



# St Bede's College

Mentone | Bentleigh East

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*Faith, service and community*



# Welcome from the Principal



St Bede's College is a Catholic secondary school founded within the Lasallian tradition. St John Baptist de La Salle began a number of schools after seeing a need to educate boys and young men who were the most vulnerable in their society. He understood that education was the path to freedom and responsibility. He was both a brilliant educator and a pragmatist, believing that the education of minds and hearts was essential for learning and life. From such beginnings a large network of Lasallian schools formed, now educating more than one million students worldwide.

St Bede's College began in 1938 as one such school. It has since become a well-known, loved and iconic place. It has always been a place of welcome for boys and their families from South Eastern Melbourne.

In 2021, we established a second campus which is known as St Bede's College, Bentleigh East. The population in 2021 is around 1940 students across the two campuses. Set priority Parishes are allocated to each campus of the College.

We offer a Christian education, one that inherently believes that boys can become young men who are prayerful, contemplative, socially just and aware that they are part of a global society.

We are an inclusive community where students have the right to be safe, valued, challenged and respected by all. We also believe that such respect carries mutual responsibility for others as part of our College family. Strong pastoral care links between the student, family and school are a hallmark of the College. St Bede's College thrives on the concept of community where we are brothers and sisters to one another.

Our motto is Per Vias Rectas (By Right Paths). It is important that young men have a strong set of values that underpin the way they live. We live those values by respecting and honouring our heritage while looking with imagination to the future.

The College has Five Guiding Principles that support our Mission. These Principles are at the heart of our community. They are Principles that we strive to live out daily.

- God is our focus (God is spoken about; we give time and energy to worship and social action).
- Brothers/sisters to each other (we always take care of each other).
- Always be honest (the value of honesty is at the heart of relationships at St Bede's College).
- Respect for self, others and property (these are gifts and are sacred).
- Achievement is valued (in the cultural, academic and sporting fields we strive to give our best effort).

We are proud of our Lasallian heritage. It gives our community a distinct and well-articulated view of education, allowing young men to feel connected, empowered and able to make a clear difference in the world.

You are always most welcome to visit our College to see if your son may benefit from such an education.

**Mr John Finn**  
Principal

# College Aims

## Vision Statement

St Bede's College aspires to educate boys in living "by right paths" to become confident Christian men. Through a commitment to a life of learning and justice we aim to develop resilient leaders who approach the future with zeal.

## Mission Statement

St Bede's College is a Catholic boys' school guided by the Lasallian tradition of Faith, Service and Community.

Relationships are central to our learning experience and help us to connect with others. We live an inclusive culture where one's personal best is encouraged, embraced and celebrated. We are globally aware and contribute positively to the world around us.

## Guiding Principles

- God is our focus. God is spoken about and we give time and energy to worship and social action.
- Brothers/sisters to each other.  
We always take care of each other.  
The older students will guide and care for the younger students.  
The Lasallian spirit of brotherhood/sisterhood will underpin all our actions.
- Always be honest – no lying or cheating.  
The value of honesty is at the heart of relationships at St Bede's College.
- Respect for self, others and property. These are gifts and are sacred.
- Achievement is valued. In the cultural, academic and sporting fields we strive to give our best effort.

## Child Safety

St Bede's College holds the care, safety and wellbeing of its students to be at the core of all we do.

The College is resolutely committed to ensuring that all staff of the College act in a manner that promotes the inherent dignity of each of our young men and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment.

Please refer to the school website to view our child safety policies: [www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

## Acknowledgment of Land

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation, whose ancient wisdom nurtured these lands and waters for millennia.

We pay our respects to their elders, both past and present.

May we always walk together by right paths.

Per Vias Rectas





*Respect for self and others*





*Founded in 1938*



# Our History

St Bede's College was founded in 1938 by the De La Salle Brothers. The founder of the Brothers was Saint John Baptist De La Salle, who was born at Rheims in 1651 during the reign of Louis XIV.

St Bede's College is an independent Catholic College for boys with approximately 1,950 students.

St Bede's College is a dual campus Catholic school conducted in the Lasallian tradition.

The College was originally founded in Mentone in 1938 under the patronage of the early medieval Saint and Scholar, St Bede. In 2021 the College became a multi campus school with a second campus established at Benteigh East.

The College is governed by an Incorporated College Board, which is responsible to the Trustees of the De La Salle Brothers and led by the current Principal, Mr John Finn, who is responsible to the College Board.



## Our Patron Saint - St Bede

St Bede is widely regarded as the greatest of all the Anglo-Saxon scholars. He wrote around 40 books mainly dealing with theology and history.

Bede was born around the year 672 in the English region of Northumbria. At the age of 7 his family entrusted his education to the care of Benedict Biscop at the Benedictine Monastery, St Peter at Wearmouth. He became, as the Holy Father explained "one of the most outstanding scholars of the early Middle Ages." In 682 AD, Bede moved to the monastery at Jarrow, where he spent the rest of his life. By the age of 19 he had become a deacon and was promoted to priest at 30.

His scholarship covered a huge range of subjects, including commentaries on the Bible, observations of nature, music and poetry. His most famous work, which is a key source for the understanding of early British history and the arrival of Christianity, is "The Ecclesiastical History of the English People" which was completed in 731 AD. It is the first work of history in which the AD system of dating is used. Bede considered it vitally important to convince the Churches of the Celts and the Picts to celebrate Easter together, in accordance with the Roman calendar.

The Pope exclaimed that thanks to Bede's approach to theology – which involved a combination of the Bible, liturgy and history – Bede has a modern message for the various "states" of Christian life.

Bede died at the monastery in May 735 AD.



# *Education in Faith*

As a Catholic School in the Lasallian tradition St Bede's College is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the witness of St John Baptist de La Salle.

The Catholic and Lasallian identity of St Bede's College is nurtured and celebrated across a range of activities and events for students, families and staff with the goal of enhancing the human and Christian education of the whole person.

As people of Faith, Service and Community, St Bede's College Community strives to make God present in our everyday actions and interactions, through both the ordinary and the extraordinary.





*Education of minds and hearts*



# Wellbeing

The welfare of students at St Bede's College is paramount. Each student is entitled to the opportunity to participate, learn and achieve his best. The pastoral care structure of the College aims to support students through their time at St Bede's.

## Years 7 - 9

Each student in Years 7 - 9 will have a Homeroom Teacher and Year Level Coordinator who work together to monitor the overall progress and development of students in their group. This system is in place from Years 7-10 at the Bently East Campus.

Individual subject teachers are responsible for students in their classes and the boy's academic progress in that particular subject. In Years 7 - 9 the Homeroom Teacher will usually teach the boys in their homeroom in at least one of his subjects, attend camps and assist with sport and co-curricular activities.

## Years 10 - 12 House System

Students in Years 10 - 12 are divided into four Houses operating under the care of four House Coordinators. The House system focuses on a vertical structure.

There are ten Tutor Groups in each House with a Tutor assigned to a group of students made up of these three year levels. The Tutor System is designed to provide students with access to the support of the Tutor and also the opportunity to learn from the experiences of other students within the group.

House Coordinator's work in conjunction with their team of Tutors to ensure the students' needs are met and progress monitored.

## Care and Wellbeing

Students requiring specialised assistance have access to the College Wellbeing Centre. Fully qualified and experienced Counsellors are available to all boys at St Bede's College. They offer support and guidance to students and are able to provide ongoing support to those in sensitive or critical situations. Students may self-report to a Counsellor or may be referred by parents or Coordinators.

In addition to Homeroom Teachers, Tutors, Coordinators and Counsellors students may also take concerns to staff outside of their direct pastoral group. Students at the Bently East campus have access to a Campus Student Coordinator, whilst at Mentone there is a Senior Years Coordinator for Years 10 -12 and Middle Years Coordinator for concerns regarding Years 7 - 9. All members of the College Community are bound by a common approach to pastoral care as detailed in the St Bede's College Pastoral Care Policy.





*Support and guidance*





*Foster a love of learning*



# Curriculum

At St Bede's College, learning is underpinned by the Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community. Our curriculum programs seek to affirm the intrinsic worth of each student in our care and recognise the importance of connecting with others as we learn. We aim to be globally aware and to send into the world young men with Christian values, resilient characters and deep reserves of confidence.

## General Principles

We ensure a breadth of learning programs which are aimed at the development of the academic, spiritual, social, emotional and physical dimensions of the student.

We offer a varied program designed to serve the mixed abilities and interests of the students and we recognise the diversity of skills required to be a global citizen.

We see it as integral to the school's mission to provide opportunities for all students to succeed.

## Students

Students at St Bede's College will be provided with the physical, social, emotional and virtual learning environments that enable them to experience success.

We will provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all, where enquiry is encouraged and risk accepted.

## Staff

Teachers at St Bede's College are models of lifelong learning. We value a culture of collegiality, collaboration and support within the College Community to ensure that student learning is a priority.

Our teaching is informed by student needs and reflects current best practice.

## Year 7

In Year 7 all subjects are compulsory and they are designed to bridge the transition from primary to secondary school.

The subjects are:

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- The Arts (Art, Drama and Music)
- Languages Other Than English (Indonesian and Italian)
- Health and Physical Education
- Digital Technology STEM
- Design Technology (Wood and Metal)



# Co-curricular

St Bede's College offers its students co-curricular activities in a range of sports, music, drama, debating, public speaking, community service and many other activities.

## ACC Sport

St Bede's College is a member of the Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) in Victoria, Australia.

The school competes in inter-school competitions including: cricket, tennis, volleyball, football, soccer, badminton, hockey, basketball, table tennis, athletics, cross-country running and swimming carnivals.

Our recent achievements include ACC titles in: cross country running, swimming, football, soccer, triathlon and cricket.

Staff involvement and specialist coaching are considered an important aspect of our teams and individual student development.

## Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music is an integral component of the music opportunities offered by St Bede's College.

Students are encouraged to undertake tuition from our team of specialist instrumental teachers and to utilise these skills in school ensembles and at the various performance events that are held both within the College and in the wider community. Instrumental lessons, ensemble rehearsals and many performances occur in our outstanding Performing Arts Complex.

## Band Program

The Band Program enables numerous boys the opportunity to begin tuition on a Concert Band instrument.

Tuition and instruments are offered to participants in this program at a very attractive introductory rate.





# Co-curricular



## Performance Programs

St Bede's College offers a range of opportunities for students to become involved in the dramatic arts. Over the years this has included musicals, plays and ensemble performances. We are proud to join with local schools and professional groups to enhance our students' experience.

## Public Speaking

The focus of Public Speaking is about building confidence in one of the most highly valued communication strategies there is - the spoken word. Our Public Speaking program gives students a chance to develop lifelong skills and have their say about issues that matter to them.

To this end, oral presentations are a key component in the classroom, where key skills are developed from Year 7 through to Year 12 in English, as well as other subject areas. In addition each year, students from Years 7 to 10 participate in a College-based Public Speaking Competition, named in honour of former College Principal Br Quentin O'Halloran.

## Debating

The College is a member of the Debating Association of Victoria (DAV) and each year we enter multiple teams in this prestigious competition. Debating builds critical thinking while also developing confidence and poise. We are proud to have won several competitions over the years. Every student is invited to take part in this worthy pursuit.

## Community Service

As one of the central tenets of the Lasallian Tradition, contribution to the local, national and global community is actively encouraged. Local programs include Peer Tutoring and Joey's Van, while involvement in Legacy, ANZAC Day, LandCare and Food Security Network ensure that the needs of others are prominent. Each year the College runs immersion opportunities to PNG, Thailand, India which focus on serving our Lasallian sisters and brothers. In 2020 we saw the inaugural indigenous immersion program to Balgo, W.A. and Balnarring, Victoria.



# Cyprus Lodge Phillip Island Camp

The College campsite is situated on Phillip Island on the bluff dividing YCW and Smith's Beach.

Year 7 and Year 8 camps are conducted during first and fourth terms and are an excellent opportunity for the boys to bond with their new classmates and homeroom teacher in a relaxed atmosphere.

The property sleeps a full homeroom plus teachers. There is a huge commercial kitchen, large living area and a recreational room with table tennis and snooker table.

The camps are conducted by our fully qualified Outdoor Education Staff, with the homeroom teacher being in attendance. The camp has the boys involved in many activities including beach activities, surfing, a visit to the state coal mine, digging for fossils at an archaeological site, fishing on Western Port Bay, film nights and boogie boarding at Smith's Beach.





# How to Enrol

## Enrolment Applications

### **Wednesday 27 January 2021:**

Applications for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2023 open.

### **Friday 20 August 2021:**

Applications close.

### **Friday 22 October 2021:**

Offers posted to prospective Year 7, 2023 applicants.

### **Friday 12 November 2021:**

Final date for families to accept offer made by school.

## To lodge an application for your son, you will need:

**1. Year 7 Enrolment Application Form**  
(Must be signed by Parents/Carers)

**2. Copy of Birth Certificate**

(Application forms to apply for Birth Certificates are available at the Post Office. Please order early, as it will take several weeks before you receive them. If you visit the office of Births, Deaths and Marriages, you can request and collect a Birth Certificate on the same day

Or

Citizenship papers or passport (if non-Australian resident or non-Australian born)

**3. Copies of Baptism Certificate and Communion Certificate.** If your son's Baptism Certificate is not Catholic, please provide a copy of your Sacrament Certificate.

**4. A current copy of Driver's Licence** and a Copy of current **Energy Bill**  
Council Rate Notices are not acceptable.

**5. A non-refundable Application Fee of \$100.**

## Statement of Fees – General information

- Your School Fee Invoice will be issued at the commencement of the school year in February.
- The payment of fees is a responsibility agreed to at the time of enrolment and in fairness to all families fees are to be paid.

### **Tuition fees include:**

- Compulsory excursions and activities.
- Classroom materials and resources for subjects via Campion Education Years 7-10.
- School diary & school year book.
- Year 12 Graduation Dinner/Mass (1 ticket per Year 12 student).

### **Sibling Discount:**

- 10% on Annual Tuition fees for the second sibling attending concurrently and 20% on Annual Tuition fees for subsequent sons attending concurrently.
- Administration charges may be applied where your account due deadlines have not been met. Collection charges, if incurred by the College, will be added to your account.

## Items not included in your Tuition Fee

- Notebook, Years 11 & 12 textbooks, Years 7-10 English novels; School uniform; Private Music lessons; Stationery
- Optional overseas trips and excursions (*not a compulsory component of a student's course*)

## Capital Building Fund Program (Compulsory)

- \$500 per family per year (Please note this is not a tax deductible item)

## Parents & Friends Contribution (Compulsory)

- \$30 per family - The funds raised are applied to desirable co-curricular purchases outside of the College budget.



# Enrolment Policy

St Bede's College is committed to providing education to Catholic students in the designated catchment area established by the Catholic Education Office.

The St Bede's College Board of Trustees is committed to serving the Catholic Community of its designated Priority Parishes in the catchment area. The College exercises its mission under the authority of the Trustees of the De La Salle Brothers and the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne. To the level of its capacity, the College observes the enrolment policies published by the Catholic Education Office.

The College Enrolment Policy is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees who work in conjunction with the Catholic Education Office.

## Statement of Policy:

To the level of its capacity, St Bede's College is committed to ensuring the enrolment of students from Catholic Families enrolled in a Catholic Primary School in the designated Priority Parishes in the catchment area. This policy also aims to support Catholic families who have sons enrolled in the College and to continue to develop and build the link with sons of Old Collegians who are currently engaged in Catholic Education and to develop a strong Catholic culture within St Bede's College.

## Guidelines Priorities

The following **enrolment priorities** have been established as part of the St Bede's College Enrolment Policy:

1. A Student who has a brother who is currently attending the College (who did not transfer to Mentone Campus in Year 11 from Bentleigh East Campus).
2. Catholic children of Old Collegians of St Bede's College Mentone who are attending a Catholic primary school.

3. Catholic children who are residents of a designated Priority Parish and have attended a Catholic primary school.
4. Catholic children who are residents of a designated Priority Parish and have not attended a Catholic primary school.
5. Catholic children from other parishes (for pastoral reasons).
6. Children from non-Catholic Eastern Churches, eg. Greek Orthodox, who have attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a designated Priority Parish.
7. Children from non-Catholic Eastern Churches who have not attended a Catholic primary school, but are residents of a Priority Parish.
8. Other Christian children who have attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a Priority Parish.
9. Other Christian children who have not attended a Catholic primary school, but are residents of a Priority Parish.
10. Non-Christian children who have attended a Catholic primary and are residents of a Priority Parish.
11. Non-Christian children who have not attended a Catholic primary school, but are residents of a Priority Parish.

*"Priority levels may be further sub-divided on a year to year needs basis"*



# Enrolment Policy

## Priority Parishes Mentone Campus

- Aspendale Parish
- Beaumaris Parish
- Black Rock Parish
- Chelsea Parish\*
- Cheltenham Parish\*
- Dingley Suburb
- Hampton East Parish
- Hampton Parish\*
- Highett Parish
- Mentone-Parkdale East Parish
- Mordialloc Parish
- Sandringham Parish

## Priority Parishes Bentleigh East Campus

- Brighton East Parish
- Cheltenham Parish\*
- Clayton Parish
- Clayton South Parish
- Dingley Parish\*
- Hampton Parish\*
- Highett Parish\*
- Holy Trinity Parish
- Keysborough Parish
- Murrumbeena Parish
- Oakleigh Parish
- Oakleigh East Parish
- Ormond Parish
- Springvale Parish

Being offered a place depends upon the number of applications received, as applicants who meet the CEM criteria are accepted first and the number of applicants varies from year to year.

\* Please note that some catchment areas are shared between schools.

“Priority Parish refers to the student’s residential address, NOT primary school attended. Priority Parishes are a designated catchment for a secondary school.” CEM Melbourne

St Bede’s College is pleased to accept all enrolment applications; however, the offer of a place depends upon the number of applications received, in accordance with the criteria in our Enrolment Policy

## Parental Responsibilities:

In applying to St Bede’s College, the following parental responsibilities apply:

- (a) Parents/Guardians must be prepared to support St Bede’s College in the Catholic education of their children and involve themselves as much as possible.
- (b) Parents/Guardians must recognise and be prepared to meet their financial responsibilities for the ongoing enrolment of the child. Continuing enrolment is subject to compliance with the conditions of the College fees policy.
- (c) Parents/Guardians must advise the Principal of any Court Order(s) that may exist in regard to the child or any changes to such Court Order(s) and provide a copy of the Court Order(s) and any subsequent changes for the child’s school file.
- (d) Parent/Guardians must supply the school with a Health Immunisation Certificate and Medical Action plans.
- (e) Students at St Bede’s College will be required to purchase an ICT device at Year 7 and at Year 10.
- (f) Parents/Carers must be prepared to conduct themselves in a manner supportive of the educational goals of St Bede’s College.

NOTE: Related documents and policies are available on the Catholic Education Office website - [www.cem.edu.au](http://www.cem.edu.au). This policy is to be read in conjunction with other relevant policies.



# Tuition Fees

\* Guide only for 2023

* 2021 Tuition Fees	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Annual Tuition	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
Building Fund / P&F per Family	\$530	\$530	\$530	\$530	\$530	\$530
Notebook	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,030</b>	<b>\$8,030</b>	<b>\$8,030</b>	<b>\$8,230</b>	<b>\$8,230</b>	<b>\$7,730</b>

## Notebook Program - The College policy regarding the purchase of notebooks for 2021

- Students in Year 7 to Year 11 are on a notebook payment plan that is included with school fees.
- New students to Year 11 are on a notebook payment plan that is included with school fees.
- Total cost of notebook approximately \$1,500 over a period of 2 or 3 years.
- If you should leave the College mid-year, you will be liable to pay the balance owing for the Notebook.

## Difficulty

- To be eligible for financial assistance you must first complete a CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Form) which is available, if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent.
- You are required to provide a copy of your current Health Care Card or Centrelink Pension Concession Card.
- Application forms are available on the College website through the parent portal.
- Families who encounter undue difficulty in making fee payments on time are urged to make contact with Mr. Dominic Langdon, Business Manager or Mr. Bryan Lobo, College Accountant. Be assured that discussions on these matters is confidential.

## Instrumental Music

- Application forms are available to download from the College website.
- Private instrumental music tuition is available for all students in Year 7 to Year 12.
- An application form and payment is required prior to the commencement of the music lesson, which vary in charge depending on lesson and instrument needs.

Individual Lessons per semester (60 mins)	\$990
Individual Lessons per semester (30 mins)	\$495
Shared Lessons per semester	\$322.50
Year 8 - Junior Concert Band per year	\$360
Year 7 - Training Band per year	\$490
Junior Vocal Program per year	\$300



# Parents & Friends

## What is the Parents & Friends Association?

The Aims of St Bede's College Parents and Friends Association are:

- the fostering of friendships and development of a support network within the St Bede's College community;
- to act as a conduit between the parents and the College;
- to co-ordinate social occasions where parents, friends and staff of the College can join together to foster friendships;
- to support the College and its aims;
- to further assist our children's education by assisting in the allocation of the funds for the future growth and development of the school by ensuring that the College continues to be a quality learning environment in which both the students and staff thrive.

## Who we are and what we do

We are a group of parents and friends meeting together on the second Wednesday of each month during the school term. Our role is to provide support and assistance to the Principal and Staff of the College to enhance the quality of Educational facilities for all boys at St Bede's College. Our aim is to create opportunities for families to familiarise themselves with the running of St Bede's College in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, while getting to know other parents and staff. We do this by holding social functions throughout the year which include:

- assisting staff by hosting and catering for the Parent Welcome Social Evenings;
- serving Devonshire Teas on Grandparents' Day;
- sponsoring the Annual Acquisitive Art & Technology Awards and assisting with hospitality on the night;
- Mother's Day and Father's Day Breakfasts and gift stalls;
- assisting families needing support when approached by the College;
- attending annual retreats at "Cypress Lodge" in Phillip Island;
- Book Club;
- Walking Group;
- Movie Club.

## Why Join?

- to make new friends;
- to learn what's happening in the College;
- to enjoy social functions;
- to share ideas and talents;
- to become involved in the College Community

## Our Meetings

These are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month, with the exception of school holidays. The AGM will be held in February. Dates will be published on the St Bede's College website. These meetings commence at 7:30pm unless otherwise advertised, and are usually held in the College Board Room (Entry is via Main Office). Our meetings are open to the whole of the St Bede's College community and we welcome new faces and ideas. "Everybody is Welcome"

## What About Fundraising?

There is a small levy in lieu of major fundraising. All families are now asked to make this minimal contribution once per year. This way every student at St Bede's College benefits from your contribution. If you have any questions you can email: [parentsandfriends@stbedes.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@stbedes.catholic.edu.au)





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