

BORDER RIVERS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We welcome your enquiry to Border Rivers Christian College.

Choosing the right school for your children is one of the major decisions you will make in life. This prospectus will provide insights into our College and future plans to make Border Rivers Christian College the pre-eminent education provider in the future.

The College, sponsored by the Goondiwindi Christian Church, and based on the Evangelical Protestant tradition, commenced in 2015. Offering Preparatory to Year 10 classes in 2017, year levels will be added until our first Year 12 class anticipated in 2019.

Border Rivers Christian College focuses on Literacy and Numeracy in the junior years with the holistic development of each child seen as an educational partnership with parents and students. Students are immersed in a loving and nurturing environment that develops and challenges each child.

Our new campus in Goondiwindi is to be operational in 2017. In the meantime, the existing site is fully functional. We have the correct facilities to cater, in small classes, for the learning of all students.

Communication with home is a vital component in your child's education. Every effort is made to encourage this communication, where parents are welcomed and encouraged to be active participants in their child's education.

Please feel free to contact the College if you have further questions or wish to proceed with an enrolment.

Yours in Christ's Service,

*Rebecca Montgomery
Principal*

An enriching, enabling and fulfilling learning environment...

All children are nurtured and closely supported in this holistic learning environment. Border Rivers Christian College is a safe learning place, and provides enjoyable and relevant learning activities in order to consolidate learning and extend students. The College aims to foster a love of learning, unreserved participation, caring for others and living in a way that pleases God.

Values

The College expectations are **CLEAR**, and students are expected to respond positively to these. Being a member of Border Rivers Christian College means that students will value:

Christlikeness

1. I am prepared to serve others in love
2. I will consider the needs of others
3. I will be patient, kind and gracious

Learning

1. I am ready to learn
2. I have all my required equipment for the day
3. I will diligently complete my homework

Excellence

1. I will try my best and encourage others to do the same
2. I will achieve to the best of my ability
3. I will demonstrate and develop my gifts and talents

Attitude

1. I will have a positive approach to learning
2. I am determined to work to overcome obstacles
3. I am prepared to work at relationships

Respect

1. I will consider the impact of my actions
2. I will not hinder others from learning
3. I am in full and correct uniform



The biblical basis for the College's values can be seen below:

Christlikeness: Who we are, the way we think, speak and behave. Does it reflect Christ's character? 1 John 2:6 We are to walk as Jesus walked. 1 Peter 1: 15-16 – Be holy as he is holy. We are set apart for God.

Learning: A teachable attitude, being prepared to learn and grow. We need to let others teach us. We don't know it all. Proverbs 22:6 – Train up a child in the way he should go. Proverbs 1:1-9 (particularly verse 7) – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Psalm 78:1-8 – Passing on the truths of God to the next generation.

Excellence: Setting a standard and maintaining it. Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, do it with all your heart.

Attitude: Our attitude, effort, and humility. Ecclesiastes 12:13 – Man's Duty – our attitude needs to be to serve God. Ephesians 4:32 – A forgiving attitude. Philippians 4:4 – A joyful attitude.

Respect: The way we treat others and ourselves. Matthew 7:12 – Treat others the way you wish to be treated. Matthew 5:43- 48 – Love your enemies.

The **CLEAR** program is pursued rigorously, and recognition of student participation is regularly given.



Disciplinary Measures

No student has the right to hinder or disrupt the learning of others. Bullying or harassment is not tolerated. Students are taught moral values and counselled through any difficult matters. Students recognise that their teachers care about them, and are willing to work with them for successful outcomes. Students are assisted to become confident that they can succeed to make things better and resolve internal conflicts. The disciplinary process aids students in owning a sense of responsibility and accountability.

Our Basis of Faith

Border Rivers Christian College is a school based on the evangelical Protestant tradition, affirming all faithful Christian expressions, and committed to teaching and living out the truths of traditional Christianity. The College has a **Statement**

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of Faith as part of its legal basis in its constitution. The following is an expression of what that statement contains, written to show how it relates to our educational goals.

We believe...

- That the Bible (the Old Testament and the New Testament), written by men but inspired by God, is essential for obtaining true wisdom. Children will be encouraged to read and study the Bible.
- That God has always existed, and has revealed Himself to us, as Jesus Christ, who spoke of another, the Holy Spirit. God created the world and mankind, and the entire universe, and we teach children that we are created in His image, both male and female. We teach them that it is our privilege as human beings to be able to communicate with God, in daily life and prayer.
- That every human being needs to be reconciled to God, receive forgiveness and be transformed, and that this forgiveness is freely offered by God because of His love for us. This is the Gospel, the Good News of God to mankind. God freely forgives regardless of who we are or what we have done, and we are able to receive new life because of His resurrection. We accept His forgiveness and follow Him as our Lord and Saviour, and we look forward with certainty to eternal life with Him. We encourage children to accept God's forgiveness, but they are always free to make their own decisions without coercion.
- That the worldwide body – past, present and future – of those who put their trust in God's gift of eternal life through Jesus, regardless of what church they attend, or what race or ethnic origin they are, are enabled by the Holy Spirit to live lives that will honour God and reflect Jesus' teachings.

As a school community, we do not require families to attend church, however, we do require support from all parents in teaching their children our Christian Values.



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The Wider Curriculum

In the initial stages, the focus of the College has been to establish a strong sense of community, building a highly motivated, challenging and satisfying learning environment, whilst progressively adding special features.

The weekly Chapel/Assembly with guest speakers, awards, plays, Bible readings, and singing, has led to a keen willingness to participate and develop leadership skills. In the small classes, students are kept fully engaged at their appropriate levels. Homework is integrated and compulsory.



The Arts and Physical Education are very important at Border Rivers Christian College...

The Arts program is available in both the primary and secondary sections of the College. The Co-Curricular Arts Program is designed to help complement your child's education. A love of the arts is encouraged at Border Rivers, whether students perform in competitions, or purely for their own pleasure. Music and the arts are a mandatory part of a student's education at Border Rivers Christian College, from Preparatory to Year 10. Individual instrumental classes will be made available on request, and the learning of an instrument is encouraged. As in most Independent schools, this can be arranged to be conducted during school hours.



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Border Rivers Christian College believes a good sporting program is a vital part of a balanced education. In the first term students participate in swimming programs. In Term 2 we hold our cross country, and Term 3 other events such as athletics. We also join with other schools for events conducted during the year. At present our sporting facilities are limited on campus, so students are bussed to various sporting facilities around the community. Goondiwindi has excellent sports and recreational facilities and the College will continue to take advantage of these. Every opportunity is given for regional competition, such as MacIntyre Zone, Darling Downs and beyond. Involvement in local sporting clubs is highly encouraged.

We aim to provide students with a range of sporting experiences, and it is anticipated that unique sporting activities will be developed in future. We welcome suggestions and parental input into our sporting programs. We hope that sport will be a positive experience for all students, where the willingness to be actively involved is just as important as the final result. At the same time, we strive for excellence and encourage every student to maximise their physical potential and experience across a wide range of different sports. As such, it is expected that every student participates in physical education.

Co-curricular activities are designed to complete the total education of your child. Whenever possible, our students participate in community events, such as ANZAC Day, the Eisteddfod, and other opportunities as they arise. Students are expected to participate in these events and be in the correct uniform.



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2017 FEE SCHEDULE

Student Details	Cost per Fortnight (x20)	Cost per Year
Preparatory – Year 2 Tuition Fees	\$99.00	\$1980.00
Preparatory – Year 2 Ancillary Costs	\$14.00	\$280.00
		\$2260.00
Primary (Grades 3-6) Tuition Fees	\$99.00	\$1980.00
Primary (Grades 3-6) Ancillary Costs	\$21.00	\$420.00
		\$2400.00
Secondary (Grades 7-9) Tuition Fees	\$135.00	\$2700.00
Secondary (Grades 7-9) Ancillary Costs	\$27.50	\$550.00
		\$3250.00

All Families are charged Tuition fees for the 1st (eldest) and 2nd child only, and ancillary fees for each student. Fees are charged monthly, in advance, between February and November. Fees are to be paid in advance, and may be paid annually, per term or monthly, and via Direct Debit. Direct debit is the default and preferred option for payment.

Tuition Fees

Fees will be adjusted annually to reflect changes in school operational and running costs.

Ancillary Costs

Additional costs are incurred due to excursions, camps, bus transport and sport training fees (e.g. swimming) and other activities. These costs are added to parental accounts as they arise.

Policy

Non-payment of Fees ultimately results in termination of enrolment. Regular communication and demonstrated effort is required if difficulties occur. Some hardship is considered in special circumstances.

Extra charges will be incurred if students are involved in special subject excursions, major sporting activities and school camps.

Textbooks hired will be charged at replacement value if not returned when required.

An Enrolment Fee of \$100 per family is required on application to cover costs of testing and assessing each student regardless of age or class level.

Discounts

Discounts are available for fees paid upfront, annually. Conditions apply.

Donations and Bequests

Members of the College community can support the ongoing mission of the College, and support current and future students through donations or bequests.

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