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Beyond the Classroom

Ballarat Christian College's Co-curricular Program provides a wide variety of non-core curriculum and extension activities for students. Students are encouraged into at least one co-curricular activity. Some activities, such as involvement in the various bands and ensembles at the College are ongoing in nature, whereas others are shorter in duration.

Students can be involved in our sport co-curricular program, which includes basketball and indoor soccer. Less physical activities, such as the primary homework club and the mathematics help groups, are also valued and have a positive impact on student participants. The College bands and choirs offer students the opportunity to perform within the College and the wider community.

Our South Star Warriors program enables students to be involved in the development and construction of human and hybrid powered vehicles and gives students the insight, knowledge and skills needed to design, develop, construct and race these vehicles with the intention of promoting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and alternative transportation options for the future.

Take a look at the Learning page on our website for more information on what your child will learn each year at Ballarat Christian College. Throughout the years at our College, your child will benefit from an atmosphere of faith, love and understanding as he or she develops mentally, physically, and spiritually.



Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Ballarat Christian College! I encourage you to browse the content on our website and invite you to contact the College if you have any questions. Our College is unashamedly Christian and seeks to share the love of Christ and the message of the Gospel to all of our students from Foundation/Prep to Year 12. A biblical worldview undergirds our curriculum in all year levels and is supported by a Christian studies subject at each year level, culminating in a two-year study undertaken during Years 11 and 12 – either Senior Christian Living, or alternatively the Certificate III in Christian Studies. This biblical worldview is also reflected in the College's core values of **Commitment, Excellence, Respect, Unity, Compassion** and **Honesty**. The College is also a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), which enables us to deliver the Certificate III course to our own students and also remotely to students in other Christian schools.



The College structure comprises two sub-schools, Primary and Secondary. Both sections are led by a Head of School, who is responsible for the day to day running of their respective school. The Heads of School, together with the Principal, the Director of Teaching & Learning and the Business Manager, form the Executive Leadership Team of the College. The College is governed by a Board of Directors, who each bring their individual expertise and experience to the Board.

The College commenced as a primary school in 1985, and was known as Carmel Christian Community School. In the early 1990s it moved to the current site and changed its name to Sebastopol Christian Community School. The secondary section commenced independently of the primary school in 1999, when it leased the former Seventh Day Adventist Primary School nearby. In 2001 Ballarat Christian College (secondary) leased land owned by and adjacent to the primary school, which was now known as Ballarat Christian School. With the two schools now operating side-by-side and sharing a common ethos and purpose, it seemed only natural that the two schools should explore the possibility of merging as one school. This eventuated in 2006 and was formally brought to fruition at the beginning of 2007, with the name 'Ballarat Christian College' being adopted for the new Prep/Foundation to Year 12 entity.

The College is situated on a single campus of over 6 hectares in the Ballarat suburb of Sebastopol. The extensive property provides ample room for the current enrolment of approximately 300 students, with room for future expansion. The College is blessed with a number of new buildings, including a Multi-Purpose Centre, Trade Training Centre, and Secondary precinct. In 2019 a new modular Primary wing will be put in place, providing the Primary section with six brand new classrooms and additional bathroom facilities.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with parents in the education of your children. God has created each individual child with their own unique characteristics, potential and purpose. We believe it is the College's role to help each student realise their potential and count it a privilege to work together with parents in assisting each child through their years of formal schooling. The College's vision is *'Every learner reaching their God-given potential'*.



To commence the enrolment process at Ballarat Christian College parents are asked to complete the application form. This will be followed by an interview with both the student/s and the parents. For more information regarding enrolment click on 'Enrolment' on our homepage, then click on the link 'Enrolment Process and Form', where the enrolment process is explained in more detail. We also welcome parents and prospective students to visit us. Please contact the College Registrar to arrange a suitable time for a no-obligation tour of the College.

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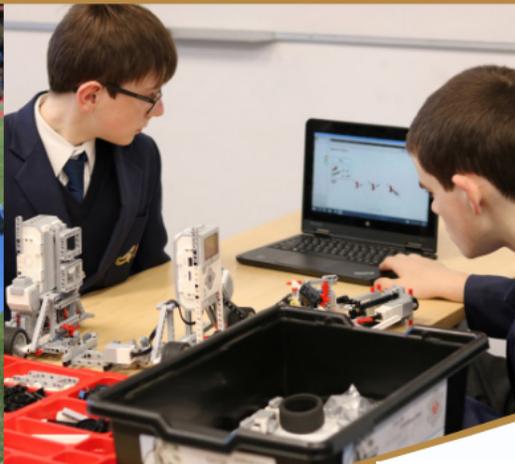
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OUR COLLEGE

Foundation to Year 12 – a seamless education

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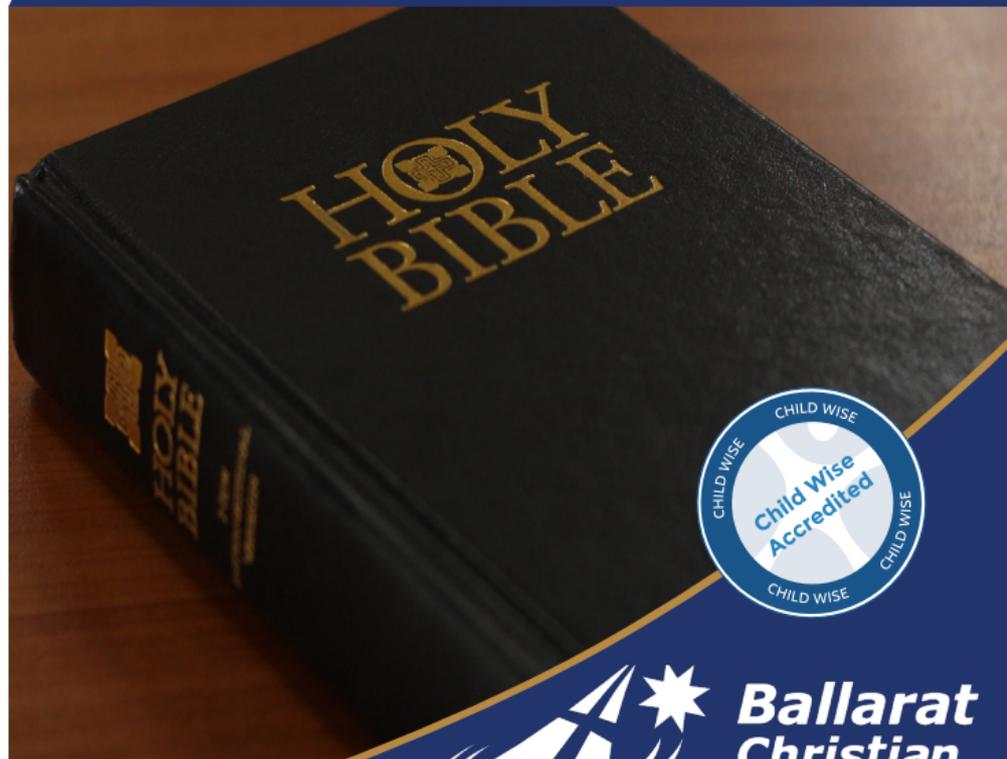
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Commitment, Excellence, Respect, Unity, Compassion, and Honesty.

Across our schools, these Core Values are applied consistently and are expressed in age-appropriate ways. The Core Values are integral to the way students learn, play, and grow.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is seeing the world from God's point of view. The Bible is central to our lives at the College and Teachers teach from a biblical perspective. Students are taught to measure all knowledge against the truth of God's Word. Our College provides an education where the home, the church and the school speak with a unified voice in education and life. Students are secure; not confused by the presentation of competing worldviews or diverse moral standards.



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All of our subjects are taught from a Christian worldview, which is to say that we don't just think about God during our 'Religious Education' classes - we call them 'Christian Living' lessons.

Every teacher is continuously building into their program moments where students are encouraged to think through the implications of whatever they are studying in terms of their relationships with God, other people, the world around them, and themselves.

At Ballarat Christian College we understand that God is relevant to every academic discipline, because He is the Creator and Lord of all things.

Ballarat Christian College is a Co-Educational College in the Evangelical Protestant tradition, catering for students from Foundation/Prep to Year 12. Ballarat Christian College provides education for children in a safe and nurturing Christian environment, where Christian values and teachings are lived out daily in the positive experiences and relationships which develop at the College.

Ballarat Christian College exists to provide Christian education which helps each student find the will of God for his or her life, and to provide the human and practical resources, the environment, the encouragement, and the opportunities to develop those gifts and talents; to the end that each student will respond to and fulfil the call of God in his or her life.

CHILD SAFETY

Ballarat Christian College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. Wherever it is at risk, child safety will be the primary focus of our care and decision making. Ballarat Christian College has zero tolerance for child abuse and neglect.

Our rationale is that all students are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26) and are therefore valued by God. Thus, they should be valued highly by staff, their peers, visitors to the College, and family members. All children, regardless of their gender, race, religious beliefs, age, disability, sexual orientation, or family or social background have equal rights to protection from abuse.



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The College is committed to promoting and protecting the safety and best interests of all students, actively working to empower them, and allowing them to feel and be safe at all times.

Ballarat Christian College recognises that children have the right to feel safe at all times. It is the responsibility of each parent, school and the community as a whole to keep all children of all racial, religious and cultural backgrounds safe and to provide them with a safe and caring environment.

With this in mind the College has established a Student Wellbeing Team that offers a counselling service with a high level of confidentiality to all students.

This enables students to discuss their concerns and issues that may be affecting their studies, personal lives, spiritual growth, and goals.

In addition to counselling, there is also a wide network of support services available for students, including academic support, pastoral care and spiritual guidance.

The Student Wellbeing Team is well placed to make informed and appropriate referrals to local health care and other services as the need arises, and are often the first 'port of call' when students have concerns. Our aim is to ensure that we care for each person as an individual, and for the community of learners as a whole.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

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The Primary School

Our Primary School is predominately housed in its own precinct, whilst having access to facilities across the larger College campus. We provide a safe, stimulating learning space and an inclusive environment within our Primary classrooms; with both outdoor and undercover play areas. Student engagement and positive and co-operative indoor and outdoor behaviours on the College campus are prioritised. Subject areas offered within the primary years include:

- Mathematics
- English (inc. Reading, Writing, Spelling, and Speaking & Listening skills)
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Music & Performing Arts
- Visual Art
- Languages
- Health & Physical Education
- Library
- Christian Living

The Secondary School

Our Secondary School students are provided with an educational setting that allows them to grow in their personal and intellectual development. At this time in their lives students have a great desire for identity and independence, and the necessary support is given to them as they progress through their secondary years.

Students are guided along a path to self-confidence that allows them to develop personal value systems by which they may become thoughtful members of local communities and the world at large. Alongside our core curriculum, a wide range of elective subjects may be offered, such as:

- Computer-Aided Design
- Cuisines of the World
- Drones
- LEGO Mindstorm & Robotics
- Instrumental Music
- Politics & Economics
- Psychology & Sociology

The senior classes of our Secondary School provide a strong focus on preparing our students for life beyond their secondary schooling. This varies for each student; with some aspiring towards university and tertiary studies, while some aim for apprenticeships, traineeships, or direct employment options.

We provide pathway planning for each student incorporating VCE, VCAL and VET options. The College's Trade Training Centre provides an additional resource in preparing students for industry.

- VCE & VCAL – both academic and hands-on
- VET options with Ballarat VET Cluster
- Career planning and support
- Certificate III in Christian Studies
- Individual pathways – some VCE offered from Year 10
- Individual support for students
- VCE vacation school at no charge

FACILITIES

Ballarat Christian College is an established and active educational provider serving the greater Ballarat region. Since the College became a Foundation/ Prep to Year 12 provider at the beginning of 2006, following amalgamation of separate Christian primary and secondary schools, we have been constantly developing and improving our facilities.

The College's commitment to good stewardship, an important aspect of our Christian duty, has resulted in various programs, structures and buildings which are environmentally responsible. With assistance from both the Australian and Victorian governments, we are building a practical, yet attractive campus to further assist in the education and nurture of the students in our care.

The College opened a modern Middle School precinct in 2016. The next phase of the College's Master Plan involves a new multi-stage Junior School project to augment the existing Primary buildings.



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Multi-Purpose Centre

Our Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) contains a full basketball and netball court, change rooms and offices, catering facilities, and a large mezzanine area. The main downstairs area of the MPC is used for sporting activities, College assemblies, and programs and events including our annual Garden Show, Art Show, and Celebration Evening. The mezzanine area provides additional learning space, and can also be used for smaller College functions and events.

Trade Training Centre

Our Trade Training Centre was purpose built in 2013, and is the only TTC in the Ballarat district. The facilities offer sheet metal machining and fabrication sections, woodwork and metal areas, as well as an external construction yard for larger projects.

Science, Arts, and Technology

Our Science classroom/lab & preparation area, Art room, Food Technology kitchen, and canteen are all housed in a central building.

Learning Enhancement Centre

Our Learning Enhancement Centre (LEC) is a purpose-built space to support the learning needs of many students throughout the College. The LEC is a learning hub for the College community, providing targeted assistance for the gifted & talented, students with additional needs, extension groups, and students requiring literacy and numeracy support. It also can be used for staff & parent training sessions, as a venue for therapy services, welfare support, private study spaces, and possible video conferencing with both national and international speakers. The purpose of the LEC is to assist in providing better outcomes for all students who access its services.

Grounds & Playing Areas

The College has developed a main playing field, oval, cricket pitch, hard court and basketball courts. Adventure playgrounds and two giant chessboards offer a variety of creative play opportunities for students. Various lawn and green areas provide comfortable and safe passive areas for the enjoyment of students, parents and staff. The Creek, a “built” natural environment provides our students with multiple opportunities for learning and investigation.