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Opportunities to grow through Education, Faith and Life

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# St Vincent's College Potts Point



## An independent day and boarding school

Established in 1858 by the Sisters of Charity, St Vincent's College is a non-selective, contemporary Catholic day and boarding school for girls (Years 7-12). We are a dynamic learning community that cherishes its Catholic Heritage. The College fosters creativity, discernment and leadership in the development of students to be Courageous Women of Action. St Vincent's College empowers young women to be independent in thought, compassionate in attitude and confident to act.

St Vincent's College is a contemporary Catholic community that has been welcoming generations of Boarders from across Australia for over 138 years. The College provides an ideal mix of academic rigour, social interaction and a Boarding House that feels like home. We are a friendly and accepting community ready to welcome students from Years 7 to 12 interested in becoming part of our extraordinary history.

The closest boarding school to the CBD, putting the city's, harbour, galleries, libraries, theatres and great parklands within an easy walk. The iconic skyline of the city provides an aspirational backdrop for our students. St Vincent's is well placed to help expand your daughter's horizons. Her city-based education will prepare her well with broader views, independence, resilience,

confidence and life skills needed to excel beyond school.

The strength of our College culture is supported by three important principles inspired by

St Ignatius - Seeking the magis (the more), Cura personalis (care of the whole person) and being a person for others.

Our day and boarding students make great use of our location as an extension of their learning and recreational activities. They participate in comprehensive Social Justice Programs and enjoy the full range of sport, Performing Arts and oratory activities.

The College website provides current and helpful information about academic and pastoral care, spiritual guidance, balanced co-curricular programs and the many other aspects of College life. We invite you to consider how our Academic, Boarding, Music and Drama Scholarships might allow your daughter to join the legions of Vinnies' girls who have been educated at St Vincent's College since 1858. Our Registrar, Mrs Christine Laurent, warmly extends an invitation to contact her on 02 9368 1611.

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## Empowering young women

St Vincent's College places great emphasis on the empowerment of young women and an important component of that is student leadership. Student voice is encouraged to advocate for people on the margins and to support causes that align with generosity, justice, respect, hope and service. There are student leadership opportunities at the College in House groups, areas of Social Justice, Boarding, Sport, Performing Arts, Oratory and Communications/Public Relations. Vinnies girls use their voices with courage and compassion. Graduates of the College were among the very first Australian wom-

en to complete secondary school with the qualifications and aspirations necessary to enrol at university. From those trailblazing women of the late 19th Century through to the most recent times, St Vincent's graduates continue to break through barriers. They have represented Australia at the Olympics, in Parliament and in Diplomatic and Humanitarian service. Our graduates are flourishing in corporate, civic and community roles. Capable, compassionate and confident make them distinctive in any setting.

**Our proudly held values are:**

- Hope
- Justice
- Respect
- Service of the Poor.

These five Christian values underpin all aspects of our community with a solid grounding in social justice. It is instilled in every part of daily life at St Vincent's College and prepares our students to be compassionate and confident leaders, ready to speak up and take action in response to injustice. The College was established in 1858 by the Sisters of Charity and it continues to celebrate their legacy of charisma and faith in remarkably different times.



St Vincent's College  
Potts Point

*A nurturing environment for her to live, learn, and grow.*





## St Scholastica's College



### Student Feature



## A Hidden Gem

Located just 3km from the heart of the CBD in Sydney's Inner West, our day and boarding school - affectionately known as 'Schols' - has been educating young women for nearly 150 years. Our spiritual heart lies in seeking Christ through the Good Samaritan, Benedictine charism. It is the heart of the Good Samaritan that breathes life into the College community, creating the warmth that you feel when you enter the gates.

We know it is a hard decision. Because of distance, your daughter needs to board. We know that the right choice is one of the foundation stones on which your daughter will build her life.

Our boarding school can never replace home but St Scholastica's College offers boarders a beautiful and peaceful landscape. Within a rich and diverse community, parents, students and staff all work hard to make the College a wonderful place to learn, be taught, experience rich

opportunities and make lifelong friends. Our boarders come from around Australia and overseas and bring with them a wide range of abilities, learning experiences and expectations. The boarding community is culturally and ethnically diverse, opening up different ways of thinking and of seeing the world.

Schols is a school with heart, a heart that gets results, a heart that generates the best in all girls, not only those with special talents or ability. The College is down to earth and strives for success in the critical STEM subjects and encourages interest and commitment in Art, Music and in a massive sporting program. Our girls are world champion dragon boaters and national champions in a range of other sports.

Schols enjoys partnerships with its near neighbours - the University of Sydney, The University of Technology and the University of NSW. These partnerships and some very exciting

collaborations promote interest and involvement in STEM subjects, as they demonstrate the diverse careers that have their basis in the study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Boarders have a strong presence in school life. They are at the heart of the College community and their presence presents a vibrant and inclusive community for girls in Years 7 - 12. With a maximum of 80 girls, the boarding school is large enough to be interesting and diverse yet contained enough to be inclusive and personal. In a beautiful, peaceful and secure landscape, boarding at St Scholastica's College provides wonderful opportunities and experiences for girls.

#### Want to Know More?

For information please contact our Enrolments Officer: call (02) 9660 2622 or email: [enrolments@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@scholastica.nsw.edu.au), alternatively please check out our website: [www.scholastica.nsw.edu.au](http://www.scholastica.nsw.edu.au)

I am Trixie Ward, a Year 12 boarder and a Boarding Co-Captain at St Scholastica's College. I live in Orange, about three-and-a-half hours' drive from school. I have been at 'Schols' since Year 9 and have loved every minute of being part of a great community that has given me many opportunities in sport and other extra-curricular activities that definitely wouldn't have been available to me at home. I love everything about Schols. It has a loving, caring and encouraging community which has provided me with all the support I needed through my schooling years. Schols encouraged me out of my comfort zone and to be more confident and ap-

proachable. As a boarder, I have made so many friends - some live near the College, others range as far afield as Papua New Guinea. All of them have now become my life-long sisters and I couldn't imagine life without them. The boarding community is also very welcoming of all day girls. Boarding is highly integrated into the day school and there are strong bonds between all the girls. The opportunities and friendships offered to me at St Scholastica's College have given me some of my most memorable experiences.

Trixie Ward Year 12, Boarder, 2023 Boarding Captain

## St Scholastica's College

"A school like no other..."



St Scholastica's College is a wonderful place for boarders. Ideally located in Glebe, it offers a safe, beautiful and peaceful environment and a wide range of academic, musical, sporting and cultural opportunities.

Within its Good Samaritan, Benedictine heritage, the College enables academic achievement and instils values to produce young women ready for a challenging world.



### ST SCHOLASTICA'S COLLEGE

A GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL IN GLEBE, NSW

A CATHOLIC DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 7-12

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# St Gregory's College



## A strong boarding tradition



At St Gregory's College, we are very proud of our strong boarding tradition. Our boarders form a special part of the College community and its history, operating as a boarding school for almost 100 years.

We take pride in being a comprehensive College where students of a wide range of abilities are given opportunities to fulfill their boundless potential. We focus on providing all of our students with a balanced education; incorporating a range of learning, spiritual, physical and recreational experiences. Our boarding community brings boys together from all over Australia; predominately from country NSW, but also places such as Lord Howe Island, Queensland, Western Australia, the Northern

Territory, and the ACT. One of the great strengths of the College is the semi-rural setting, allowing the boys to enjoy the spacious surroundings and magnificent facilities, whilst being within easy reach of city amenities. The College has five boarding houses, all of which have been recently renovated, and are located directly adjacent to the main College. A comprehensive study program is well established, and the boys can benefit from the assistance of staff and tutors throughout the week and on weekends as required. There are extensive College programs after school in the Learning Centre, open to all students, to assist with homework.

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## A home away from home

St Gregory's College has been welcoming and educating Boarders from all over the country since its foundation in 1926. For thousands of boarding students, St Gregory's has been their home away from home, the place where they have made lifelong friendships, developed themselves holistically and contributed to the rich history of the College.

Boarders are passionate about the College the spiritually uplifting and well-renowned singing at Sunday Mass is a great testament to this, as well as the chanting and support shown throughout all sporting events. The boys complete a significant amount of community service regularly, assisting at all major school events, as well as particular tasks both in and outside the College.

Commencing as a 'farm school', Agriculture has always been synonymous with St Gregory's College. Located on hundreds of acres of pristine land in the heart of Southwest Sydney, the College prides itself on the success of its Agriculture and Show team programs, providing unique learning opportunities for our students. Most of our boarding families are from rural and regional Australia and bring

a tremendous passion for Agriculture to the College, which continues to enhance its success. Students assist in the daily management of the farm as required. St Gregory's is renowned for its outstanding academic, cultural, and sporting achievements and its vast co-curricular opportunities.

With the boarding houses being situated away from the main school buildings this allows the boys to make the distinction between school and home. At the end of the school day, they head to their House where they are cared for by boarding staff.

Each house offers comfortable accommodation, including individual rooms, and permanent live-in supervisors. The boys are cared for by an extensive team that includes a Boarding Coordinator for both Junior (Years 7 to 9) and Senior (Years 10 to 12) boarding, as well as Stage Based Academic and Wellbeing Coordinators to assist with the student's individual care, as well as live-in boarding supervisors that ensure the Boarding environment is very inclusive and family orientated. There is limited on-site accommodation available for parents and families who are visiting throughout the year and the College

has a Health Centre onsite which has a Nurse on duty five days a week, and an on-call team for our boarders, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

In their recreation time, boys can use the many College facilities, including the playing fields, swimming pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, cricket nets, music rooms, and gymnasium. There is also an abundance of sporting opportunities on offer with St Gregory's being the only in school in NSW that has two sports days per week: Thursday and Saturday. Students compete in rugby league, rugby union, soccer, AFL, touch football, basketball, cricket, volleyball, golf, athletics, cross-country and swimming, throughout Sydney and Regional NSW through the Parramatta Diocesan Sport (PDS) and Independent Schools Association (ISA) competitions.

There are currently opportunities for full-time, weekly and part-time boarding.

*If you are considering St Gregory's College, please contact our Enrolments Registrar, Bianca Suraci on 0246 294 151 or at [registrar@stgregs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@stgregs.nsw.edu.au) to book your personal tour with the Director of Boarding, Mr Luke Morrissey.*



### ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN

*You will reap what you sow*

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St Paul's International College



All things to all people - An opportunity for every student to shine!

St Paul's International College's motto is 'All Things to All People' and it offers a well-rounded education to all students, preparing them for playing an individual role in an international world. The small class sizes ensure that students receive individual help and attention in an environment in which their talents and skills can develop and shine.

Developing the potential of every child is central to education at the College. Students don't become lost in the 'crowd'. Established in Moss Vale in 1986 by the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres, the College is a Year 7-12 co-educational day and boarding school for students both from Australia and from overseas.

The College is a mobile phone-free school meaning that students' hand in their phones each morning and get them back at the end of the day. This gives students the best opportunity to engage with teachers and classmates in a rich, communicative environment. As a school of the future, technology is used to enhance learning rather than becoming the focus. The College has updated computer facilities and offers a wide range of subjects including Asian languages, sciences, humanities and sport. The College has dedicated rooms for Robotics, a 3D printer, and takes part in state, national and international competitions. 95% of St Paul's students gain entry to the university



course of their choice. The College is set on 17 hectares of gardens and playing fields including basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, tennis facilities and an outdoor gym. It takes part in the Wollongong Diocese Secondary Catholic Schools sports competitions - swimming, cross country and athletics. It also runs spiritual retreats, camps, excursions and many other events including the well-known International Festival which is held annually in March.

There are 3 boarding houses with an individual room for each student,

onsite trained boarding supervisors 24/7, scheduled weekend activities and trips and more. A team of chefs provide nutritious and delicious meals every day. Medical assistance and clinic facilities are on hand. Students are supervised in their study every night.

**Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spicmossvale/> or Instagram. Visit the College website at [www.spic.nsw.edu.au](http://www.spic.nsw.edu.au). Book a school tour and/or try out day for your child to come and experience all that the College has to offer!**



St Paul's INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Enrolling Australian & International Students for **YEARS 7-12 HSC** Day & Boarding School



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Respectfully following the Paulinean tradition of 'All things to all people'

# Mount Erin Boarding



## Providing a Catholic co-educational journey



Mount Erin Boarding provides students from the Riverina and beyond the opportunity to undertake their Catholic secondary education at Kildare or Mater Dei Catholic Colleges in Wagga Wagga as weekly Boarders who travel home each weekend. Our dedicated staff ensures that every student receives person-

alised care, academic support, and guidance to thrive academically and emotionally. Mount Erin boarders come from diverse backgrounds helping to create a strong sense of community and build lifelong friendships and connections. Discover the Mount Erin difference and book your tour today.



## A legacy of Excellence

**Mount Erin Boarding** has a proud tradition of welcoming generations of Boarders stretching back to 1890, when it was founded by the Presentation Sisters. Our Mount Erin Boarding community offers a home away from home for a diverse range of students from Year 7 to Year 12. Our mission is to provide an exciting Catholic co-educational journey for Boarders where they can experience new opportunities, learn independence and build lasting friendships.

Mount Erin is conveniently located in the centre of Wagga Wagga's CBD hub. With a leisurely stroll through the beautifully manicured heritage streets of Wagga, it is only a 5-minute walk to the main shopping district. This includes many shops, cafes and eateries and ensures plenty of things

for boarders to experience in their free time. Boarding students can also easily access the Wagga Library, Conservatory of Music and all sporting activities, including Touch Footy, netball, basketball, soccer, rugby and Australian rules football.

From the moment a Boarder begins at Mount Erin, they are well cared for by professionally developed Boarding Staff who are supported by an Activities Officer, a Transport Officer, an Administrative Assistant and the Head of Boarding. We understand that the transition to boarding for a student can be overwhelming, and the compassionate staff at Mount Erin Boarding strives to ensure that all Boarders feel safe and respected. Each focus area/ group is looked after by a key Supervisor, and all are supported by

other Boarding staff each afternoon and evening. Mount Erin Boarding provides residence for secondary school students who wish to attend either Kildare Catholic College or Mater Dei Catholic College in Wagga Wagga. The residence has two Houses - Nagle House for girls and Rice House for boys. The Houses are led by a Coordinator for each House who is contactable 24/7. The ground floor spaces allow Boarders from both Houses to socialise and work collaboratively during study time. Student leadership consists of the Boarding Captains, Nagle and Rice House Captains, and the Boarding Representative Council.

*We warmly invite you to contact Mount Erin to find out how we can support your family or call us anytime to arrange a tour.*

# MOUNT ERIN BOARDING WAGGA WAGGA



With a rich history dating back to 1890, Mount Erin provides coeducational weekday boarding for Catholic secondary students in a safe, caring and supportive environment.

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**ENROLLING NOW**



## A Legacy of Excellence





## Created and Called

The opportunity to serve others with a sense of compassion and heart is 'Marist'. At **Marist College Ashgrove**, our boarders have many opportunities to serve the local community, help those in need and engage in spiritual pursuits.

In 2023 the 'Boarder Blitz' was introduced to Marist in collaboration with the St Vincent de Paul Society, aiming to meet the needs of members of our local community. The initiative partners our boarders with local households in need of assistance, allowing our boys to visit their homes after school two afternoons a week and lend a helping hand.

"St Marcellin Champagnat would be proud of the boarders and this new initiative. I believe it demonstrates a vision for the needs of our time, a care for the most in need, good character

and citizenship and the Gospel attributes in action," Head of College, Mr Michael Newman said.

In addition to the 'Boarder Blitz', Marist boarders also have the opportunity to join the MATES Ministry program, an avenue of solidarity, service and outreach that engages our boys in spiritual and service pursuits within the College and wider community. Students have the opportunity to give back to others through the MATES Social Justice Program including weekly barbecues with the homeless, visits with marginalised members of the community, the annual Sony Holiday Camp for children with disabilities and immersion programs with our Marist neighbours in other cultures and countries.

Within our College, our boarders play an integral role at weekly Mass,

assemblies and special occasions as Eucharistic Ministers. This role fosters personal and spiritual growth and empowers them to follow the Marist way of living the Gospel.

Head of Mission, Ms Anna Nasr, is proud of the mission and ministry endeavours undertaken by our students.

"Our Mission program provides students with an opportunity to further investigate their own spirituality and belief systems and how to share that with others. It's wonderful to see our boys act courageously and stand in solidarity, committed to the creation of a more just world," Ms Nasr said.

**To learn more about joining our Marist family, please contact our Director of Enrolments at [enrol@marash.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrol@marash.qld.edu.au) or visit <https://www.marash.qld.edu.au>**

## Marist College Ashgrove



MARIST COLLEGE  
ASHGROVE

## Catholic Boys' education for over 80 years



Marist College Ashgrove has been a leader in Catholic boys' education for over 80 years. We provide boys with the finest learning environments to help them achieve their best in the classroom, on the sporting field or on the stage.

With rich history and traditions, our boys benefit from a holistic Catholic education that encourages spiritual, academic and personal growth.

Marist College Ashgrove is set on a 26-hectare site in Brisbane's inner north with state-of-the-art facilities across our campus. Our student body is diverse with a combination of 1700 day and boarding students from Years 5 to 12. We are a proud boarding school with students from

across Australia and overseas calling Marist College Ashgrove home. Our boys are educated in the Marist tradition inspiring them to become knowledgeable, creative, thoughtful and morally responsible young men who actively engage as citizens of the world. At Marist College Ashgrove we understand that we are shaping the lives of the young men in our care, seeking to create compassionate and capable leaders of the future.

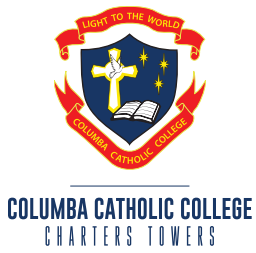


## MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

A Catholic boys' boarding and day school in the Marist tradition.

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# Columba Catholic College



## Providing exceptional education

**Columba Catholic College** has been providing exceptional education for over 140 years. The Prep - Year 12 College offers contemporary facilities across two campuses and a curriculum that focuses on competencies such as connection, collaboration, entrepreneurial thinking, and a growth mindset.

As a co-educational school, students can find their own special niche for learning and personal growth. The school has a Kindergarten on site, providing a seamless educational and cultural experience spanning across the early, middle, and senior phases of learning.

Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers Principal, Melissa Turner shared that the College staff create a

devoted, supportive learning environment, fostering a sense of community and belonging for each student and boarder.

"We encourage each student to discover, develop and value their talents, and to be the best they can be. This is achieved through a balanced, well-rounded educational curriculum which is enhanced by comprehensive care in a comfortable and protective learning environment."

"Through focusing on our students as individuals, we can ensure each is recognised as unique, cared for, and respected members of our college community. We provide access to a wide range of subjects and opportunities, matched to current and emerging pathways with a wrap-around pro-

gram for our boarders with structured weekend activities, transport to sporting and work commitments."

At Columba Catholic College, students are driven by a sense of purpose to be the best they can be, embracing the many opportunities available to them to achieve a balance between their academic, social, spiritual, sporting and cultural pursuits.

The College has a strong history of challenging students to become confident, committed, compassionate young men and women and welcome students from all communities to be part of the College.

**To learn more about Columba and to enrol, please contact the College office on 07 4787 1744.**

Shine at Columba



COLUMBA CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
CHARTERS TOWERS

# Prep - Year 12 Boarding

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