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St. Bede's College Prep Prospectus





A warm welcome to St Bede's



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We are delighted and honoured to welcome you to become parents of our next generation of Bedians.

Working together with you, our parents, we are striving to become a hub where all the support, service and advice that you may need can be found. Committed to the holistic education of our pupils, we want them to not only achieve academic success but to also find the best opportunities to shape their futures, according to their uniqueness. Our founder, Cardinal Vaughan, opened the doors of the College on 7th January 1876; he was inspired by St. Bede's search for knowledge and truth and founded the College based on a profound love of learning. Christ remains at the centre and heart of our school and our faith inspires us to look upon our pupils, no matter their background or their own personal faith journey, as children of God.

Our vision is to see our pupils grow as true leaders in the 21st Century; we believe that character development will

help them to achieve their potential, lead responsibly and build a better world. In order to develop their understanding of character in the years ahead, pupils will take part in our Virtue and Leadership Programmes, developing their inner strength to respond to life's challenges and a true understanding of our world and its needs. The College has a rich life, filled with opportunities accessed through the house system, co-curricular activities and pupils' own initiatives, all of which contribute to the positive growth mindset passed on by our founder.

Leading St Bede's is an honour and a huge responsibility, which I could not take on without the great team that I work with and in particular my esteemed and energetic colleague Claire Hunt our Head of the Prep School.

Mrs Maria Kemp, Headteacher St. Bede's College



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A school for life



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Mrs Claire Hunt Head of Prep

I am hugely privileged to say that I have spent much of my life at St Bede's, first as a pupil myself, then as a teacher, a mother to Bedian daughters Anna and Emily and since 2013 as Head of the Preparatory School.

The best way that I can explain the unique advantages of a St Bede's education for your son or daughter is to quote the words of one of our current Prep parents "When you choose St Bede's you are not walking into a school, you are walking into a family that will ignite your child's curiosity, imagination and sense of joy and discovery for life". We never ever take our parents and families for granted at St Bede's. We fully recognise the challenges and sacrifices that they make. For

their part our students are inspired by each other with a firmly committed mindset, which grows in fortitude to consistently finish what they start. Being grateful is at the heart of life in St Bede's and our pupils learn that they are created uniquely to make the most of their talents. There is never a one size fits all approach to learning in the Prep school.

With my well established team we foster a lively culture of curiosity and inquiry where Bedians are encouraged to explore, question and discover.

I warmly invite you to transform your child's learning experience as part of our timeless Bedian family.



Education for the Future

As a college, we recognise the importance of staying abreast of rapid changes in our operating environment.

Digital technology advances at an ever increasing pace, with a sharp eye always to the future we firmly acknowledge current trends. However, we must also acknowledge that current trends can quickly become obsolete due to rapid technological evolution.

In our commitment to preparing our students to face real-world challenges, we not only focus on providing them with a solid academic education, but also, strive to teach them transferable

and adaptive skills. Through our virtues and pastoral programs, we promote the development of soft skills such as resilience, teamwork, empathy, and effective communication.

By understanding global trends and necessary skills, we adapt our curriculum and educational practices to ensure that our students are equipped to achieve their goals in an ever evolving work environment.



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Work Ethic

Bedians cultivate excellence through commitment and teamwork. A strong work ethic is the hallmark of a St Bede's education.

We believe in the power of perseverance and determination to achieve success by fostering our students' commitment to their own goals and objectives. Through collaborative projects, independent learning, and the use of innovative technology, we empower our students to excel in their studies and future careers. At St Bede's, we leave no one behind; we believe that with effort, support, and patience, all our students are capable of achieving excellence.

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Harry C.

St Bede's thrives on its Bedian spirit. I have attended St Bede's for 9 years and can safely say that I have experienced all of the amazing opportunities the college has to offer.



Opportunity

To provide more opportunities for individual ability based learning in small classes.

In addition to our individual approach to learning throughout the Prep School and small class sizes, the Pre College Years 5 and 6 benefit directly from the wealth of facilities and opportunities that the College possesses.

Pupils therefore transition into College at age 11 with well developed leadership skills in a seamless way, being amongst older, established friends.

Inspired • **Committed** • Grateful





Friendships are forged and self-belief
is firmly established.



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Jonathan Dickson
Head of Drama

We are preparing our students to
discover who they can become.

Performing Arts

Year after year we experience the magic of St. Bede's Performing Arts Department with the Spring Term Year 6 production. Our talented students continually dazzle audiences with their high-energy performances and infectious enthusiasm. From show-stopping dance numbers to heartfelt moments, these musical extravaganzas showcase the incredible artistic abilities of our students. Join us in celebrating their talent and passion for the performing arts at St. Bede's College!

Creativity

St Bede's College celebrates and fosters creativity through a great variety of artistic form. Bedians use creativity as a tool.

Creativity permeates life at St Bede's. Performing Arts, Dance, Music and Visual Arts bring our educational community to life every day. However, creativity at St Bede's extends beyond these activities because the ability to inspire and seek original and genuine solutions is essential in all areas. Bedians use creativity as a tool to overcome challenges with an attitude that embraces innovation and originality.



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The positive atmosphere at this school is like nothing I have ever seen or experienced.

Tara G.

Sense of Community

All Bedians embrace a culture of gratitude and service to others.

We recognize and value each student's unique talents, encouraging them to contribute positively to the community. Through charitable initiatives and leadership programs, we teach our students to be compassionate and socially responsible leaders.

To us gratitude is more than a feeling; it is a way of life that enables us to view the world around us with wonder, an attitude towards life that makes us recognize and appreciate the opportunities and privileges we enjoy, to give back to the world all the goodness we have received.

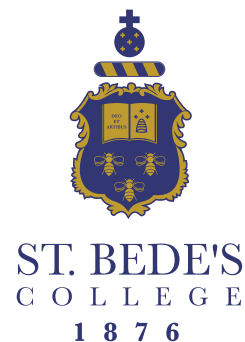


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Maciej W.

I'd love to fulfil my dream of becoming an aeronautical engineer, but as long as I'm helping people whilst using physics anything goes.

A School for Life A Family for Life



Once a Bedian, Always a Bedian, encapsulates our conviction that the values ingrained in our students endure beyond their time in the college and are passed down from generation to generation.

The warm and welcoming community that is St Bede's, has attracted families like Claire Boylan's or Claire Hunt's, both teachers, members of the leadership team, and former students. Like so many other former Bedians, they want their children to experience the sense of belonging, intellectual stimulation and emotional support they themselves enjoyed at St Bede's, thus creating a lasting connection with the college and its enduring values that extend across generations.

The alumni community and the Parents' Association (PFA) are some of the manifestations of the threads that weave the essence of St Bede's beyond the classrooms. Both groups organise

events and gatherings that nurture the spirit that binds us together. Thus, the Bedian community of students, teachers, parents and alumni celebrate the College's Milestones, such as our 150th anniversary in 2026. Being part of an institution with a century and a half of history is a guarantee of the timeless nature of our mission, and at the same time, of our relevance in the present moment. From this great tradition, we face the challenges of the present with confidence and look to the future with much excitement.



Senior Leadership Team (SLT)





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