

# WELCOMING YOUR CHILD TO YEAR 7 AT CECIL ANDREWS COLLEGE



Cecil Andrews College exemplifies excellence in education for all students. While our school is rich in heritage and tradition, rightly valuing what the past has given us, we are also an exciting and innovative future focussed centre of learning.

At Cecil Andrews College we support students with a range of programs and systems so that we manage the transition to high school for your child as smoothly as possible.

This means when your child joins Cecil Andrews College, they will be welcomed into an environment which is ready to work for them to achieve excellence.

Our College motto is “Achieving Excellence Together” and this is embedded in everything we do. We aim to provide all of our students with a passion for learning and to prepare them for a world of innovation and change. We focus on pathways to suit every student and prepare them for further study or the world of work and we work with them to Achieve Excellence Together.



Achieving excellence together

## CARING FOR YOUR CHILD

Above all else, parents need to know that their child is happy and safe at school. Cecil Andrews College places an emphasis on pastoral care to ensure every student is nurtured and encouraged at school.

Our caring, dedicated and supportive Student Services Team includes:

- Student Services Manager
- School Psychologist
- Chaplain
- Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers
- Youth Workers
- Student Support Officers
- Year Coordinators

At Cecil Andrews College we offer a range of internal and external programs that support our students and focus on social and emotional wellbeing, including:

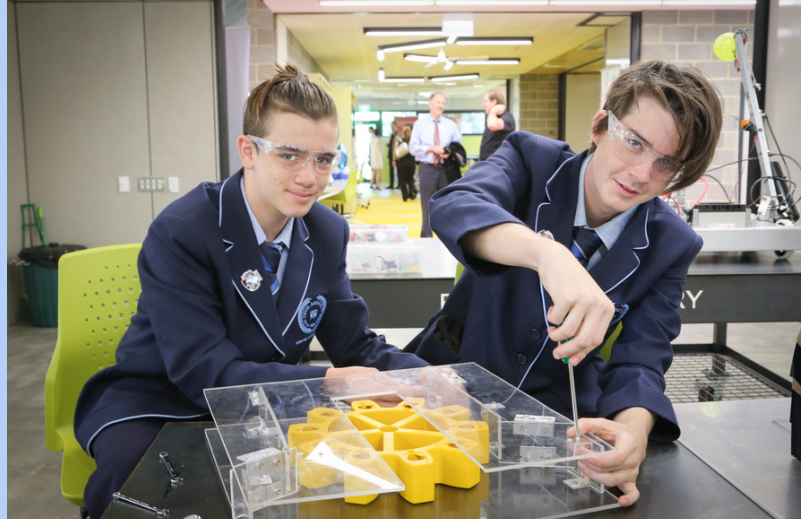
- Drop In (breakfast club)
- Social Clubs
- Dance groups
- Barbershop program
- Stronger Student program
- Targeted literacy and numeracy intervention
- Follow the Dream (an after school homework club for Indigenous students)
- Clontarf Academy for Indigenous male students
- Stars Foundation for Indigenous female students
- Mentoring and peer mentoring

## TEACHING & LEARNING

Quality of teaching and learning is at the forefront of all we do at Cecil Andrews College. We want your child to succeed at school, to reach their full potential and find the pathway to success that suits their interests and needs.

Some of the ways we do this are:

- Quality teaching staff – dedicated, caring and passionate, award winning teachers
- Our teachers use the latest research and evidence based teaching strategies
- Dedicated classes for Literacy and Numeracy support
- Academic extension program for gifted and talented students
- Lead school in Digital Technologies
- Leaders in STEAM education
- Specialist Performing Arts program
- Cecil Andrews AFL Academy
- Pathways in Technology (P-TECH) program



## KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED

We understand that some parents may be nervous that their child is starting high school, and that there may be some questions you have regarding this transition. Please know that you are a partner in your child's education and as such you are welcome to contact us with any questions you may have. Communication is key so that you are kept up to date about all that is going on during your child's school life.

Some of the ways we communicate with our parents and students are:

- Our website – all the latest information and some great news stories as well.
- Our official Facebook page.
- Newsletters – sent out at the end of each term.
- SMS system for attendance and absentee days.
- Parent information nights.
- Cecil Andrews College CONNECT Space - this is the portal for CONNECT for Students, Staff and Parents. It is for information and direction to other resources.
- COMPASS is a web based system which allows parents to to view their child's attendance, submit an absence note, book parent/teacher meetings and also stay informed about school events.

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