

ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAM



SPORT

Sport is a major part of the extended education experience at St Brendan's College and the College is recognised widely for its sporting prowess. The college values sport as an important means of developing essential life-long physical skills, positive attitudes and healthy behaviours. We endeavour to provide every student with an opportunity to represent the college and aim to enhance their schooling experience through sport. Rugby league is the largest participation sport we have at the college with more than half of our students participating in rugby league teams during the year. These and other team sports offer essential skills and personal growth and development opportunities for our young men.

The following sports are offered throughout the year via the Rockhampton and District Secondary School Sport competitions.

Term 1

Cricket | Futsal | Rugby Union | Water Polo

Term 2

Football (soccer) | AFL | Basketball

Term 3

Rugby League

Term 4

Volleyball | Water Polo | Hockey

Additional Opportunities:

St Brendan's College also participates in the following competitions:

- Aaron Payne Cup - Rugby League (U15 & Opens) | Terms 1, 2, 3
- Confraternity Shield - Rugby League (Opens) | June/July Holidays
- GIO Cup - Rugby League (Opens) | Term 3
- Bill Turner Cup - Football (U15) | Terms 2, 3
- Gold Coast Suns Cup - AFL (U14 & Opens) | Terms 1, 2, 3
- All Schools Touch Football (All ages) | Term 3
- Western 7's & Q7's - Rugby Union (All ages) | Term 3
- CQ Champion Schools - Basketball (Opens) | Term 3

MUSIC

The Music Program and facilities at St Brendan's College are undoubtedly the most inclusive, modern and state-of-the-art in Central Queensland.

- The College Music program offers the opportunity for students to develop ensemble and performance skills. The program has two distinct lines:
 - » The **Band Program** which is focused on woodwind and brass instruments.
 - » The **Contemporary Program** which develops guitar, bass guitar, drum kit and keyboard skills. Students can then develop their skills further outside of the classroom through the Concert Band, Drum Line and many ensembles.
- Private Music Tuition is for students who wish to learn an instrument and the subject lines prohibit a music class choice; or they are wanting to pursue an instrument further than the classroom level that we are working at. Private Music Tuition is available in any instrument across the woodwind, brass, percussion, guitar, keyboard families and voice.

Additional Opportunities:

- The major event on the College music calendar is the Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival (QCMF) in August. QCMF involves students from Years 7 to 12 with developed ensemble skills.
- State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP), Griffith University Young Conservatorium - The College participates every year in the SHEP program, where we nominate talented music students based on their skill set and experience across concert band, string orchestra and choir.
- College Musical - The Music Department is an integral part of the annual College Musical Program, training the singers and providing the orchestra and music throughout.
- College music ensembles and students perform at a range of community events including ANZAC Day, Pineapple Festival, nursing homes, Masses and special occasions.

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AGRICULTURE

St Brendan's College's history dates back to the 1940's when it was established to provide a Catholic education for "the sturdy station children, the sons of cattlemen and sheepmen from the great, grand heart of the West." Today, the college has a dedicated Agricultural Centre, offers academic choices in Rural Operations and has a strong extra-curricular offering for students with agricultural and rural interests. This offering includes:

Rodeo Club

Students are transported to Rodeo Practice Nights at The Great Western in Rockhampton mid-week and participate in various rodeo competitions in Rockhampton and Central Queensland throughout the year. The college also holds an annual St Brendan's College Rodeo on-site in September giving students the opportunity to perform in front of friends and family in a professional competition.

Cattle Club

Cattle Club is available for students in all year levels who have an interest in cattle; judging, showing and presenting. Cattle Club runs Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Students travel to various agricultural shows each year to show cattle.

Shooting Club

The St Brendan's College Shooting Club provides students with an opportunity to learn how to shoot safely in a controlled environment. It is available for students from Years 8 to 12 with strict conditions surrounding membership and participation. These include holding a Minors Shooting License as soon as is practical after they have completed their safety course, in addition to approval by the Deputy Principal of membership of the Club.

Beekeepers Club

SBC Beekeepers Club runs every Tuesday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm, where students learn about the art and science of beekeeping including extracting honey, splitting hives and how to maintain a healthy honeybee colony. *Numbers are limited.

CULTURAL & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of delivering a broad education in the Edmund Rice tradition, the college has a significant extra-curricular program catering to the diversity of student interests and backgrounds. The following activities and clubs aim to extend our students' personal growth and development:

- **Debating & Public Speaking Club** - Debating is a fun activity, akin to a sport, in which the skill of argument and logical reasoning is developed and encouraged through team based competition. Debating is open to students in all grades, with the College fielding junior and senior teams in the Rockhampton District debating competition.
- **Eddies Van** - operating every Thursday afternoon from the St Vincent de Paul car park, students from St Brendan's College have volunteered their time since 2008 to serve and provide company to 'clients' who may visit for a one-off meal or come regularly for a meal and a chat.
- **Chess Club** - open to all students offering the opportunity to learn play, strategy and openings.
- **Code Club** - gives students the opportunity to explore different uses of code within a project-based environment.
- **Robotics Club** - gives students the opportunity to experiment with different types of robotics and their real world applications.
- **3D Printing Club** - gives students the opportunity to design and print a variety of 3D models.
- **Technical Production Crew** - provides students with basic knowledge and realistic hands-on experience; in the audio, lighting, vision and staging elements that sustain the live entertainment industry.
- **Indigenous Dance Troupes** - we are culturally immersed with the traditional owners of Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and are fortunate to have four dance groups that perform on a regular basis at the college and in the community.
- **Eddies Eco-Warriors** - an Indigenous, cultural based program open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students that meets once per week to learn about caring for country.
- **Homework Club** (and various tutorials across departments).