

# FAQs

## **Why is Trinity the right choice for my child?**

There are many reasons to choose a Trinity Lutheran College education. These include learning, student welfare, a balanced education, opportunities to be challenged academically, our ethos and values, the feeling of pride and belonging, our teachers, our environment and our strong community. We are family at Trinity.

## **Do students have to sit an entry test?**

We do not ask new students to sit an entry test.

Students are enrolled at the college by means of an interview with the appropriate college staff who will already have received and read school reports from previous schools attended. These reports offer us an insight into the academic strengths and challenges of each student.

## **Do you accept applications for enrolment during the academic year and what are your intake year levels?**

Trinity Lutheran College accepts students at all year levels throughout the year and even mid-term, if places are available in the year level required.

## **Do I need to make a separate application for the Early Learning Centre?**

Yes. The Trinity Lutheran College Early Learning Centre will require you to complete separate forms which are registered according to the date of their submission.

If you want your child to enter the junior school (including kindergarten) and beyond at Trinity Lutheran College, you will be required to complete a college Application for Admission form.

This is available through the registrar's office and can be obtained at the same time as the Trinity Lutheran College Early Learning Centre Waiting List Application forms.

## **Are places available now?**

For the latest information on the availability of places, please contact our Registrar, Mrs. Siobhain Blinko on +61 7 5556 8221 or via email at [siobhain.blinko@tlc.qld.edu.au](mailto:siobhain.blinko@tlc.qld.edu.au)

## **Do you operate waiting lists?**

There are waiting lists in some year levels and vacancies in others. However, every application we receive for enrolment is registered by its date of submission and becomes part of our database of prospective families.

At the beginning of the year prior to enrolment, place availability is assessed and our Registrar contacts families from our database to determine whether the family still wishes to continue with the enrolment at Trinity Lutheran College.

Once these replies are received, we arrange an interview for the family and offers of places are made after the interview. If there is not a place available, the student is held on the waiting list. Priority is given to siblings of our current students and children of past students of Trinity Lutheran College.

### **Trinity Lutheran College is a larger school than my child is used to. How will he or she cope with this change?**

Although the entire campuses at Trinity Lutheran College are extensive, each student has only a small area of the respective campus to become familiar with on a daily basis.

The early learning /junior school, middle school and senior school are located across two campuses. The early learning centre and the junior school are located on our Cotlew Street campus; and our middle and senior schools are located on our Ashmore Road campus. The campuses are both geographically separate from each other; yet each is within easy reach of the other and it is easy to move between them. They are really schools within a college. Each campus is managed by its own Head of Campus working alongside class and specialist teachers, who are there to listen, guide, inspire and help whenever it is needed.

Our college is designed to ensure that every student receives the very best individual care and attention, promoting a sense of identity and belonging.

### **Do you offer scholarships?**

As part of our commitment to preparing students for a lifetime of learning, we offer academic, performing arts and sports excellence scholarships for students with extraordinary talents. Further information about our scholarship program is available by viewing the [scholarships page](#).

### **Do you have boarding facilities?**

We currently do not offer boarding facilities however our College Council is considering a boutique boarding school in the future.

We currently operate a Homestay Program for international students who live away from home during the academic year. Accommodation is provided, on application, with carefully selected and approved families. All of our families, who host a student under 18 years of age, hold Suitability Notices (blue cards) as required by Part 6 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000, whereby persons seeking to work in a paid capacity with children under 18 years of age are required to undergo a screening process based on his or her criminal history to determine a person's suitability to work in child-related employment. Should you require further information about this service, please see our [Homestay information](#).

### **What sporting opportunities do you offer?**

Trinity Lutheran College offers one of the most extensive co-curricular programs of any Australian school, catering for all ages and abilities in a wide range of sports.

Junior, middle and senior school students engage in college and club competitions in a wide range of individual and team sports.

Specialist lessons in Health and Physical Education are taught throughout the junior curriculum and from Years 6 to 10. In senior school, this foundation leads to the academic elective subjects of Health, Physical Education and Recreational Studies.

Our Velocitas Sports program supports exceptionally talented athletes who, once accepted into the program, receive individual training from highly qualified specialist coaches. A student's senior studies are completed over three years, giving them time to devote to their training as well as their academic studies.

Extensive sporting facilities, including an aquatic centre, an indoor double-court gymnasium with dedicated weights and aerobic facilities, outdoor courts, two fields at each of our two campuses and additional playing fields at the adjoining sports centre provide superb training and playing opportunities for students.

### **What opportunities do you offer in the Performing Arts?**

The academic subjects of Music, Drama and Dance are offered in junior, middle and senior years and as elective choices for senior studies.

Beyond this, the Performing Arts program provides students with many exciting performance opportunities from first time recitals to major musical productions staged in professional theatres, to international tours and events.

Our program supports exceptionally talented artists who, once accepted into the program, receive individual tuition from expert instructors and directors. Their senior studies are completed over three years, giving them time to devote to their rehearsals as well as their academic studies.

Our optional private instrumental program ensures that students receive expert tuition in instrumental music by highly qualified and creative instructors and directors through individual or group lessons. Also available are private lessons in vocal and speech & drama. Students who join the Instrumental Music program are required to take part in an instrumental ensemble as a natural performance opportunity.

The Performing Arts co-curricular program provides students with a wide choice of bands, ensembles, choirs and dance groups to join. To find out what is available, please view our Performing Arts page.

### **Do you operate school buses to and from Trinity Lutheran College?**

Yes, we operate bus services to and from the college on a daily basis covering a number of different suburbs in the Trinity Lutheran College catchment area.

For further information, on bus routes please log on to <http://tlc.qld.edu.au/about-us/buses>

### **Does every student need their own 1 to 1 digital device?**

No, student use of digital devices depends on the year level of the student. Please refer to the BYOD (Bring your own device) table at the bottom of this page:

<http://tlc.qld.edu.au/facilities/information-and-communications-technology-ict>

Digital devices are used extensively in the classroom on a daily basis. Our integrated technology provides for life-long learning. The curriculum is relevant, dynamic and places the student at the centre of the learning. The application of learning technologies fosters individual learning pathways which are interactive, engaging and challenging.

### **Does Trinity Lutheran College have an outside school hours care program?**

Before and after school care services are offered to parents of enrolled students in our early learning and junior school who wish to take advantage of this facility. It operates from 7.00am – 9.00am and 2.30pm – 6.00pm each weekday during term time on a permanent or part-time basis. An application is necessary and fees are payable weekly.

Vacation Care is also available for enrolled students in the early learning and junior school each weekday, excluding public holidays, from 7.00am – 6.00pm. Fees are payable weekly.

### **How do I enrol?**

For further information regarding costs etc, please refer to the Schedule of Fees on our website: <http://tlc.qld.edu.au/enrolments/fee>