



FAIRHOLME COLLEGE

EDUCATING GIRLS SINCE 1917

Flourish
at Holme



Welcome Holme

From the moment you step onto our campus perched on the edge of the Toowoomba escarpment, there's a special feeling – a sense of warmth, belonging and possibility. It feels like home. This strong sense of community is the foundation of everything we do at Fairholme College.

Here, young women are empowered to learn with curiosity, lead with compassion and embrace the future with confidence. Our high-achieving academic program is intentionally future-focused – designed to ignite creative and critical thinking and foster a deep love of learning.

Wellbeing is at the heart of our approach. We know that when a girl feels seen and supported, she flourishes. Our strong pastoral care and inclusive culture help each student grow in resilience, empathy and self-belief.

Grounded in Presbyterian values, we nurture not only minds, but hearts. Faith, reflection, and a commitment to service shapes our shared experience and gives meaning to learning.

Beyond the classroom, girls are encouraged to explore their passions and strengths – through sport, the arts, STEM, service, and leadership. Every opportunity is a chance to build skills that will shape their future.

This is a school where each girl is known, challenged, and inspired to make a positive impact on her world.

I warmly invite you to experience the energy, joy, and heart of Fairholme – and to witness our futures in the making.

Dr Leigh Hobart
College Principal

Our **Vision**

To be a nurturing Christian school, committed to developing a vibrant learning community; one that challenges students to become confident and respectful contributors within our global society.

College **Motto**

The Fairholme College motto, 'Ardens sed Virens', means 'burning yet flourishing' and refers to the burning bush on the College badge. Just as the bush burned brightly yet was not consumed, so too, our Christian faith should burn within us yet flourish, as we become a living witness to the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our **Values**

- > Christ-centred faith
- > Collaboration
- > Enjoyment
- > Respect
- > Seeking excellence





Our Campus

Set high on the escarpment of the Great Diving Range in East Toowoomba, Fairholme College enjoys a picturesque setting overlooking the Toowoomba Range.

This unique location in the provincial city of Toowoomba, Queensland, provides an inspiring backdrop for learning where expansive views, established gardens and open green spaces create a calm and welcoming environment for our girls to grow and flourish.

Fairholme's single-campus design is thoughtfully organised into three sub-schools: Junior School (Kindy–Year 6), Middle School (Years 7–9) and Senior School (Years 10–12).

While each sub-school nurtures the specific needs of girls at every stage of development, our shared campus fosters meaningful connection across year levels and strengthens our sense of community.

Our purpose-built facilities, combined with our beautiful natural surrounds, provide an environment where girls are encouraged to explore their interests, pursue excellence and discover their potential in every aspect of College life.

Our College academic, sporting and arts facilities include:

- > Indoor aquatic centre
- > Indoor multi-purpose gymnasium
- > Performing Arts Centre home to music classrooms, specialist studios for music tuition and a dedicated dance studio
- > Two libraries
- > Health Hub with a three-bed simulated hospital ward
- > Grassed oval
- > Tennis courts
- > Strength and conditioning centre
- > Designated throws complex
- > Multi-purpose outdoor courts
- > Our historic homestead
- > Assembly hall with stage and professional sound and lighting room

Educating Girls Since 1917

Choosing a school is one of the most significant decisions you'll make for your daughter. It's not just about uniforms or campuses, it's about choosing the environment that will shape her identity, values, and future.

At a girls' school, your daughter will be supported, challenged, and inspired. It's a place designed entirely around how girls learn, lead, and thrive. Where she can be herself—intellectually, emotionally, and socially—without apology. Where she can lead, try, fail, try again, and succeed.

It's a place where she belongs.

Academic Success

Research consistently shows that girls in single-sex schools outperform their peers in co-educational settings. Girls in single-sex classrooms enjoy the freedom to engage deeply without fear of stereotype or social pressure. They ask questions, take intellectual risks, and feel empowered to speak up.

Wellbeing and Belonging

Girls who feel emotionally safe, confident and connected are far more likely to succeed, not just in school, but in life. Girls' schools don't just nurture achievement—they cultivate the confidence and character to carry it forward.

Co-Curricular Pursuits

In all girls' schools, every opportunity is open to girls. Beyond the classroom, Fairholme College offers a rich co-curricular life where students are encouraged to discover their passions and push beyond their comfort zones.



*Learn
more*





A place where girls grow

without limits



Academic *Excellence*

Together, we cultivate an environment where every girl is encouraged, challenged and empowered to reach her full potential.

Fairholme has a tradition of educational excellence which embraces all facets of learning: academic, sporting, the arts, culture and service. We believe a well-rounded curriculum fully nurtures each student's physical and social development.

Each year, Fairholme College's Year 12 results rank among those of the top independent girls' schools in Queensland. Our outstanding academic results reflect not only the dedication and determination of our students, but also the strength of the partnerships between our expert staff, supportive families and the wider Fairholme community.

Learning Enhancement

Innovative and multi-faceted, our Learning Enhancement Centre (LEC) supports the learning of all Fairholme College students, recognising that each student can

be at different stages along the learning spectrum.

Learning Enhancement at Fairholme is offered through supportive, inclusive programs across the College. This may involve in-class support, small group assistance and classes, lunchtime homework help, regular before and after school tutorials, and withdrawal support. This enables us to ensure that each girl requiring support has a program tailored to their needs.



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Junior School

A Foundation of Lifelong Learning

Fairholme Junior School provides a vibrant, nurturing and supportive environment where a love of learning begins. Catering for students from Kindy to Year 6, our all-encompassing curriculum is delivered by highly qualified and passionate classroom and specialist teachers who understand the importance of these formative years.

Each girl is known, valued and supported as an individual. Through rich learning experiences, students are extended, enriched and challenged to develop confidence, curiosity and a strong academic foundation. Our Junior School fosters resilience, independence and a sense of achievement that prepares students for future success.



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Fairholme Junior

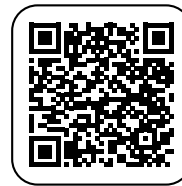


Middle School

A Time of Growth and Discovery

The Middle School years are a significant and transformative stage in a girl's development. At Fairholme, our Middle School provides a supportive and engaging environment for students in Years 7 to 9, where academic, social and personal growth are carefully nurtured.

Our Middle School program provides a smooth and supported transition from Junior to Senior School, encouraging girls to develop independence, responsibility and confidence. Students are challenged to think deeply, explore new interests and build the skills and mindset needed for academic excellence and lifelong learning.



Discover
our Middle School



Senior School

Learning, Leading and Thriving

Senior School at Fairholme is a dynamic and purposeful phase of education, where girls in Years 10 to 12 are empowered to learn, lead and thrive. Our academically rigorous and supportive environment encourages students to pursue excellence while developing the confidence and courage to embrace future opportunities.

Through personalised support, diverse subject offerings and leadership opportunities, our Senior students grow into capable, confident and compassionate young women. They graduate as independent learners and thoughtful leaders, well-prepared to make meaningful contributions to their communities and beyond.



Discover
our Senior School



Boarding at Fairholme

Boarding has been at the heart of our College for more than 100 years, shaping the character and culture of our school community.

From the earliest days, girls from across regional and rural Australia have called our Boarding House home, bringing with them the strength, resilience and deep sense of community that define country values.

Today, that legacy continues, with over 220 Boarders contributing to our student population – a testament to the enduring strength and appeal of our Boarding program.

Living at Fairholme

As one of Australia's largest girls' boarding schools, our priority is to ensure Fairholme is not only a place to stay, but a place where every girl feels genuinely happy, supported and *at holme*. We are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and welcoming environment where girls

can flourish academically, socially and personally.

Our Location

Located on the escarpment of the Great Dividing Range, the Fairholme Boarding House enjoys sweeping views across the Lockyer Valley. Surrounded by the College's peaceful gardens and grounds, this picturesque setting in the provincial city of Toowoomba offers an exceptional boarding environment for girls in Years 5 to 12.

Toowoomba's proximity to Brisbane, along with Wellcamp Airport and its direct connections to major regional and capital cities including Townsville, Cairns, Melbourne, Sydney and Darwin, ensures convenient travel for families across Australia and internationally.

Boarding Facilities

The Fairholme Boarding House has been thoughtfully designed to support the wellbeing, learning and lifestyle of teenage girls. Our living spaces provide a careful balance between privacy and community, encouraging both independence and connection.

Recently refurbished, the Boarding House features contemporary furnishings, modern amenities and welcoming communal areas that foster friendship, relaxation and study. Every element has been carefully considered to create a warm, secure and enriching environment — a true *holme* away from home.



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Boarding at Fairholme





The Arts at Fairholme

Vibrant and full of life, The Arts is a spirited display of the heart and soul of Fairholme College.

Students engage in The Arts through both the academic curriculum and Fairholme's extensive co-curricular program, which offers a diverse range of opportunities for participation and performance.

Whether discovering a new passion or refining established talents, every girl is encouraged to explore her creative potential.

With more than 30 Co-Curricular Arts groups, students have abundant opportunities to perform, collaborate and grow. Fairholme also offers individual Specialist Arts Tuition, supporting students to develop their skills to an advanced level.

A highlight of the Fairholme Arts program is the exceptional biennial Co-Production Musical with Toowoomba Grammar School.

This highly anticipated event brings together talented performers, musicians and technical crew in a professional-standard production, fostering collaboration, creativity and a lifelong appreciation for the performing arts.

The Arts at Fairholme offerings include:

- > Dance
- > Drama
- > Music
- > Visual Arts
- > Debating
- > Public Speaking
- > Technical Production



Explore

The Arts at Fairholme

A History of *Sporting Excellence*

Fairholme's tradition of sporting excellence has shaped Olympians and world-class athletes, including Tatum Stewart, Dom Du Toit, Emilee Cherry, Demi Hayes, Cathy Freeman, Georgia Voll, Gemma Etheridge and Dannielle Leisch, among others.

While we celebrate elite success, our sporting philosophy is centred on participation, personal growth and enjoyment.

We are passionate about promoting physical activity for every girl, offering opportunities for involvement at all skill levels in both competitive and non-competitive environments.

Sport at Fairholme

Students can participate in:

- > 17 Middle and Senior School sports
- > 9 Junior School sports
- > Our highly successful Speed, Power and Strength program
- > Specialist sporting programs including the Fairholme Aquatic Swim Team (FAST), Fairholme Equestrian Team or Fairholme Athletics Club
- > Fairholme High-Performance Sport Program

Fairholme High-Performance

At Fairholme, you'll step into an environment that nurtures champions both in competition and in the classroom, where athletic potential is unlocked and balanced with academic success.

Through our Fairholme College High Performance Sport Program, student-athletes gain access to elite coaching, specialised support, and tailored resources designed to help young athletes achieve their sporting goals while thriving academically.



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Fairholme Sport





Clubs and Activities

At Fairholme College, learning extends well beyond the classroom.

Alongside our comprehensive Arts and Sport programs, students across the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools are encouraged to explore their interests through a diverse range of clubs and activities offered before, during and after the school day.

From academic enrichment and STEM clubs to creative and service-based pursuits such as Interact,

Army Cadets, Film Club, Garden Club Mooting and the Duke of Edinburgh International Award, there is something to inspire every girl.

These opportunities foster curiosity, creativity and connection, allowing students to discover new passions, develop confidence and build meaningful friendships.

Service Learning

Service is a cornerstone of a Fairholme education. We believe it is essential for girls to develop not only academic capability, but also compassion, empathy and a genuine commitment to others.

Through meaningful service experiences, students learn the importance of contributing to their community and making a positive difference in the lives of those around them.

Students are provided with a wide range of opportunities to serve both within the College and the broader community. These include mentoring students, serving at College events, volunteering to cook for Tony's Kitchen, assisting at Rosies Outreach, supporting Homework Help programs through Humeridge Church, and participating in

initiatives such as the Leukaemia Foundation's Shave for a Cure.

Fairholme also proudly offers the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, encouraging students to challenge themselves, serve their community and develop resilience, leadership and independence, with many Fairholme girls achieving Gold across a range of endeavours, including this prestigious award.

Through service, Fairholme girls develop a strong sense of purpose and a lifelong commitment to making a meaningful contribution to the world around them.

Global Learning

Our vision is to nurture girls who are confident, compassionate and respectful contributors within an increasingly interconnected global society.

While this global perspective is embedded in our everyday learning, we also provide meaningful opportunities for our students to step beyond the classroom and engage directly with the wider world.

Through exchange programs, international tours and the presence of international students within our community, Fairholme girls develop cultural understanding, independence and a broader perspective that prepares them for life beyond the College.

Exchange Experiences

Fairholme offers a range of exchange opportunities each year, allowing students to immerse themselves in the academic and cultural life of leading international schools. Partnerships with prestigious institutions such as The Rugby School, Oakham School and Bryanston School in the United Kingdom provide students with the opportunity to live and learn abroad, build lasting friendships and gain invaluable personal and educational experiences.

International Tours

Our international tour program provides students with enriching

opportunities to explore diverse cultures, languages and global contexts. These experiences foster independence, adaptability and global awareness while deepening students' academic and personal growth.

Recent tours have included the Cambridge Oxbridge Academic Program, Cambodia Service Trip, Japan Language Tour, France Language Tour and the Paris Fashion Tour.

Global Student Program

Fairholme warmly welcomes international students into our College community. Their presence enriches our cultural environment and provides valuable opportunities for all students to develop intercultural understanding and global awareness.

International students are fully immersed in the life of the College, participating in academic programs, co-curricular activities and boarding life. These shared experiences foster lifelong friendships and prepare Fairholme girls to thrive as globally minded citizens in an ever-changing world.



Wellbeing and *Community*

A caring, compassionate and supportive attitude, Christian worship, respect for self and for others and a dedication to developing honesty and integrity form an integral part of everyday life at Fairholme College.

Our Pastoral Care program is central to our mission and focuses upon nurturing individuals as unique and valued members of our community while helping our girls develop skills to assist them with negotiating the increasingly complex world in which they live.

Pastoral Care is woven into every aspect of College life. It exists in our classrooms, corridors and at sporting matches, through our restorative approach to conflict resolution, in our worship and the respectful way we treat one another each day.

We aim to cultivate an inclusive culture where every girl feels valued, supported and empowered to pursue her passions, overcome challenges and flourish.

Junior School (Years 1 to 6)

In the Junior School (Years 1–6), vertically streamed Holme Groups provide a close-knit environment

where students develop a strong sense of belonging.

Through peer-supported circle time, role modelling and structured pastoral learning activities, girls explore concepts such as building positive relationships and resolving concerns constructively. This approach ensures that each student is known and nurtured as an individual.

Middle and Senior (Years 7 to 12)

For students in Years 7–12, the vertical Pastoral Care system provides continuity, with girls remaining in the same Holme Group and with the same teacher throughout each sub-school.

Within this supportive structure, students engage in collaborative projects, service initiatives and Interhouse activities, all designed to strengthen connections, foster leadership, and encourage a shared sense of purpose.

Pathways Centre

At Fairholme College, we are committed to preparing girls for life beyond the classroom.

Our Pathways Centre supports students in developing the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to make informed decisions about further study, work and career opportunities.

The Pathways Centre team works collaboratively with College staff, external training providers, businesses, universities, and members of the Fairholme community to provide a broad range of career learning experiences. These opportunities enable girls to explore their interests, build confidence, and develop a clear sense of direction for the future.

Vocational Education and Training

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 have the opportunity to engage in Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs, exploring areas of personal and career interest while developing practical skills.

Time is allocated within the Year 10 timetable for girls to undertake a range of Certificate II, III, IV, and Diploma Specialist Elective qualifications.

In Years 11 and 12, students can complement their school study load with VET programs, which contribute to QCE points and, in some cases, ATAR results. These programs provide practical, career-focused learning and prepare students to step confidently into tertiary study or the workforce.

Fairholme College Health Hub

Our Fairholme Health Hub provides hands-on training and practical experience in hospital, nursing, allied health and medical settings.

This state-of-the-art, on-campus facility includes a three-bed simulated hospital ward and an allied health station, giving students authentic clinical experience in a safe, supportive environment.

Through the Health Hub, Fairholme girls access high-quality training in partnership with Mater Education, both in Toowoomba as well as at the Mater Hospital, Brisbane.

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our Pathways Centre





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Fairholme Old Girls' Association

Graduation is a natural milestone, but not the end of your daughter's Fairholme journey.

We encourage our students to remain engaged with the wider world, embracing challenges and cultivating the confidence and skills to make a positive impact on their communities and beyond.

Since 1921, the Fairholme Old Girls' Association (FOGA) has proudly connected past students with one another while fostering meaningful relationships with current students.

Through events, mentorship, and storytelling opportunities, Old Girls return to the College to share their experiences, achievements and insights, inspiring the next generation of Fairholme women.

At Fairholme, we believe firmly in the adage, *'Once a Fairholme Girl, always a Fairholme Girl'*.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The Fairholme College Scholarship program aims to encourage, recognise and support students in their pursuit of their excellence.

Scholarships are awarded to students in areas of excellence in conjunction with demonstrating exceptional character, including qualities such as integrity, leadership, initiative, care and compassion for others.

Each year, we offer a limited number of merit-based Scholarships for new and existing students entering Year 7 or Year 10 in the following year.

Scholarships provide financial support, covering a percentage of tuition fees.

- > Academic Scholarships
- > Board of Directors' Bursaries
- > Emerging Leader Scholarship
- > The John Sessarago Sporting Scholarships
- > Excellence in The Arts and Culture Scholarships
- > Glasgow McDowall Rural Bursary
- > First Nations Bursaries



Learn More





Join our Community

We invite you and your family to visit and experience our first-class learning environment for yourself.

The college conducts regular tours during term time and a range of events throughout the year for prospective students and their families to learn more about Fairholme.

Further admission details, booking a tour, or how to apply can be found on our website or by scanning the QR codes below.

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