



Vision

The purpose of Pacific Coast Christian School is to provide a Christian educational community as a centre of teaching and learning excellence founded on biblically based beliefs, values and behaviour

Mission and Service

The heart of every student is of paramount importance to us. The school insists that all students from Junior and Senior School are included in mission at their level of development. In Junior School students raise money for their Compassion child and participate in World Vision activities. The Year 3 – 6 classes also enjoy a special partnership with Pacific Valley Christian School and support them by email and annual visits.

In Senior School, students are required to visit Aged-care facilities with their Pastoral Care class to offer friendship and fellowship. In addition, students may engage in local, national or international mission trips with students from Pacific Hills Christian School to destinations such as Bourke, Uluru, Fiji, Africa, etc.

Play Groups

Pacific Coast operates two playgroups each week. These playgroups are endorsed by the school and are designed as an introduction to early learning. Each playgroup has its own focus.

The two and a half hour “music” playgroup is operated by a trained teacher and encourages children in rhythm, beat and physical ability. The two hour “play” group encourages children to share, take turns, create and manipulate.

All members from the community are encouraged to attend and a small fee (gold coin donation) is appreciated as this assists with the cost of resources.

Junior School

Pacific Coast is a small caring, independent Christian School based on Christian values and beliefs. We cater for families of all evangelical Christian persuasions and Pacific Coast is a member of Christian Schools Australia.

We are passionate about life and learning, mission and service. Pacific Coast offers technology based learning, functional literacy and numeracy and a smooth pathway into academic learning. More importantly our early childhood trained staff are able to tailor learning to meet the specific needs of your child.

Early Learning (ELC)

School readiness is a big part of the Early Learning process here at Pacific Coast. We believe that the Early Learning Class (Prep Component) is a time for setting foundations, building confidence and developing friendships for years to come. At this age in their lives, children develop many of their social skills as well as moral and ethical values. As a result, we place particular emphasis on teaching Christian values as part of our social skills programme. Children learn how to play together, give and receive compliments and care for each other.

Eligibility

Our Early Learning Class caters to four and five year olds. Your child may spend one or two years in this class depending on their level of development. Students need to be independent learners and turn 4 by 31st July of the school year.



Early Learning (ELC) to Year 6

The Junior School years usually follow a similar course pattern with levels of difficulty gradually increasing through their respective years. Subject areas include Christian Studies, English, Mathematics, Science, HSIE, Computing, LOTE (languages other than English), Creative and Practical Arts (dance, drama, art, and music), and PDHPE.

Remedial help is provided one to one, within small groups or extra classroom help for those children who are assessed as having weakness in a particular curriculum area.

Academic Programs

Students in all classes and year levels are exposed to differentiated learning experiences, tailored to offer appropriate achievement. We offer enrichment programmes for more able students and additional support with a teacher specially trained in gifted education.

We encourage students to develop independence and responsibility in their own learning; to use imagination and creativity to solve problems; to be flexible, fluent and divergent in their thinking; and to use technology as an integral part of their learning environment.

Other programmes include the Resource Programme for students with learning difficulties and English as a Second Language (ESL).

Gifted and Talented Programs

We operate a program to assist students who have special abilities. These programs will cater for students who are intellectually gifted in Reading or Maths. These programs will operate outside school hours.

Arts

Students from ELC to Year 6 have weekly Music lessons with a specialist music teacher. In Years 3 - 6, students have the opportunity to learn an instrument. Regular opportunities for creative performances and presentations are provided at special assemblies and at our Grandparent's Day. Art is taught by specialist teachers to all students from ELC to Year 6. Each year we proudly host a whole school Concert showcasing the talents and gifts of our students. We have a Junior School Worship Team who regularly perform and serve the community in song.

Outdoor Education

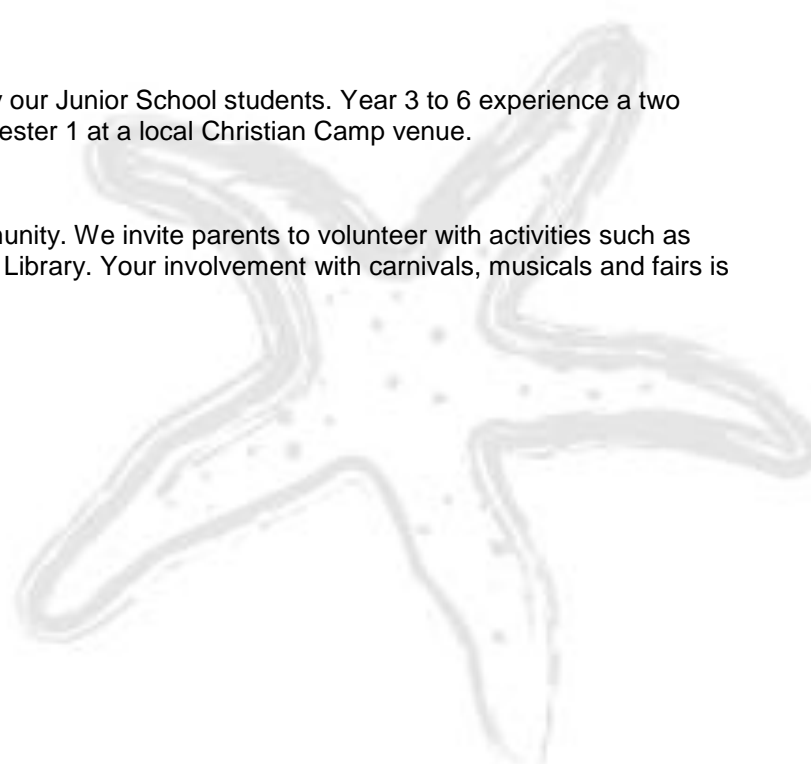
Sports in Junior School are taught by specialist Physical Education teachers and include soccer, netball, gymnastics, cross country, swimming and athletics. Carnivals held each year include the swimming, athletics and cross country for Years 2 to 6, with a special athletics carnival for ELC to Year 1.

Camp

This is an eagerly anticipated event by our Junior School students. Year 3 to 6 experience a two day/one night adventure camp in Semester 1 at a local Christian Camp venue.

Parent Involvement

Parents are a valued part of our community. We invite parents to volunteer with activities such as Reading Groups, PE, Sport, Craft and Library. Your involvement with carnivals, musicals and fairs is warmly encouraged.



Senior School

Years 7 to 12

At Pacific Coast we do far more than simply impart knowledge. Many of our students are gifted in extraordinary ways - intellectually, physically and creatively. Our culture is one in which students are able to develop their gifts, achieve excellence and serve the community with the gifts God has given them.

Our educational emphasis in Senior School is expressed through a culture of “learning in community” with the development of personal responsibility for learning. The success of this culture has contributed to the strong academic performance of students as they assume greater responsibility for their learning, while cultivating a character and heart that delights in serving others using our God-given gifts.

Programmes

Years 7 - 10

Core subjects include: Christian Living, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and PDHPE. Electives are based on students’ preferences, minimum class sizes and teacher availability. Electives can include: Drama, Food Technology, Industrial Technology, Music and Visual Arts, Physical Activities and Sports Studies (PASS) and Photography.

Higher School Certificate (HSC)

As a small school there are many advantages of doing the HSC at Pacific Coast. We offer a caring Christian Community that focuses on the gifts and needs of the individual. We have a senior mentoring programme where students are mentored by teachers to help guide their journey through the HSC. As a new initiative, we are pleased to offer the Focused HSC.

Focused HSC

The Focused HSC is an innovative approach to the Higher School Certificate (HSC). Traditionally students have undertaken six subjects in the Preliminary year and five or six subjects in the HSC year. Under the Focused HSC students study two subjects plus English and Maths each year. Therefore, completing both the Preliminary and HSC courses and sitting the HSC examinations in the same year.

The Focused HSC is only available at a handful of schools in NSW. This allows students to complete Higher School Certificate in three subjects in Year 11, providing opportunity for extra study and preparation time on remaining subjects in Year 12. Hence, a reduction in student stress.

Careers

At Pacific Coast we help students acquire the necessary skills for career planning and decision making, with a focus on developing their ability to manage the transition from school to the next stage of life. This involves developing a strong understanding of each student’s career interests, abilities, aptitudes, strengths and career related values.

We provide students with access to professional advice and the most up-to-date information on career options, tertiary education and training pathways to achieve their career objectives. Opportunities at Pacific Coast include Year 10 Work Experience, Vocational Education Programme to students in Years 11 and 12 and excursions to Careers Markets and University Open Days.

Sport

Access is available to various school sport association competitions such as swimming, cross country, athletics and some team sports such as soccer, netball and basketball. Students may progress from the Christian Schools Sports Association (CSSA) to a State level of competition, which is held throughout New South Wales. Students from the age of 8 (Year 3) are eligible to try out for sporting competitions.

In Years 7 & 8 'Recreational Sports' are also held and these usually involve students who do not wish to compete at a higher level. A range of different sporting activities are held and changes of sports may be available from one term to another.

Culture

The school is intent on developing areas of interest for those students who have a skill in areas such as music, art and drama. Opportunities exist for students to be involved in areas outside of those offered at present in the elective areas of Years 9, 10 and 11. Involvement with choirs and instrument groups is encouraged. Musicals involving dance and drama are also encouraged, with a musical production annually.

Years 7 and 8

Curriculum includes: Christian Living, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, LOTE (languages other than English), Music, PDHPE, Mandatory Technology (including Computing) and Visual Arts.

Years 9 and 10

Core Subjects: Christian Living, English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, PDHPE.
Electives*: Food Technology, Music, Visual Arts, Photography, Physical Activities and Sports Studies.

Gifted and Talented Programs

We operate a program to assist students who have special abilities. These programs will cater for students who are intellectually gifted in Humanities or Creative Arts. These programs will operate outside school hours.

Years 11 and 12*

Subjects offered over a two year cycle

Ancient History, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Design and Technology, Food Technology, Industrial Technology, IPT, Legal Studies, Modern History, PDHPE, Physics, Studies of Religion (1 unit), TAFE Vocational Education Course, Visual Arts, Software Development and Design, Photography, Sports, Lifestyle and Recreation.

** Note: Scheduled subjects may be restricted based on student preferences, minimum class sizes and teacher availability.*

Remedial help is available for those students who have been identified, either through teacher and school-based testing, or through testing that is parent initiated.

English and Mathematics are offered traditionally over two (2) years.

Enrolment Process

Please complete an Application for Enrolment form for each child.

1. Phone School Registrar to arrange an interview with the Principal and Curriculum and Policy Coordinator.
2. Please ensure that the following documentation is provided at the interview:
 - Completed Application for Enrolment form
 - Completed Rebate Application form (if applicable)
 - Photocopy of Birth Certificate and/or Passport/Visa
 - Photocopy of previous two School Reports
 - Photocopy of Drivers Licence
3. At the conclusion of the interview a Letter of Offer and an Acceptance of Offer, outlining the terms and conditions of enrolment, will be mailed out to the successful applicant.
4. The \$90 Application Fee is due upon enrolment acceptance and the signed Acceptance of Offer form must be returned to the office prior to the student commencing school. Canteen menu, uniform price list, newsletter and relevant school information will also be provided. School uniforms can be purchased on Tuesdays from the Uniform Shop. Please phone Mrs McPaul on 5523 9101 to make an appointment.
5. Please note that the enrolment process is not finalised until the signed Acceptance of Offer has been received by the Registrar.
6. Overseas Students will normally be required to pay one semester's fees prior to attendance, plus the cost of overseas health cover. On receipt of the Acceptance of Offer form and payments, the appropriate documents will be processed to enable the student to apply for a student visa to study in Australia.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the School Registrar.

