



PROSPECTUS

EMMAUS COLLEGE
ROCKHAMPTON



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Light my way

Emmaus College has, as its foundational story, the Journey to Emmaus, a well-known story unique to the Gospel of Luke. The College embraces the theme of 'journey' as a fine metaphor; our students will journey with many people and groups throughout life and will meet Jesus in the other as they grow in spirituality, intellect, physical capabilities and wisdom.

All of our lives are a journey of discovery, enlightenment, faith, commitment and community just like that experienced by the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Our motto, 'Light My Way', also draws inspiration from this theme. Nurturing young people to continue Christ's role as 'light of the world' and to appreciate the capacity of learning to enlighten are central to our work here at the College.

All parents, students and staff are encouraged to be active participants of our learning community. We have created a nurturing environment and a productive learning atmosphere where each student can feel safe, interested and connected while finding meaning in their time with us.

As a Catholic community of students, parents and staff, we are all 'magic weavers' who make a difference in the lives of our young people through our interactions with them. We maintain this through a passion and understanding for our moral purpose; prayerful and reflective practices; a positive attitude; and a value for diversity, mutual respect and equality.

Emmaus provides structure to support the needs of students at different stages of their secondary journey. Our separate Middle School and Senior School campuses provide extensive facilities and create learning environments appropriate to the age groups they serve, giving students every opportunity to develop confidence, contribute generously, make friendships, learn new skills and experience success.

Through the pages of this prospectus, I hope that you gain an insight into the many benefits on offer as part of the Emmaus Catholic College Community, and I look forward to embarking on a wholesome and rewarding educational journey of success with your family.

Eamon Hannan

Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*Emmaus College
is a Catholic
community of
learners.*

TWO SCHOOLS IN ONE



At Emmaus we endeavour to present our students with a consistent and coherent view of life; a view that sees religion and spirituality as an integral part of their education.

Yaamba Road Middle School Campus

Our Middle School Campus provides a positive transition for our Year 7 students from primary to secondary school. We provide a nurturing environment where they are able to establish and maintain healthy relationships whilst being mindful of their own mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

The Campus features year-level specific eating areas, with activities throughout the college to continually challenge students during lunch times. Our Middle School Campus sets boundaries and high standards for our students through their work and behaviour in the classroom. Our staff expect students to be punctual to lessons, to be equipped with all materials for their classes and expect that they wear the uniform properly and with pride.

The Yaamba Road Campus boasts a range of top class facilities to enhance the student experience, such as:

- Modern library with the latest technology, WiFi access and IT Helpdesk

- A range of outdoor lunchtime activities such as table tennis, organised sporting activities, Giant Chess and Giant Connect 4
- Four large sporting fields and an undercover 'Sports Dome' for class, interschool sport and recreational use
- A large multipurpose hall
- A 25m swimming pool, backing on to a newly built gymnasium
- Mary Mackillop Performing Arts Centre with theatre quality equipment in large drama studios and two music ensemble rooms

Main Street Senior School Campus

Our Senior students are capable, mature, self-directed citizens, ready to take on the responsibility that comes with growing up and life after school. They are prepared for the real-life expectations associated with employment, further study and engaging with life.

The Main Street Campus shares a boundary with local aged care facility Leinster Place and we encourage our students to share an active relationship with the facility's residents. Our Interact Committee runs activities for residents on significant religious occasions.

The Main Street Campus boasts a range of top class facilities to enhance the student experience, such as:

- A modern library with the latest technology, WiFi access, coffee machines and dedicated study rooms
- An industrial kitchen for hospitality students
- A Visual Art precinct and student work showcase
- An undercover 'Sporting Dome' and assembly area
- A specialised Industrial Technology and Design precinct



SPIRITUAL

A Catholic identity that is open and inclusive

Our emphasis on spiritual growth offers a tremendous scope for the development of intellectual, moral and social values.

We acknowledge that religious and spiritual formation is a lifelong journey and that Emmaus has an important role to play in this. Religious Education is a core element of our curriculum and provides students with a body of knowledge about the Catholic faith tradition, demonstrates the relationship between life experiences and assists in developing a student's ethics and morals.

While we are a Catholic College and many members of our community come from that tradition, we welcome all students and families from other backgrounds who share our values. Curiosity, understanding and respect for the various religions of the world are essential to our provision of a holistic spiritual education.

Campus Ministry

A Campus Minister on staff works with the Assistant Principal Mission to provide opportunities for the ongoing faith and spiritual development of all members of the Emmaus community.

Campus Ministry at Emmaus focuses on three main areas:

- Spiritual and faith development
- Pastoral care
- Community development

Retreats, along with various faith experiences, social justice workshops, friendship days and camps are essential ways by which Emmaus promotes faith development for students outside the classroom.

Prayer

Everyone has a role to play in developing the prayer life of our students and cultivating a prayerful atmosphere within the College. Our daily timetable allocates time for students to gather with their Tutorial group and teacher for prayerful reflection.

The ceremonial life of the College ensures all students are able to receive the Eucharist on various occasions, which include opening and end of year congregations as well as our College's day of celebration, Emmaus Day.

Our College Chaplain presides over Mass each Thursday morning at 8am, in our Yaamba Road Campus Chapel. Mass is an informal and inviting voluntary prayer opportunity for students, their families and staff at Emmaus College.

We have a dedicated team of staff who offer pastoral care structures for each year level, while being responsive to the needs of each student. These staff members include:

- Tutorial teacher
- Heads of Year
- Counsellors
- Campus Minister
- Indigenous Education Liaison Officer
- Responsible Thinking Coordinator
- Directors of Campus
- Deputy Principals

The Tutorial group

Emmaus employs a horizontal Tutorial structure across our Middle and Senior Campuses whereby each group consists of peers from the same year level. This is the foundation of a student's support network at the College and encourages them to establish meaningful relationships, whilst building emotional resilience and encouraging spiritual awareness. The Tutorial group aims to build a deep respect for other while considering responsibility for personal choices, actions and attitudes.

Responsible Thinking Process

At Emmaus College, we recognise that contributing to a productive learning environment can be easier for some students than others. The Responsible Thinking Process allows students to reflect on their disruptions and leave the

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classroom environment for short periods, to be supported in controlling their learning experiences in ways that will not impede the learning of others. The most important aspect of the Process is that students have a choice, and are supported in assuming responsibility for their own educational and behavioural outcomes.

Pastoral Journey

The pastoral program is delivered through the provision of positive learning experiences, which acknowledges the needs of each person. Retreats, camps and friendship days are key to the pastoral journey of all students. Pastoral care on the Middle School Campus focuses on making a positive start in a new learning environment while promoting the values of teamwork and community. Progression to the Senior Campus allows students to explore their own potential and take advantage of opportunities for increased involvement in the life of the College. Senior students are encouraged to mentor and support younger students while developing leadership, time management and life balance skills.

CURRICULUM

*The Emmaus journey seeks
truth, wisdom and justice.*

The classroom experience at Emmaus encourages a strong value for learning and a futures orientation. We challenge our student to persevere, to be diligent and to think critically.

In Year 7, students study a set course where they have an opportunity to experience a broad range of subjects. As they move into Years 8, 9 and 10, students study a number of core subjects, while having an increasing opportunity to study elective subjects of particular interest.

Upon entering the Senior School, students can pursue a wide variety of learning pathways to equip them for tertiary study, apprenticeships and traineeships as well as direct employment.

We also offer a number of Certificate level courses in areas such as Fitness, Allied Health and Children's Services to help students gain experience and insight into their future careers.

We understand the variety in learning style, rate and ability amongst our student population. Our dedicated staff are committed to maintaining an inclusive curriculum, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to achieve positive learning outcomes.

Educational Facilities

Learning at Emmaus takes place in a physical environment with the latest technology and modern learning spaces. Wireless internet throughout the College can turn any area of our campuses into a classroom. All learning spaces are enhanced with LED touchscreens that allow teachers to deliver our curriculum in a way that is modern, responsive and practical. Supported by the 1:1 Laptop Program and the College's broad use of online spaces, students can connect with their study and their peers anytime, anywhere. This is supported by a dedicated eLearning Facilitator on staff as well as four IT Helpdesk staff. Our dedicated Middle and Senior School libraries encourage collaborative learning within a contemporary, relaxed setting, and offer broad online and physical resources. Other facilities include:

- Eight fully equipped science labs
- Modern Industrial Design and Technology Precinct on our Main Street Senior School campus
- Industrial kitchen within an Art and Hospitality Precinct on Main Street Senior School Campus
- Mary Mackillop Performing Arts Centre on the Yaamba Road Middle School Campus, boasting two drama studios complete with lighting and sound equipment, three music rehearsal studios and two ensemble spaces.





CO-CURRICULAR

Sport

Emmaus College offers an extensive sporting program to cater for all students at the college. Sport at Emmaus is a great way for students to meet new friends and learn the value of teamwork, fairness and commitment. Students can choose from almost twenty interschool sports throughout the year, spread out across the four terms that run in conjunction with the Rockhampton & District Sporting Calendar.

Numerous competitions exist on regional and state levels such as the Queensland Independent Secondary School Rugby League Confraternity Carnival, the Queensland

Independent Secondary Schools Netball Carnival, QLD All Schools Touch Football Championships, Bill Turner Football Cup (Soccer), QLD All Schools Hockey Championships and the QLD All Schools Basketball Championships.

Additionally, we hold annual Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming Carnivals between our four houses: Castles, Leahy, Mackillop and Rice.

Interschool sports on offer include:

- Basketball
- Touch Football

- Water Polo
- Rugby Union
- Rugby League
- Cricket
- Australian Rules football
- Netball
- Rowing
- Futsal
- Chess
- Equestrian
- Volleyball
- Track and Field
- Swimming
- Cross Country

- Tennis
- Football (Soccer)

Sport at Emmaus is supported by a number of top class facilities, such as:

- Multipurpose Hall
- Four sporting fields
- Running track
- New fully equipped gym
- Two undercover Sports Domes
- 25m swimming pool
- Astro turf Cricket pitch including cricket nets

As a community of hope and justice we celebrate God's love and the dignity of each person.



Arts and Culture

We want students to have the opportunity to exhibit their talents and develop their passions throughout all activities at the College. Our co-curricular art and culture activities cater to a wide range of interests, empowering students with the confidence to try everything the Emmaus journey has to offer.

Musical production

Each year the College produces a musical involving the work of more than 100 students across all year levels, parents and staff. Participation extends beyond the stage and encourages involvement in the orchestra, set design, costumes, sound, lighting and backstage. Our Year 8 – 12 students have the opportunity to audition and sign up for the on stage experience, as well as joining the band. We encourage our Year 7 students to take part in the backstage voluntary roles while they are still settling into schooling life.

Musical ensembles

Emmaus has a number of ensembles that rehearse and compete all year round. Students have opportunities to perform in:

- Concert Band
- String Orchestra

- Jazz Band
- Vocal Ensemble

All Emmaus ensembles compete in the annual Rockhampton Eisteddfodd as well as Diocesan and Queensland Catholic Music Festivals.

Our ensembles play a large part in the college life, providing their talents regularly to Enrolment Evenings, Academic Awards, presentation evenings as well as our annual Turning on the Talent event.

Instrumental music program

Emmaus provides instrumental tuition to students keen to learn an instrument in the following areas:

- Woodwind
- Piano
- Brass
- Percussion
- Strings
- Voice
- Guitar

All students involved in the Instrumental Music Program also participate in the Northside Catholic Schools Instrumental

Music program, co-ordinated by Emmaus College and encompassing our three feeder primary schools. This extended program gives all students the chance to perform as part of an ensemble and collaborate with students of different ages, abilities and styles. The Northside Catholic Schools Instrumental Music Program hosts a concert each term in the Emmaus Hall. These are open to the community.

Academic competitions

Students are given opportunities to enter a number of competitions at local and state levels across a wide variety of subject areas.

Public speaking

Emmaus annually enjoys strong representation in a variety of speaking competitions such as Rostrum Voice of Youth, Apex Public Speaking Competition and Lions Youth of Australia. These opportunities encourage students to compete at regional, state and national levels.

Community service

Community service at the College inspires an understanding and acceptance of the spiritual and moral basis of life. Using our gifts to benefit others locally, nationally and internationally underpins our mission to live as a Christian community.

Students can contribute to a number of social justice and fundraising initiatives as part of their Tutorial group. In conjunction with the Student Council there are a number of fundraising activities throughout the year for organisations such as Caritas Australia, numerous relief efforts and annual Lenten and Christmas appeals for those less fortunate in our community.

Emmaus enjoys a proud history of strong participation in community events including: the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea and Relay for Life; the Leukaemia Foundation's Shave for a Cure; the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal; and Clean Up Australia Day.

Students are given opportunities to establish links with community groups such as: volunteering time to the Jason Rich Foundation to participate in defensive driving training; renovating garden areas at neighbouring aged care facility Leinster Place with the Emmaus College Eco Club; and annual blood donation with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service at Rockhampton Hospital.

Support for those who are struggling in our College community is provided by our Hope and Healing Fund. Students and staff support the Fund, which has been of great use to individuals and families who have faced challenges in the past.



*Walk with us and
let Christ's fire burn
within us.*

COLLEGE CENTRAL IDEAS

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| Journey | Seeing every human life as an on-going exploration and discovery. |
| Welcoming | Understanding that God might be encountered in each person whose path we cross. |
| Community | Promoting a faith based on the community's openness to recognising God in the events of daily life. |
| Hope | Providing nurture and encouragement for those who struggle. |
| Commitment | Developing an environment where people are prepared to commit themselves to doing what God calls them to do. |
| Enthusiasm | Acting out the dictates of our hearts. Emmaus College stands for the liberation of Christ's holy fire that burns within every disciple. |



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