



St George College

PROSPECTUS

GUIDED BY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN VALUES AND SHAPED
BY HELLENIC CULTURE. ALL STUDENTS WELCOME.

THE CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CO-EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE COLLEGE, SOUTH BRISBANE

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Imagine...

an inner-Brisbane private college where your child will learn and grow in a caring community, develop an appreciation of the rich Hellenic culture and shape their own character through the values of the Orthodox Christian faith. We welcome students from all faiths and backgrounds.

THIS IS ST GEORGE COLLEGE

The Greek Orthodox Community of St George Brisbane is establishing the first Greek Orthodox private college in Queensland. Launching with Prep and Year 1 in 2024, St George College will be a new co-educational Prep to Year 6 college located in Edmondstone Street, South Brisbane.

Based on the foundations of using effort and the Orthodox faith to achieve excellence, the College will provide a holistic education for young students where they can thrive and serve their community, shaped by Hellenic culture and nurtured by passionate educators.

Students will be uniquely prepared as future citizens by developing faith-based values and learning through a rich curriculum complemented by stimulating co-curricular activities. Our students will develop, and be supported and encouraged by, strong community partnerships.

KEY OFFERINGS OF THE PROPOSED COLLEGE:

- Private College
- Australian Curriculum - F-10
- Modern Greek language
- Greek Orthodox faith
- Hellenic culture, traditions and values
- Offering academic and co-curricular activities such as STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics), Sport and Creative Enrichment Programs
- Projected enrolments of 350 students

The Vision

The Greek Orthodox Community of St George has been a strong contributor to the broader Australian Community. There has also been a long-held desire to establish a private college that provides the opportunity for children to be prepared for global futures – while learning through contemporary education. The curriculum will include Modern Greek Language, Hellenic culture and traditions, and the Greek Orthodox faith.

OUR COLLEGE VISION

St George College will provide a holistic education, where students can thrive, grow and serve their community with a worldview shaped by Hellenic culture and the Orthodox faith.

OUR COLLEGE GOALS

Improving educational outcomes for all young Australians is central to the nation's social and economic prosperity and will position young people to live fulfilling, productive and responsible lives. Our College has two distinct but interconnected goals drawn from the 2019 Alice Springs Education Declaration:

GOAL 1:

The Australian education system promotes excellence and equity.

GOAL 2:

All young Australians become:

- Confident and creative individuals
- Successful lifelong learners
- Active and informed members of the community.

OUR COLLEGE MISSION

St George College prepares and empowers young learners with the motivation for life-long learning; the willingness to serve others and to serve God's world in the local and global community; the ability to work hard for success; and the development of good character.

The specific intentions of St George College are:

1. To provide high quality education, focusing on academic rigour, excellence and achievement;
2. To educate children in the Greek Orthodox faith;
3. To educate children in the Modern Greek language;
4. To provide learning for students in Hellenic culture, traditions and values so that Hellenic history and heritage may be celebrated, preserved and passed on to future generations;
5. To provide a local private co-educational primary school in the South Brisbane area; and
6. To provide an educational opportunity tailored to cater for the holistic needs of the Greater Brisbane Community.



Guided by Christian Values

Students and families of St George College will be welcomed and supported within the Greek Orthodox Community of St George.



OUR HISTORY

Greek families first arrived in Brisbane in the mid to late 1800s but it was not until the 1920s when all Greeks came together to form what was called the Greek Association of Brisbane.

In 1928 construction commenced on the first Greek Orthodox Church in South East Queensland in Charlotte Street, Brisbane City. There was also an adjoining Hellenic House which served as the Greek Community headquarters for over 30 years. The Greek Community of St George was formed in 1944. In the 1950s, because of the growth of the Greek Community, it was decided to relocate to West End in South Brisbane. Hence the current Church of St George was constructed in Edmondstone Street in the late 1950s. The Greek Orthodox Community of St George has maintained a presence in this area since that time and many of its members live in the area. Descendants of the community now number over 35 000 throughout Queensland and have strong connections and continue to be active in Hellenic traditions and culture.

The Greek Orthodox Church of St George Brisbane has been well served by members of the clergy from the time it was established in the 1920s.

In the late 1950s, the Late Very Rev Fr Gregory Sakellariou MBE was appointed as the head priest at St George Orthodox Church and had the holy apparition/vision of the establishment of a Greek Orthodox primary school. Many years on, this burning desire is being realised with the current priest leaders and the Greek Orthodox Community.

The Very Rev Fr Dimitri Tsakas is the current head priest of St George Orthodox Church and shares this collective vision. He was born and raised in Australia and ordained to the Diaconate in 1991 and then to the priesthood in 1994. He was appointed to the Church of St George in the late 1990s.

The Very Rev Fr Dimitri was elevated by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios to the rank of Protopresbyter in 2019 and to the rank of Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne in 2022. He currently serves as the Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne, Greek orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, Greek Orthodox Church of St George Brisbane, Australia.

OUR COLLEGE VALUES

The College's values are grounded in the Greek Orthodox faith. Our values below will guide our teaching and learning community:

- Excellence
- Spirituality
- Community
- Growth
- Kindness
- Discipline

THE COLLEGE CREST

Acknowledging Ancient Greek heritage, the College Crest shows the Greek Orthodox Cross along with the symbols of Alpha and Omega – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet (symbolising the beginning and the end, and meaning God includes all that can be). It also contains a shield which signifies protection for the students and broader school and Greek Community, a book representing knowledge and a globe encouraging our students to embark out into the broader and ever-changing world. Sitting under the crest is the sacred olive branch denoting peace, success and improved memory and study.



THE COLLEGE MOTTO

Excel with Effort and Faith.



Shaped by Hellenic Culture

St George College aims to address the need for a Greek Orthodox faith-based school in Brisbane that provides the opportunity for students to receive a high-quality education and learn the Modern Greek language, be exposed to Hellenic culture and its traditions and values.

The College's location in South Brisbane also provides an opportunity for children to attend the only local, co-educational Greek Orthodox private college – accessible to the greater Brisbane community.

St George College will be a central part of the Greek Orthodox Community of Brisbane with students developing strong connections with the many aspects of the community's services including the St George Greek Orthodox Church, Paniyiri Greek Festival and The Australian Hellenic Sports Centre.

This strong community partnership affords students the opportunity to develop a service-oriented mindset and to find joy and inspiration through various Hellenic Cultural events and community outreach services.



Supported by Community Hearts

The Greek Orthodox Christian faith and Hellenic heritage is rich in South Brisbane; it has been the cultural home of Greek families in Brisbane for close to a century. This proud and loyal community provides a range of cultural and community services which meet the needs of Greek families and enables deeper engagement, connection and supports many of diverse faiths and backgrounds.

We are excited at the prospect of sending our children – third generation Greek-Australians – to this co-educational primary college where they will learn Hellenic culture and the modern Greek Language, whilst still having a well-rounded education preparing them for our ever-changing future.

These services include:

- Greek Language School
- Greek Orthodox Care
- Greek Orthodox Youth of Australia
- The Greek Club
- Paniyiri Greek Festival
- Greek Orthodox Community Child Care Centre
- Community partnerships



WE BELIEVE THAT:

Our college is all about relationships and connections. It allows for close monitoring and tracking of learning development, as well as differentiation in teaching and learning, and promotes a close partnership between parents and staff.

At St George College, the children will have a strong sense of connection. They mix with children from all year groups and learn to relate to people of all ages. They can make friends based on interests and maturity rather than being limited to those who are their cohort peers.

The staff who choose small schools love tightly-knit communities and flourish on relationships.

Extended by challenging curriculum

St George College, in its initial stages will be single-stream and will embark on tailored and flexible learning programs. Offering an environment that is conducive to learning and fosters engagement and positive well-being in a way that a large school never could.

St George College will provide a holistic educational environment where students will be encouraged and empowered to discover and develop their individual talents and abilities in preparation for secondary school.

This will be achieved through the development of faith-based values and a knowledge-rich curriculum, by encouraging and reinforcing creative and critical thinking, providing stimulating co-curricular activities and the learning of the rich Hellenic culture. Students will receive a balanced education in an environment conducive to learning and supported by the Greek Orthodox Community.

Through the Greek Community of St George (the Church), the Greek Orthodox faith will play an important role in underpinning the foundations of our college.

Our teaching pedagogy will focus on four main tenets:

1. Empowering students with challenging and relevant learning experiences so they develop intellectual capacity, creative and critical thinking and foster a growth mindset to becoming thought leaders of the future
2. Providing cultural, spiritual and social connections to enhance students sense of individuality, belonging and understanding of self
3. Giving students opportunities to reflect, stretch and overcome challenges so they develop confidence and resilience
4. Nurturing values and guided behaviours in students so they can grow in social awareness, self-discipline, respect and kindness.

The College's holistic teaching environment will draw from the Greek Orthodox faith whilst focusing on:

- Age appropriate pedagogy for all year levels
- Strong literacy and numeracy foundations throughout Prep-6
- Age appropriate learning approaches
- Technology-rich stimuli

Affirmed by Christian love

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is defined as the climate of love and care in our college community. All members have a fundamental right to feel safe and to learn and work in a supportive environment. Pastoral care is based on respect for the dignity and uniqueness of the individual person who is made in the image of God. It is an individual and community response to Jesus' call to: love one another as I have loved you (John 13.34).

We strive to develop the whole child within a positive and caring environment, where each child is affirmed and supported with Christian love.

We believe in fostering and modelling attitudes and values which will encourage students to make positive behaviour choices that are respectful and morally and socially acceptable. We value relationships, take responsibility for our behaviour, reflect on our actions and practise forgiveness and grace through restorative practices.

SCHOOL-PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Everyone in the school community has a responsibility to foster quality interpersonal relationships amongst teachers, students, parents, support staff, priests and parish communities. St George College will endeavour to provide high-quality interpersonal relationships of care and support. Each member of the College community is both a provider and recipient of pastoral care.

It is important for students to experience common beliefs, attitudes and values between their home and school. We believe open and honest communication between parents, carers and guardians and school staff is vital to ensure shared knowledge and objectives and positive outcomes for your child.



CELEBRATING TRADITIONAL GREEK DAYS:

The College will have an active role in celebrating traditional cultural days, such as:

- Greek Independence Day
- Saints Days/Namedays – Saint George’s Day, Patron Saint of the College
- Greek Easter/Lent, Christmas
- Paniyiri Greek Festival
- Virgin Mary Celebration, 15 August
- Holy Days
- Holy Cross, 14 September

Nurtured by caring staff

The staff at St George College will be recruited to start prior to the College opening. All teaching staff will be leading educators with a strong understanding of pedagogical theory and practice, pastoral care and well-being. They will have faith-based values and a passion for learning. They will lead a strong pastoral care and restorative environment throughout the College.

Informed by critical thinking

St George College's teaching and learning framework will be based on the Australian Curriculum and encourage curiosity, collaboration and creativity.

It will feature core curriculum in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- HASS (Human and Social Sciences)
- Digital Technologies
- Health & Physical Education
- The Arts including Music, Visual Art and Greek Dancing
- Modern Greek Language
- Orthodox Religion.

St George College will be a technology-rich school with students accessing a plethora of age appropriate opportunities. All classrooms will be Wi-Fi enabled and have interactive whiteboards, projectors and screens. All students will expand critical information technology skills to inform and develop their ICT capability.



Inspired by innovative co-curriculum

Students at St George College will benefit from a range of programs, events and activities designed to complement the curriculum and provide enhanced learning and age appropriate experiences.

Programs that embed STEAM, robotics, LEGO, chess and academic competitions will give students the opportunities to extend their abilities and talents.

Through modern technology and global connections, we will enable the students to develop a stronger understanding of Hellenic traditions. It is intended that the College will establish relationships with other Greek Orthodox schools in Australia and a sister school relationship with a school in Greece to provide connections and information and learning exchange opportunities.

Other activities like significant event Days, Parents/Guardians and Carers Day, Grandparents Day, Book Week, NAIDOC Week and Harmony Day will all contribute to enriching the lives and cultural appreciation for the students.

Students will embark on a journey to discovery and exploration through immersive camp activities.

Due to our proximity to Brisbane's cultural heart, it is our intention that students will benefit from excursions to the Queensland Museum of Art, Gallery of Modern Art, Queensland Museum and the Science Centre, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Queensland Conservatorium and South Bank Parklands.

Enabled by modern state-of-the-art facilities

St George College is situated within the precinct behind the Greek Orthodox Church of St George on Edmondstone Street at South Brisbane with the inaugural year being 2024.

A Master Plan is presently being designed to ensure the College has a focus on sustainability as well as adequate green zones, agile and flexible learning classrooms, indoor/outdoor play areas and other facilities suitable for a city-based school landscape. Students will also have access to the Learning Resource Centre.

New facilities will be built as well as refurbishment of existing buildings to ensure a safe and engaging environment is established for students to learn and play within. The Master Plan includes the provision for new facilities being built as well as pedestrian access to the College from Browning Street, South Brisbane.

Due to our Greek community partnership, the College will have access to some of Brisbane's best facilities including The Australian Hellenic Sports Centre (TAHSC) and The Greek Club. Other facilities such as Musgrave Park, Musgrave Park Swim Centre and nearby sporting fields will also be utilised.

FACILITIES:

- Learning Resource Centre
- Greek Orthodox Church
- Outside School Hours Care
- Tuckshop Provision
- The Greek Club
(for Performances/Assemblies)
- The Australian Hellenic Sports Centre
- Musgrave Park
- Musgrave Park Swim Centre
- Uniform Facilities



Expressions of Interest Considerations

MEETINGS AND GUIDED TOURS

St George College conducts onsite organised meetings and informative guided tours for prospective families to gain deeper insight and better understanding of the College's philosophy, values and mission.

College plans and images are available for perusal. For upcoming information sessions and meetings, please register your interest by contacting the College on:

Phone: + 61 7 3249 1090

Email: admin@saintgeorgecollege.com.au

ENROLMENTS

Families wishing to enrol their child/ren may do so by contacting the College on:

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COLLEGE UNIFORM

The College uniform requirements are available on the St George College website.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

For more information about Outside School Hours Care, please contact the College Administration.

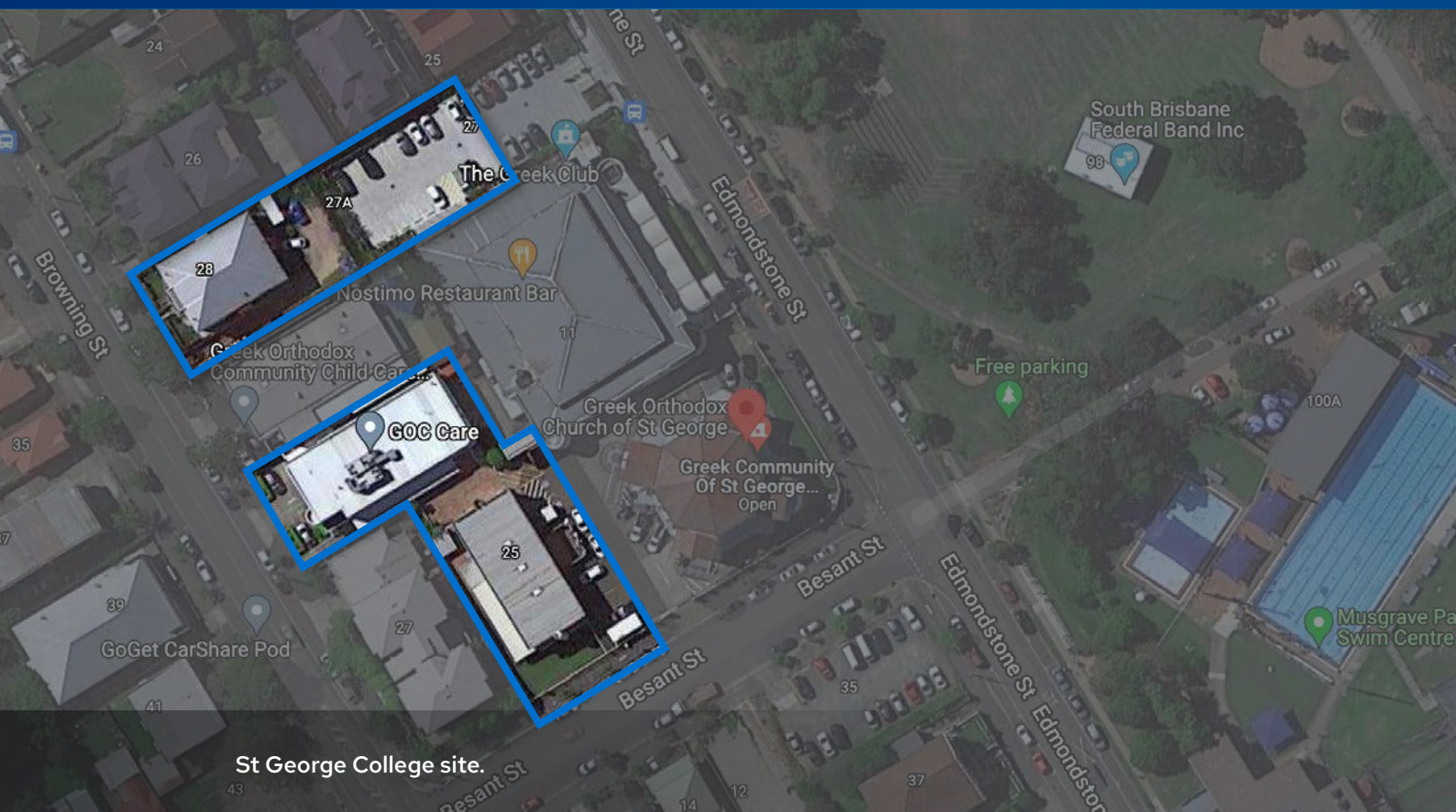
TRANSPORT ACCESS

For more information about transport access, please contact the College Administration.





It's of great importance for us to have our children educated in our Hellenic history, culture, traditions and Greek Orthodox faith, and for them to develop good character and modern skills and abilities. We want them to continue passing on our heritage to their children and have the opportunity to be part of the caring Greek community we hold so dear. We also want our children to be prepared for their futures with an understanding of technology, knowledge and a mindset that will set them up for their next phase of learning. We are confident that St George College will be a great fit for our family.



St George College site.



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