

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE

Per Vias Rectas
BY RIGHT PATHS





Community



Principal's Welcome

Welcome to St Bede's College; a Catholic school for boys in the Lasallian tradition. The patron saint of teachers and education, John Baptist De La Salle, saw the school experience as providing students with the means for better understanding their faith and of maximising their participation in life.

With unwavering commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ and the Church, the development of good young people who find success and fulfilment in the service of others has always been the focus of the College, and continues to guide our mission today.

We are an inclusive community where students have the right to be safe, valued, challenged and respected by all. We believe that such respect carries mutual responsibility for others as part of the College family.

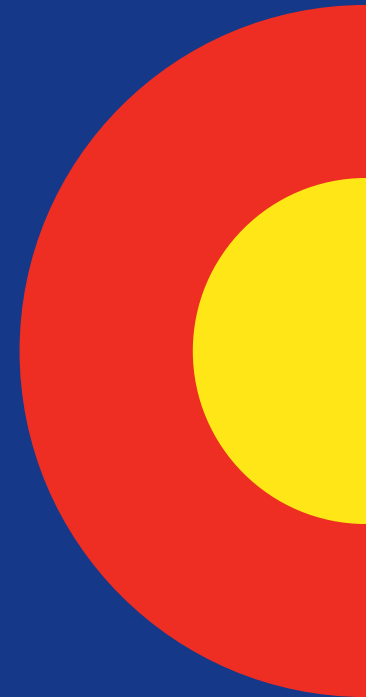
Strong pastoral care links between the student, family and College are a hallmark of St Bede's. Each student should be named and known. For our young people to fully grow, it is essential that everyone they encounter at the College has an interest in their development beyond their capabilities as a student.

Our motto is Per Vias Rectas (By Right Paths). It is important that young people have a strong set of values that underpin the way they live, and that they are provided with opportunities to take on leadership and responsibility. Our values and our principles allow us to honour our heritage, while looking with imagination and optimism to the future.

We seek to provide our students with an innovative and dynamic learning environment that equips them with the skills to flourish in the 21st century. Academic aspiration matters, and it is important that every student is inspired to be the best they can be. Our vision for learning encompasses all aspects of life – the intellectual, spiritual, physical, social, emotional, ethical, and cultural dimensions - where education is consciously structured to develop the whole person in a caring, family-oriented community.

We invite new families to become part of our wonderful College community. You are always welcome to visit the College to see if your child can benefit from the "Beda" experience.

Deborah Frizza
PRINCIPAL



Vision and Mission

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.

Respect





Tradition

Our History

The De La Salle Brothers were founded by St John Baptist De La Salle, who was born at Rheims in 1651 during the reign of Louis XIV.

The Brothers founded St Bede's College in 1938, which is currently governed by an Incorporated College Board. The Board are responsible to the Trustees of the De La Salle Brothers, and are led by the current Principal, Deb Frizza, 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, primarily dealing with theology and history.

St Bede was born around 672 in the English region of Northumbria. At the age of 7, his family entrusted his education to 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.

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.

The Pope noted 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.



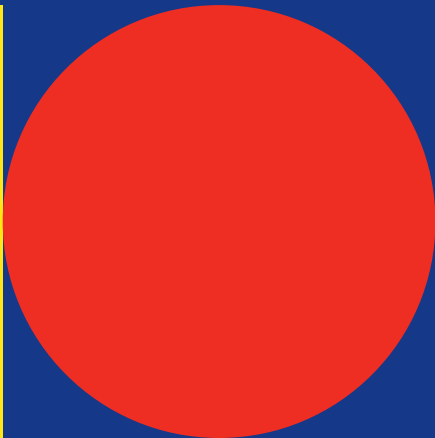
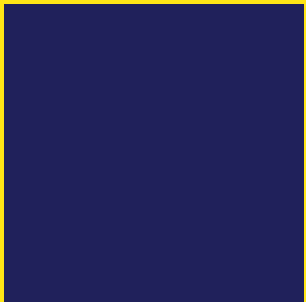
Education in Faith

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.

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.





Faith

Wellbeing





Support and Wellbeing

Care and Student Wellbeing

All St Bede's College students have access to the Wellbeing Centre, with experienced Counsellors on hand should they require additional support. The Wellbeing team are able to provide short-term guidance, or ongoing support for those who need it. Students may self-report to a Counsellor or may be referred by parents and/or Coordinators.

In addition to Homeroom Teachers, Tutors, Coordinators and Counsellors, students may also reach out to staff beyond their direct pastoral group. Students at the Bentleigh East campus have access to a Campus Director, whilst at the Mentone Campus there are both Middle and Senior Years Coordinators.

Middle Years Hub Years 7 – 9

All students in Year 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.

Individual subject teachers are responsible for each student's academic progress in that particular subject. In Year 7–9, the Homeroom Teacher will typically teach at least one of their students' subjects, attend camps, and assist with sport and co-curricular activities.

Senior Years Hub Years 10 – 12 House System

Students in Year 10–12 are divided into four Houses, each of which fall under the care of a House Coordinator. There are ten Tutor Groups in each House, and each group is assigned a Tutor. Each of these Tutor Groups contain students from Year 10, 11 and 12. This system provides students with access to a Tutor, as well as the opportunity to learn from or mentor students in other year levels.

House Coordinator's work in conjunction with Tutors to ensure that the students' needs are being met, and that their progress is closely observed.

VCE Vocational Major / VCAL

There are currently four Tutor Groups of Vocational Major students in Year 11 and 12. These groups are designed to support the unique circumstances that many of these students experience while undertaking various work and TAFE programs.

Curriculum

At St Bede's College, learning is underpinned by the Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community. Our curriculum seeks to affirm the intrinsic worth of each student in our care and recognises the importance of collaboration and connecting with others as we learn.

Our endeavour is to challenge students and educate them holistically; our programs enable our students to become globally aware and live their lives according to Christian values, developing their resilience through maintaining high expectations for each student and drawing upon 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. Students are expected to make mistakes as part of their learning.

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 are designed to bridge the transition from primary to secondary school.

These subjects are:

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



Learning

Creativity



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 College holds a number of ACC titles, and regularly competes in inter-school competitions, including: cricket, tennis, volleyball, football, soccer, badminton, hockey, basketball, table tennis, athletics, cross-country running and swimming carnivals. Staff involvement and specialist coaching are integral to the development of both our teams and individual students.

Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music is one of many music opportunities offered at St Bede's, with students encouraged to undertake tuition with our specialist teachers. They may choose to showcase these skills by performing at wider community events, or making the most of our state-of-the-art Performing Arts Complex.

Performance Programs

St Bede's College offers a range of opportunities for students to be involved in musicals, plays and ensemble performances as they explore the dramatic arts.

Our close relationships with other local schools and professional groups means regularly joining together for performances, further enhancing our students' experience.

Public Speaking

The focus of Public Speaking is 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 on issues that matter to them. Students from Year 7 to 10 may participate in both College-based and inter-school Public Speaking Competitions.

Debating

St Bede's College is a member of the Debaters Association of Victoria (DAV). Each year we enter multiple teams in this prestigious competition, and are proud to have won several titles over the years. Debating builds critical thinking while also developing confidence and poise.

Community Service

Lasallian identity is based on the three characteristics of Faith, Service, and Community. We have a proud tradition of serving together to make a difference to those in need, locally and globally. We support the work of Caritas through Project Compassion, the Lasallian Foundation and associated schools via MAD Day, the St Vincent de Paul Society, and the Les Twentyman Foundation.

As a result of the pandemic, our immersion programs to India and Thailand were postponed; however, our incredible Indigenous Immersion Program to Balnarring (Victoria) continued, as well as inauguration of an additional program in Balgo (Western Australia).

These are but a few of the many opportunities that we have to respond to the call to serve together; locally and globally.



Our Community

One School, Two Campuses.

St Bede's College is a dual-Campus College. Our Bentleigh East Campus is a dedicated Middle Years Hub, home to our Year 7 to 9 students, while our Mentone Campus houses both Middle and Senior Years Hubs, servicing Years 7 through to 12. Our College also has access to a third location, Cyprus Lodge; an Outdoor Education Campus located in Phillip Island.

Our dynamic Middle Years Hubs allow us to develop and showcase the best of the Year 7, 8 and 9 curriculums in a future focused, contemporary space. Having our Senior students on one site at the Mentone Campus provides an opportunity to support a student wellbeing model that is progressive, encourages personal responsibility, the development of resilience, and supports student self-management.



Belonging



Community

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 elders past, present and emerging.

May we always walk together by right paths.

Per Vias Rectas

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 students and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment.



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