



St Joseph's College  
Gregory Terrace

# PROSPECTUS







# Our Mission Statement

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**We, the students, staff and parents of St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, form the Terrace Family, centred on the Gospel of Jesus and the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.**

We seek excellence in teaching and learning with a commitment to curriculum, academic challenge and renewal.

We seek to instil a spirit of service in the context of Catholic values with a strong and principled commitment to the poor and marginalised.

We seek opportunities in partnership with others to develop right relationships that respect the dignity of each person.

As the Terrace Family, we commit our energies to forming young men of faith and learning who will make a difference.

# Welcome to Terrace

The Terrace Community is dynamic and ever evolving. We strive to provide our young men with a contemporary and holistic education without losing sight of our core values based on the gospels of Jesus and the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Our College motto *Servire Deo Sapere* is Latin for *To Serve God is to be Wise*. It reminds us that the purpose of a Terrace education is to identify and develop the range of gifts and talents that God has given all our students.

Our goal is for the Terrace Gentlemen to emerge from our College as well-rounded, learned and respectful. This will have been achieved by a dedicated staff, in partnership with parents/guardians. We are committed to the academic, spiritual, sporting, cultural and personal development of your sons.

This Prospectus outlines just some of the many opportunities available at our College – from academic to co-curricular to pastoral care.

We want your sons to benefit from and enjoy their Terrace experience.

Kindest regards

*Michael Carroll*

**Michael Carroll**  
College Principal







# Focus on students

**Terrace is a Catholic College in the Edmund Rice Tradition for Years 5-12 day students.**

The College's vision is to provide a Catholic education that pursues excellence in holistic learning, from academics to sport, culture and pastoral care.

There are four campuses – the main campus at Gregory Terrace, Waterford Place (Year 10s), 10ha of sporting facilities at Tennyson and Outdoor Education Centre at Lake Maroon.

Recent additions to the College include the state-of-the-art Br Tony White Building, incorporating the Year 7 Learning Centre, and the renovated, heritage-listed Treacy Centre, which includes one-on-one music rooms.

From Years 5-12, it is the students who are the focus.

Terrace teachers are not just skilled in the delivery of the academic curriculum, they are dedicated to obtaining the very best outcomes for the young men in their care.

# A proud history

**Terrace, the first Christian Brothers' school in Queensland, is steeped in history.**

The College was established by the Christian Brothers in 1875, when the foundation stone for the first building, the Brothers' Residence, now the Treacy Centre, was laid on Gregory Terrace.

Teaching began earlier that same year in Pugin's Chapel, which still stands in the grounds of St Stephen's Cathedral in the Brisbane CBD.

Waterford Place, just across the road from the main campus, was commissioned in 2007 to support the transition from Middle to Senior schooling for our Year 10 students.

The new Br Tony White Building and fully renovated Treacy Centre, were officially blessed and opened in 2011.

The history of our students is just as impressive with Old Boys of the College including Rhodes Scholars, High Court judges, Olympians, Wallabies and world-renowned scientists and researchers.

The College's history is housed in the new College Museum and Archives.







# Embracing faith and justice

Terrace offers visionary programs to help our young men embrace faith and justice through:

- An integrated retreat program for all students from Years 5-12.
- Outreach to the most vulnerable in our community through the Big Brekky program (Eddie's Van) and links with the Western Suburbs Special School and Milpera High School for newly-arrived migrants and refugees.
- Immersion programs to other cultures and countries.
- Opportunities for staff, students and parents to participate in service and solidarity ministries such as St Vincent de Paul, Edmund Rice camps, Street Retreats and the annual Lenten Appeal.
- Weekly masses for the wider College Community and regular liturgies.
- A detailed curriculum program that develops the boys' understanding of their faith.

These programs are conducted through our Religious Education curriculum and in the work of the Campus Ministry.

# Academic goals

**A strong emphasis on academic achievement is essential to providing a holistic education at Terrace.**

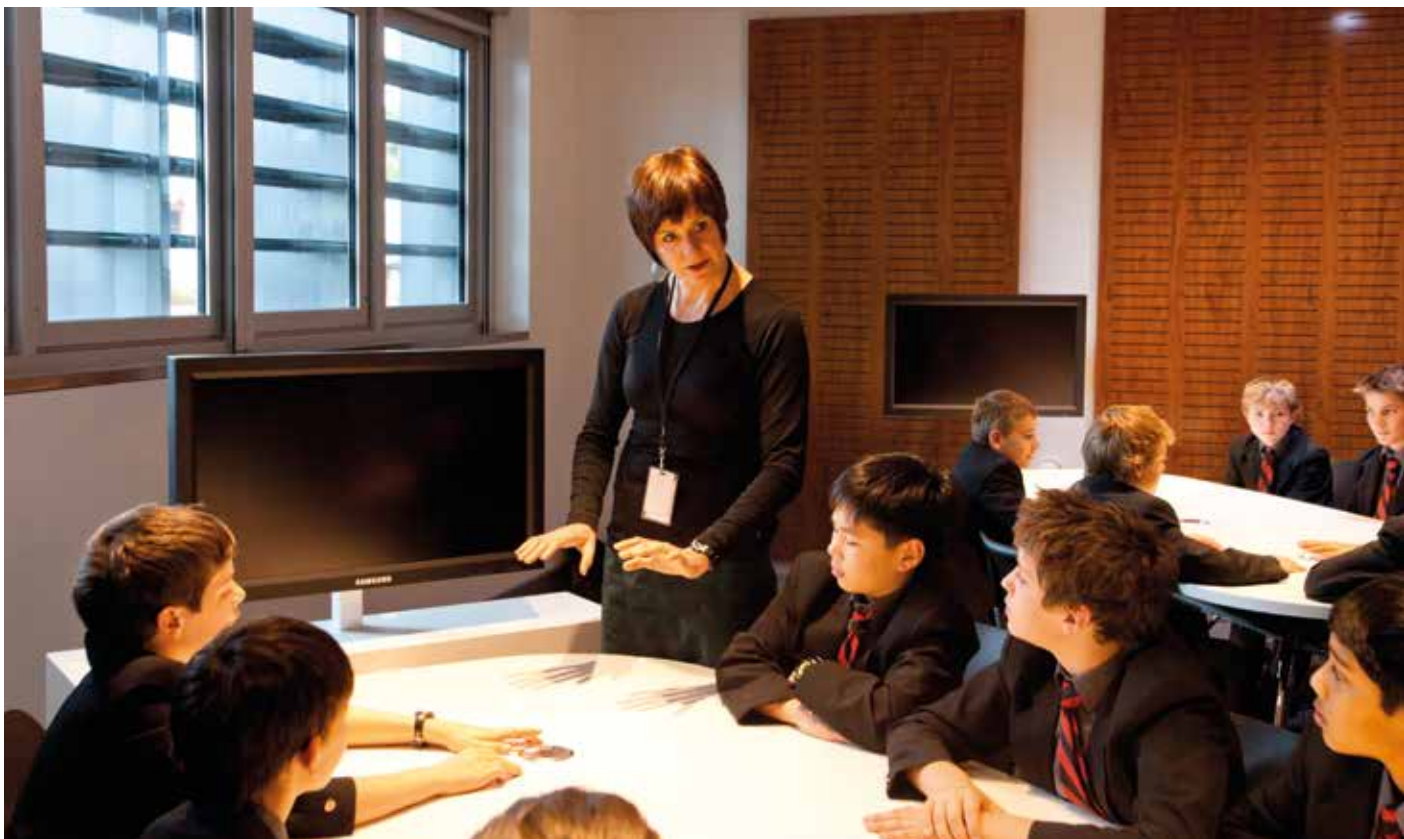
The College has an impressive academic history that has produced 17 Rhodes Scholars.

The Senior cohort consistently receives high numbers of OP1s and figures in the top five high schools in Queensland for median OP scores. More than a third of students traditionally receive an OP1-5.

The College's academic success is due to dedicated staff fostering a culture of excellence. This is recognised and promoted through the awarding of academic medals at College Assembly and the annual Celebration of Excellence Evening. Awards also are given for diligence and improvement.

Student performances are tracked from entry to exit, providing students, staff and parents with a solid record of achievement and effectiveness of study habits.

Having experienced a wide ranging and relevant curriculum at Terrace, by Years 11 and 12, students have selected a course of study from a wide range of subjects designed and moderated by the Queensland Studies Authority.





# Sport and culture



**Co-curricular activities are a key facet of the holistic education provided at Terrace.**

The College is consistently among Queensland's leading schools in areas as diverse as debating, cross-country and rowing.

The College has a proud sporting tradition and offers a wide range of sporting pursuits, including rugby, football, gymnastics, cricket, rowing, swimming, athletics, volleyball and basketball.

Terrace has a strong music program. Boys from Years 5 to 7 are provided with musical instruments and lessons while older students are encouraged to learn a musical instrument or continue with tuition. There are a large number of bands, ensembles, orchestras and choirs.

Debating also has proved a consistent source of achievement for students. Teams from Terrace regularly qualify for the the national Evatt Trophy competition, winning in 2010.

The College's Outdoor Education Program at Lake Maroon, west of Brisbane, provides challenging and memorable experiences through activities such as hiking, camping and canoeing.



# The Terrace Family

**From the College's House system to the Board and Supporter Groups, the Terrace Family reflects the partnership between students, staff and parents.**

On arriving at Terrace students are placed in one of nine Houses under the direction of a House Dean.

The Houses, which cater for students from Years 5-12, are divided into Tutor Groups, each led by a staff tutor, with the Year 12 students cast as role models in each Tutor Group.

The interaction across the year levels builds on the relationships developed between the younger and older students that are established from their first day at Terrace.

The support of the groups listed right enhances the academic, religious, cultural and sporting education of Terrace students.

The College Board  
Gregory Terrace Foundation  
Gregory Terrace Old Boys' Association  
Terrace Cardinals  
Terrace Ladies Group  
Terrace Timor Network  
Terrex (Exceptional Learners)  
Basketball Supporters' Committee  
Cricket Supporters' Committee  
Gymnastics Supporters' Committee  
Debating Support Group  
Football Supporters' Committee  
Performing Arts Association  
Rugby Supporters' Committee  
Swimming Supporters' Committee  
Tennis Supporters' Committee  
Terrow (Rowing)  
TerRun (Track, Field and Cross Country)



# Application for enrolment

Applications for entry into Years 5 and 7 are accepted from birth. Enrolment in other years may occur should a place become available. Applications for these years should be discussed with the College Registrar before submission.

To view the College enrolment procedures visit our website.

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