

Extra-Curricular Life

Sport plays an important role in the life of the College with all children involved. Competitive sport is available to students from Years 3 to 12 competing in the IPSSO Competition that includes the following schools:

St Peter's Anglican, Macarthur Anglican, St Paul's Choir, All Saints' Grammar, Thomas Hassall and Broughton Anglican.



The Senior School competes in the SWISSA Competition that includes a number of Independent Schools. Annual athletics and swimming carnivals are held in these competitions that add to a diverse sporting programme of winter and summer sports that include: Soccer, Basketball, Netball, Touch Football, etc.



Camps

Camps are a core learning experience at St Mark's College, with Years 5 to 12 visiting a number of locations. Year 5, 6, 8 and 9 are camps that complement the teaching that takes place in the classroom. While Years 10 and 11 take on the challenges of a Work Experience Programme. Years 11 and 12 undertake a Christian retreat in preparation for the HSC and the working world. The Year 7 Camp is one of friendship and self-awareness.



St Mark's College takes pride in developing the all-round student who reaches her/his potential through the experiences gained at the College.

Enrolling for 2006, Now!

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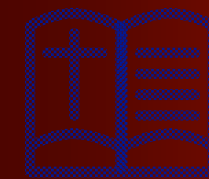
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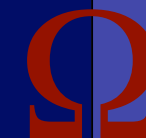
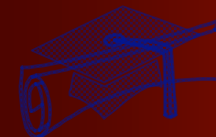
"A school with a future."

*A Fully Comprehensive
K to 12 Co-Educational Christian School*



*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and the light to my path*

Psalms 119:165



Vision Statement

St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College is a school that works in partnership with parents to create an atmosphere where Christian values and traditions are the foundation of the school's practices and where students and staff feel secure and supported by all members of the school community.

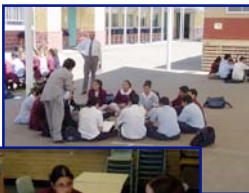
The distinctive, sincere and continuous practice of Christian love, service and humility, provides students with the opportunity to develop and display a high moral standard.

Our students are challenged to strive to achieve excellence and success in all areas of the curriculum by attaining their full potential, having confidence in who they are as Christian individuals and becoming active participants in Church and the Australian community.

Pastoral and Academic Care

The College has a warm, friendly and cohesive environment that engenders a mutual respect for one another, through a strong pastoral and Christian programme. The College ethos is based on conservative, traditional Christian values.

The College House system in the Senior School and a close relationship with the home teacher in the Junior School is its strength in creating a culture of harmony that brings out the best in the students.



The Staff are highly professional with exceptional qualifications, most are either 4 or 5 Year trained and are committed to academic and pastoral care for all students.

A variety of specialised courses and programmes are available at the College for Kindergarten to Year 12. These include: Music Tuition, PDHPE, Counselling, Enrichment, Special Needs and Languages.



The Strings Programme begins in Year 3 with everyone learning to play the violin and this may lead to joining the College Ensemble or electing to study Music in the School Certificate or Higher School Certificate.

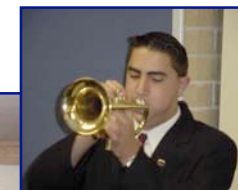
Academic Performance

The College's academic record has been pleasing and quite astonishing thanks to the grace of the Lord. The Basic Skills results in Years 3 and 5 are strong with few students if any in the last two bands. The ELLA test results in Years 7 and 8 have been a fine foundation for our School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results.

The highlight has been the performance of our students in the HSC where the College has been ranked second behind a fully selective school in the southwest Sydney region that includes Liverpool, Campbelltown, Camden and Fairfield councils. In the 2002, 2003 and 2004 HSC the students' performance placed them in the state 44th, 54th and 69th respectively. Eighty percent (80%) of the students from St Mark's College matriculate to university and ninety-five percent (95%) go on to tertiary study.

Co-Curricular Life

The co-curricular programme at the College is available to all students from Years 3 to 10 and is diverse. It includes a variety of activities such as: Private music tuition, ensemble, choir, debating, mock trial, visual arts and craft, chess, French, computing, science and drama.



Peer Support

As part of the pastoral care programme, Year 6 and 10 students undertake peer support training to assist, guide and advise Junior School students in Kindergarten to Year 5 and the new Year 7 students in the Senior School. This leads to a happy and harmonious atmosphere.

