











# Welcome from the Principal

For over 115 years, Moreton Bay College has encouraged girls to be the best they can be. While consistently rating as one of Brisbane's top-performing academic schools, our College is a place for every girl to develop her individual strengths and the confidence to make her unique contribution to the world.

Both a primary and secondary college, we have a strong philosophy of educating the whole person – body, mind, heart and spirit. There is a focus on academic excellence, underpinned by a rich and caring pastoral programme. The girls also enjoy a vibrant and strong co-curricular programme across visual and performing arts, cultural activities, and a wide range of sports.

Come and discover our extensive facilities on 19 hectares of spacious, landscaped grounds just 15 kilometres from the Brisbane CBD. Meet happy, respectful girls enjoying every stage of their education, from Prep through to Year 12 and learn from enthusiastic teachers who are passionately involved in every aspect of school life.

We look forward to welcoming you to our College.

#### Mr James Sloman

Executive Principal

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## 9ntroducing our College

Moreton Bay College is a Prep to Year 12 Uniting Church School for girls and consistently rates as one of Brisbane's top performing schools. With a rich heritage, exceptional teachers, state-of-the-art facilities, an integrated pastoral care programme and extensive co-curricular opportunities, Moreton Bay College offers an outstanding student experience.

One of the distinctive features of Moreton Bay College is its heritage and the real pride the students feel being part of this tradition of strong, intelligent women. Founded by the Greene sisters in 1901, the College has been part of the local community for over 115 years.

The open-minded learning environment has always been a feature of the College, and our high academic standards ensure that we consistently perform strongly in Overall Position (OP) scores. At the same time, we recognise that learning pathways are as individual as the girls, and that a balanced education goes far beyond academic provisions.

Our Christian spirituality is the underlying thread of inspiration that holds together our philosophy and approach. We are affiliated with the Uniting Church, but warmly welcome girls from all backgrounds and faiths who are happy to participate in our worship and religious education programme.

Girls' education is a specialised field, and our carefully chosen teaching staff tailor their classes specifically to the way girls learn, develop and communicate. An engaging curriculum, specially designed to inspire and unlock the potential of girls, builds confidence and pride in their learning abilities.

In the Primary years, we build on students' innate drive to understand the world as we develop their knowledge through a balanced programme of structured learning experiences. The College is an authorised Primary Years Programme (PYP) International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. The PYP IB programme is the framework within which we teach the Australian Curriculum.

Our Secondary programmes are designed to enable students to develop a broad understanding of key learning areas while strengthening their capacities to take a proactive role in their own learning.



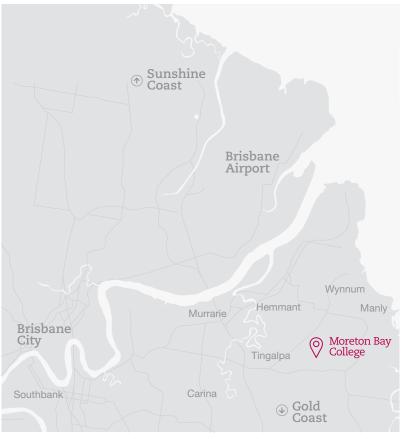




#### Location

Our College is located in the leafy bayside suburb of Manly West, just 15 kilometres from the Brisbane CBD and from Brisbane Airport.







#### Why Brisbane?

Brisbane is located in south-east Queensland and is known for its wonderful weather. The city has a subtropical climate, with hot summers (23-32°C), warm winters (10-24°C), and more sunny days than any other Australian capital city. This means people can enjoy a relaxed, outdoor lifestyle all year round.

A modern, multi-cultural and affordable city, Brisbane has a population of 2.3 million people. It's the capital and most populous city in the state of Queensland, and the third most populous city in Australia. An extremely creative and diverse place to live and study, Brisbane has a buzzing music and arts scene, incredible restaurants and cafes, and beautiful rivers and man-made beaches. Moreton Bay and its islands are easily accessible, and Brisbane is only one hour's drive to the beaches of the Gold Coast. World heritage rainforests are nearby.

There are regular domestic flights from Brisbane to other Australian cities, and there are direct flights to and from Brisbane to 32 international destinations.

Brisbane is home to two main universities: The University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology. However, it also contains 10 campuses from six Australian universities, including Griffith University, Australian Catholic University, and CQ University.







## **Facilities**

Moreton Bay College boasts some of the best academic, cultural and sporting facilities in Queensland, set amongst native trees, green ovals and landscaped gardens.

Specialised facilities include a state-of-the-art Science facility, the Waller Sports Centre, the 560-seat Music Centre, the John Mason Pool, the seven-court outdoor netball and tennis complex, the Alison Greene Secondary Library and Ngaire Tagney Primary Library buildings, the multi-tiered 165 seat Mamie Mcquillan Auditorium, two athletics ovals, and a lovingly restored 19th Century Chapel. There are also dedicated Visual Art, Dance and Drama facilities, Kitchens and Textile rooms, and French and Japanese language classrooms.















## Academic Programme

Moreton Bay College has a long tradition of academic success. The academic programme is designed to prepare our students for tomorrow's world, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to pursue studies in their chosen field. Over 90% of graduates go on to further studies.

Achieving the best educational outcome for each individual student is always the main objective for our teachers. To deliver these results, our academic programme draws on current educational, psychological, physiological and related fields of research.

Our curriculum provides a comprehensive programme at all levels – to stimulate, inspire, motivate, and push the boundaries of the girls' cognitive, affective and physical abilities. With the highest possible standards of intellectual education, an extensive range of co-curricular activities, and an exceptional pastoral care programme, every Moreton Bay girl can approach her future with positive self-esteem and confidence in her own abilities.











#### Prep to Year 6

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) is an internationally accredited education programme which focuses on academic development and progress alongside social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in a rapidly globalising community.

It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. The PYP approach to learning aims to develop lifelong learners who are internationally minded. The programme promotes inquiry-based learning as the means for developing deep conceptual understanding, the acquisition of essential knowledge and skills and the taking of responsible action. It seeks to develop the whole person - a students' academic, social and emotional wellbeing - by engaging children in issues of local and global significance. Girls are encouraged to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, courageous, balanced and reflective.













#### Year 7 to 10

At Moreton Bay College, we create an environment for our Year 7 to 10 girls that is relevant, challenging, enjoyable, secure and engaging.

Content and assessment is based upon the Australian Curriculum. With more than 18 subjects, the curriculum provides students with the opportunity to experience many subjects and develop their strengths before entering specialised courses in their Senior Phase of Learning. The model of engaging in core and elective subjects enables students to have sufficient breadth while discovering areas of enjoyment and proficiency.

We are committed to developing a love of learning that promotes a student's sense of belonging, self-esteem and resilience. The curriculum is responsive to the needs, interests and talents of all students for the 21st century and is guided by the Australian Curriculum.





#### **SUBJECTS**

#### Core:

- English
- French or Japanese
- Humanities and Social Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Positive Minds Programme
- Religious Education
- Science

#### Rotations through:

- Digital Technology
- Dance
- Drama
- Food and Textile Technology
- Music

#### Years 11 and 12

The curriculum offering for Senior Secondary provides the widest range of possible choices for students, with more than 30 subjects to choose from.

At this stage of their schooling students choose subjects that suit their skills and abilities and complement their future goals. Students graduate with at least one of the following qualifications: QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education), ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) or VET (Vocational Education and Training) qualification. The majority of our students continue on to further study at university.

#### **SUBJECTS**

#### Core:

- English or Essential English
- Essential Mathematics, General Mathematics, or Mathematics Methods
- Religious Education
- Positive Minds Programme
- Study Skills

#### **Electives (select four):**

- Accounting
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Dance
- Design
- Digital Solutions
- Drama
- Economics
- Fashion
- Food and Nutrition
- French

- Geography
- Health
- Japanese
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Specialist Mathematics
- Study of Religion
- Visual Art
- Visual Arts In Practice



























## Co-curricular clubs and groups

Moreton Bay College has a proud tradition of wide co-curricular choice in both the cultural and sporting arenas, and today offers one of the best ranges of co-curricular activities in the State, including:

Sport - The College offers a range of sports including swimming, touch, basketball, tennis, water polo, sailing, hockey, equestrian and gymnastics.

Music - The College has a leading contemporary music programme as well as a strong traditional offering. Private music tutoring is available, as well as a range of music groups for students to join (e.g. Rock Band, Choir, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble).

Cultural and Community - Opportunities include dance, art, drama productions, debating, chess, public speaking, Duke of Edinburgh and Leos Club.

We encourage all girls to participate in co-curricular pursuits, whether at beginner, intermediate or elite level, which enables them to develop the qualities of perseverance, determination, creativity and commitment.







## Accommodation

For students who will not be living with a family member, Moreton Bay College arranges a suitable, caring homestay family who will assist you with settling into life in Australia. This placement will be organised through the College's Homestay Services. Living with a family is an invaluable part of the learning experience. Students have their own bedroom with study facilities, have all meals supplied, washing and ironing facilities and access to transport to and from school and co-curricular activities. All homestay families are Blue Card checked and a 24 hour hotline is available.

## Compliance statement

MBC is registered to offer its secondary school courses to International students through The Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). To see the Refund and Complaints and Appeals policies as well as other relevant policies, please view the full enrolment package on the college website at www.mbc.qld.edu.au







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