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Principal's Welcome

At Canberra Christian School you will discover a place where educational excellence is cultivated in our nurturing learning environment.

For over 50 years, our co-educational school has been nestled in the heart of the city and stands an integral part of the community. We are renowned for developing social responsibility in our students as they learn that they are part of the wider world around them. Intentionally capped small class sizes are integral to our school culture and ensure we can tailor our teaching to each child's unique needs and abilities.

Our Christian values are modelled by our dedicated teachers as we instil important attributes such as compassion and respect for others, and wise decision-making, to help shape young minds for a brighter future.

I invite you to discover all that our school has to offer for your child from Early Learning to Year 6. Contact our office to book your personalised school tour or to find out more. Together, let's embark on a journey of educational discovery and personal growth at Canberra Christian School.

We look forward to welcoming you into our community!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bree Hills'.

Bree Hills
Principal, BEd, MEd and CPPD

Our Mission & Vision

Our school nurtures children of character who have the aspiration to achieve their best, and the desire to serve their community.

Guided by the vision of our Seventh Day Adventist founders, our mission is to provide a vibrant Christian learning environment with personalised attention and support.




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Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care program supports the academic, physical, moral, spiritual, emotional and social needs of all students.

Our Christian ethos helps students discover their identity in Christ and their purpose in the world.

Together, we aim to inspire a generation of compassionate, academically accomplished and healthy individuals who positively impact their communities and the world around them.



Our Learning Environment

Nestled in the heart of Mawson, just two kilometres from the bustling Woden Shopping Centre, Canberra Christian School offers an enriching educational environment that integrates indoor and outdoor facilities.

Our well-appointed spacious classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology while our expansive grounds offer diverse outdoor spaces, where children can flourish in our natural environments. We are committed to fostering a stimulating learning environment that helps students thrive academically and socially and prepares them for success in the modern world.

Our Curriculum

Our dedicated teachers aim to foster a lifelong love of learning in every child. From Foundation to Year 6, we ensure the national curriculum is brought to life through innovative and memorable methods.

Our focus is on nurturing key skills while empowering students to actively engage in their learning journey. We believe that all students can excel when they are taught and challenged at their own capability level and not necessarily their age and emphasise a tailored approach to teaching.

Through a range of activities, excursions, and guest visits, we provide enriching experiences that extend beyond the classroom. Our diverse offerings complement our academic curriculum and include music, sports, Mandarin lessons and gardening.



Our Diverse Community

Our thriving multicultural community of families and staff enrich our school as we learn from each other and foster a place of encouragement and unity.

We believe that a school should be a place of friendship and we value our close-knit community where parents regularly engage with one another through various school activities. These include our annual fete, our Friday night Garage64 program, regular family BBQs, 'Date Nights' for parents with free babysitting, and weekly 'coffee and bagel' catch-ups. As a valued member of our community, you will experience a place where lasting friendships are formed because we truly believe we are stronger together.

Inclusive Environment

We are proud of our inclusive learning environment where education is about holistic development.

We believe that every child has been created with their own blend of abilities and part of our role as educators is to help our students discover, develop and find purpose for their talents.

Our Christian values are woven throughout school life and these help our students become leaders of strong moral character.

Our Christian community is built on inclusion and a values alignment for our families who come from different faith backgrounds.

Excursions

Excursions are integral to our curriculum as they provide real-world applications of classroom lessons and deepen our students' understanding, while promoting practical skills.

These experiences are a cornerstone of our educational approach and students eagerly anticipate learning adventures beyond the classroom. Excursions occur most terms and are included in school fees, excluding our annual school trip which incurs a nominal fee after fundraising efforts.

Our exciting calendar of excursions includes cultural visits to Cockington Green and the Canberra Symphony, nature explorations at the Canberra Zoo and Farmyard Nursery, educational tours at the AIS and Stromlo Observation Centre, and more.

Language

Culture



Music

There are significant developmental benefits to learning music and so we aim to provide a well-rounded musical education that inspires creativity and expression.

Our music program begins in Pre-Kindergarten with fun, weekly lessons including basics like rhythm, pitch, tempo, and dynamics, through to singing and playing percussion instruments. In early Primary, students learn percussion instruments and begin to read and follow music. Our Years 3-6 group classes allow students to learn wind and string instruments, fostering ensemble skills through collaborative arrangements.

We also offer a school choir and a comprehensive dance program. Students can also attend optional private tuition in piano, guitar, violin, drums, or flute during school hours, taught by qualified tutors.

Music

Fun



Sport

Sport and physical education are fundamental components of our curriculum, spanning from Kindergarten to Year 6.

We prioritise student engagement, offering inclusive programs tailored to various ages and skill levels within our school and through district initiatives. Our approach encourages active participation, skill development, and sportsmanship, fostering lifelong habits of health and vitality in our students. From structured lessons to extracurricular activities, we provide a supportive environment where every child develops in character, teamwork, and resilience.

Language

Learning a new language has many cognitive benefits and Mandarin is the core language taught across all year levels at our school.

Our language program aims to build fundamental vocabulary and writing skills, while exploring multicultural norms and differences. These engaging weekly Mandarin lessons equip our students with a deeper cultural sensitivity and skills for global citizenship.



Kitchen Garden

Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden provides our students with a greater appreciation for organic produce and good nutrition. They are actively involved in cultivating this outdoor garden where they learn about plant lifecycles, seasons, weather, and the importance of environmental stewardship. From tending garden beds to sowing seeds and guiding plants to fruition, students actively participate in every stage of food production.

They also learn the significance of recycling and composting to enrich soil health sustainably. Our students enjoy the fruits of their labour and enjoy harvesting from the garden to prepare wholesome snacks and meals. This comprehensive program not only instils a profound understanding of food cultivation but also nurtures a sense of responsibility toward God's creation.

Pre-Kindergarten

Our Pre-Kindergarten program is the perfect pathway to prepare youngest students with a readiness for learning and a smooth transition into primary school.

Tailored to our four-year-old learners, our Pre-K curriculum combines structured learning with activities aligned to their natural inclination for exploration and discovery.

Delivered by our amazing Christian teaching staff, this program offers a comprehensive approach to early learning, emphasizing each child's unique learning style within our supportive school environment.

With flexible hours from 7.30am to 6pm, our Pre-K students benefit from a blend of classroom-based instruction and integrated activities within the Early Learning Centre.

By providing opportunities for interaction with older students and participation in school-wide events, we ensure a comfortable and seamless introduction to the broader school community, setting a strong foundation for future academic success.



Early Learning Centre

Our Early Learning Centre (ELC) is a haven for active young minds and busy bodies in an engaging play-based environment.

Established in 2014, the ELC offers a bespoke approach to early childhood education and recognises the importance of fostering curiosity and exploration in our littlest learners.

With qualified Early Childhood teachers leading the way, supported by a team of dedicated assistants, we ensure that every child's developmental journey is met with care and attention.

Our ELC seamlessly integrates children into our wider school community, enriching their experiences through participation in various school events and activities.

Operating five days a week, from 8am - 6pm, our program achieves key developmental milestones for our 2-4 year olds, while providing an engaging space for social and emotional growth, where every child is known and nurtured.



Student Expectations

Good student behaviour lays the foundation for effective learning and is a principle of our school community.

We expect all students to adhere to the school regulations and code of behaviour. We also ensure that students closely follow our uniform policy which applies in both summer and winter and maintains a smart and consistent appearance from all pupils.

Our expectations extend to punctuality and full attendance and ensures a sense of responsibility towards learning. Homework is an important contributor to academic progress and we encourage students to complete their assigned tasks.

Our standards are designed to ensure that every student at Canberra Christian School has the best opportunity to thrive in their learning environment.



Enrolment

Enrolment procedures

If you wish to enrol, please complete and return an 'Application for Enrolment,' along with a copy of the student's birth certificate, record of immunisation and current Visa or Australian Citizenship Certificate (if born overseas).

Once our team receives your enrolment paperwork, we will contact you to arrange a meeting with our Principal. If your application is successful following your meeting, you will be emailed a 'Confirmation of Enrolment' letter. You will need to return this letter, with the non-refundable \$200 enrolment deposit to secure your child's enrolment.

Payment of fees

ELC and Pre-K fees are invoiced two weeks in advance and are due for payment the following day. Kindergarten to Year 6 fees are billed annually, at the beginning of the year. A quarter of the annual fee is payable by the end of each term. All fees must be finalised by the 30th November. All costs for class excursions excluding individual projects/events are included in the school's tuition fee. An updated fee statement will be issued at the start of each term.

Withdrawal of student

Parents are advised that it is necessary to provide in writing a minimum of one term's notice of intention to withdraw a student from the school. If this notice is not given, a full-term fee is charged in lieu of notice.



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