Outdoor Education Program’ from Year 4.

Camps foster a different style of learning as students and teachers spend a number of days together sharing everything and realising the importance of considering the needs of others. There are team-building activities and many physically demanding activities and challenges such as abseiling, canoeing, archery and orienteering.

The camps provide opportunities for personal and spiritual reflection in idyllic bush or lake settings. Years 4 – 6 enjoy camps at Attunga (Canyonleigh), Lake Macquarie and Galston Gorge. Camping programs are developed in conjunction with Crusader’s Summit Educational Camps and encourage a challenge by choice philosophy.

**Sporting Opportunities**
St Peter’s provides every child with the opportunity to participate in sport and to enjoy and appreciate the benefits of sport and the ideals of sportsmanship.

Junior Primary Students are involved in a skills-based sport program which aims to develop the children’s fundamental movement skills.

Students in Years 3 – 6 may be selected to compete at major Sporting Carnivals conducted by IPSHA. IPSHA (The Independent Primary School Heads of Australia) is an organisation which provides professional support for teachers and their students. They facilitate opportunities for children who attend Independent Primary schools to compete against each other in a range of sports. They provide opportunities for selection to compete at CIS (Combined Independent Schools) and ultimately State PSSA/ “All Schools” and National level in Swimming, Athletics, Cross-Country and team sport. There are also opportunities for students to be enrolled in Gymnastics, Hockey, Tennis and Rugby trials.

From Year 3 students are involved in either school-based sports programs or inter-school competitions in summer and winter. St Peter’s is involved in IPSSO representative school competition throughout the year. The school fields highly competitive teams in Soccer, Netball, AFL and Volley Ball during winter sports. In the summer, the school fields teams in Cricket, Basketball, Soccer and Oztag.

IPSSO (Independent Primary Schools Sporting Organisation) operates in two pools – a northern pool and southern pool. St Peter’s is affiliated with the southern pool and plays sport against Broughton Anglican College, Macarthur Anglican School and Wollondilly Anglican College each Wednesday.

St Peter’s has a Prep – Year 6 PE Specialist to coordinate the development of all facets of the school’s PE/Sport program including the teaching of specialist PE lessons.

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St Peter’s difference
The Pastoral Care of children attending St Peter’s Anglican Primary School is a shared responsibility between the school and the community. Teachers endeavour to create a culture of student engagement and responsibility where all children are aware of appropriate behaviours and choices. They work with students in their care and in partnership with parents. Communication is a vital element that can be used in conjunction with the student diary, or by phone or personal contact.

Grade coordinators also support class teachers in fulfilling their responsibilities, offering assistance in student welfare matters. (Consultation with the Director of Junior Primary and the Director of Primary is also available as needed.)

Our school engages the internal support of a school counsellor, working with relevant students who have been referred. St Peter’s also works collaboratively with external professional agencies to support students and families with specific needs.
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

St Peter’s Anglican Primary School has outstanding facilities. The modern buildings provide large double brick classrooms, which are air-conditioned and carpeted. All rooms have a quiet reading/computer room for students, a teacher’s office and a wet area for art. Internal doors or moveable walls link most classrooms.

All classrooms have Interactive Whiteboards. The school is also well equipped with computer resources. Each classroom also has a minimum of four computers linked to a school network and through this, students can access the intranet, selected areas of the internet, and the print resources of the Information Resource Centre (IRC). The main computer room (28 computers) is located on the first floor of the IRC. Additionally, students in Years 5 and 6 have a 1:1 device program and students in Years 3 and 4 have a 1:2 device program.

Students make good use of the tennis and basketball/netball courts and for less structured activities, there are handball courts, play equipment and covered play areas. Students also have access to a range of good quality sporting facilities nearby for inter-school sporting competitions.

The IRC also houses a large ground floor library. Here students can research material from the large array of books provided, or read quietly in one of the reading cubicles located around the perimeter of this circular building.

This building was a prize winning design for the architect, Tony Caro, in the 2001 Royal Australian Architectural Awards.

“The White House“ (1887)

This beautiful 1887 building was restored by the school in 2002. The school received an important Heritage Award in 2003. Language classes and instrumental tuition take place in rooms on the ground floor, as well as a variety of other uses.

St Peter’s Anglican Church (1823)

Our students attend chapel in St Peter’s Anglican Church which is Campbelltown’s oldest building and the third oldest church in Australia. It has been a place of continuous Christian worship for almost 190 years.

Information Resource Centre (2001)

This centre houses an extensive library collection with a modern computer laboratory on the first floor.

School Hall (2010)

St Peter’s was successful in securing a $3 000 000 grant from the Federal Government as part of the “Building the Education Revolution” program. This grant enabled the school to build the School Hall and three classrooms. The project was completed in September 2010. The School Hall has outstanding acoustic characteristics that enhance the many band, orchestral, dance and drama performances that are regularly staged at the school.
Community
Culture
ENROL TODAY

How to Enrol

Step 1
The first step to enrolling at St Peter’s Anglican Primary School is to complete the School’s Application Form. The Application Form must be accompanied by a $50.00 application fee. The application fee is non-refundable.

Submitting the Application Form will place you on the application waiting list for the chosen year of entry. It does not guarantee your child a place at St Peter’s Anglican Primary School. Places are offered to students after completing the following steps and are dependent on the number of places available in each year level.

Step 2
Approximately 1 year before the required year of entry, parents will be contacted by our Admissions Team. If parents wish to continue the enrolment process, they will be invited to attend an enrolment interview with the Head of School. If possible, both parents should attend but at least one parent and the student need to be present for the interview.

After the interview your child may be offered a place at St Peter’s Anglican Primary School and a formal letter of offer and enrolment form will be posted to you. You will be given a time period in which to consider the offer.

Step 3
To accept the offer you will need to return the completed Enrolment Form and pay the required enrolment fee. This is a non-refundable fee, payable by the date nominated in the formal letter of offer. If the fee is not received by the due date, the application may be cancelled.
LOCATION

The School Office Hours are from 8:00 am to 4.00 pm (Monday to Friday) during school terms. During school holiday periods, the School Office is open from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm (Monday to Friday).

For all enrolment information, to request a tour or to discuss beginning your child’s St Peter’s Anglican Primary School education journey, please contact the School Office on (02) 4627 2990 or email administration@stpeters.nsw.edu.au.

St Peter’s conducts Morning and Twilight Tours with our Head of School on a monthly basis. We are aware that choosing a school for your child is a very important decision. We invite you to join a Morning or Twilight Tour, by appointment, during School terms. Please contact the School Office on 4627 2990 for more information.

Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office to discuss your child’s individual education needs and interests and to discuss tour options for your family.
Creativity