Offering a uniquely better approach to teacher training.
The St Philip’s Teaching School provides us with a level of emotional, spiritual and educational support that you wouldn’t find elsewhere. We are supported as much as possible in order for us to succeed.

Teaching School Student
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Campus locations
Since opening its doors in 1982, St Philip’s Christian College has had the clear commitment to establish Christian schools throughout the Hunter and Central Coast. For the last thirty-five years, the leaders of St Philip’s have been committed to the training and nurture of our children and young people in their Christian faith for the Whole of their Life.

In 2018 St Philip’s Christian College furthered this vision into what we call tertiary education with the launch of the St Philip’s Teaching School. St Philip’s has for many years been educating children and young people from birth, through our early learning centres, through to Year 12. The move into the tertiary sector was the next natural step.

Together, with our partners at Alphacrucis College, we are forging a new way of teacher training.
THE CLINICAL TEACHING MODEL

The Clinical Teaching Model flips the conventional model of teacher training, bringing exceptional higher education onsite to our very own group of schools.

The Teaching School partners with Alphacrucis College who provide a range of accredited courses, including the Bachelor of Education. Through its partnership with Alphacrucis College, the St Philip’s Teaching School provides an innovative and dynamic placement program.

We are committed to offering trainee positions to a cohort of pre-service teachers each year. These targeted trainees study together in a Christ-centred environment, working from day one of their degree in the classroom under the guidance of a Mentor Teacher.

The Clinical Teaching Model provides practical teacher training that inducts a trainee into the art and craft of teaching, embedded within the values and ethos of the St Philip’s Christian College group of schools.

The Teaching School is a dream that has now become a reality.

I believe that the Teaching School is a way forward for teacher education in this country. The immediate on-the-job application of the learnt theory is extremely beneficial for producing successful teachers, but beyond this, we are educating teachers in a tertiary setting which is Christ-focused, and this is ground-breaking. The St Philip’s Teaching School will be producing teachers who have had four years of in-classroom teaching experience and teachers educated from a Christian worldview.

Graeme Irwin
Executive Principal
Why

**SCHOOL-BASED TRAINING**

You will be in the classroom, supported by your Mentor Teacher, from the commencement of your degree. You will have the opportunity to engage with the students and experience the role of a teacher in a Christian school from the beginning of your training. In fact, you’ll spend an average of 12 hours a week with your Mentor Teacher.

**A BROAD EXPERIENCE**

Engaging with other schools is crucial to your development as a teacher. Throughout your journey as a trainee, you will spend time at a number of different schools. This will include each of the St Philip’s Schools, as well as time at schools outside the St Philip’s network. It is our desire that all trainee will also engage in national and international mission and service programs.

**A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT**

You will be supported on your journey by the staff at the St Philip’s Teaching School, lecturers from Alphacrucis College, and school-based staff, who are dedicated to your spiritual growth, wellbeing and development as a teacher.

**A DEDICATED MENTOR**

Regular meetings with your Mentor Teacher will help you to reflect on your classroom observations and to guide your development as a teacher. Your Mentor Teacher will support you to ensure that your time in the school is a rich and rewarding experience, with a Christ-centred approach.

**A TEACHING POSITION AT THE END OF YOUR TRAINING PROGRAM**

We are invested in your development. We want you to stay and teach with us at the end of your training program and become a qualified teacher with St Philip’s Christian Education Foundation. We will endeavour to secure you a role at your school or at another one in the St Philip’s family of schools. After you complete your training, we will continue to offer you support in your development as a new teacher.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

St Philip’s Christian College offers scholarship positions to a select number of successful applicants. There are four levels of scholarship positions available. These scholarships are comprised of a Teacher Assistant position, a reduction in course fees and a 3-year lease of a MacBook to assist your studies.
THE ALPHACRUCIS (AC) REGIONAL COORDINATOR

The AC Regional Coordinator will support you to anything relating to your Bachelor of Education program, and for all in-house obligations and commitments.

HEAD OF ST PHILIP’S TEACHING SCHOOL

The Head of SPCC Teaching School will liaise and work with Alphacrucis and the schools to ensure that we offer you a caring, nurturing and supportive program.

TEACHING SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Teaching School Coordinators are excellent practitioners of Christian education in their area of teaching practise. The focus of their responsibility is to support and guide your Mentor Teachers as they work with you in an applied Christian school setting.

MENTOR TEACHERS

Mentor Teachers are experienced teachers who will demonstrate a clear level of understanding of the distinctive nature of Christian teaching. The focus of their responsibility is to support and guide you daily in all aspects of your development as a teacher.
### What does the scholarship program offer?

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<td>St Philip’s Teaching School placement without any financial contribution</td>
<td>The student undertakes the theory units with the St Philip’s Teaching School cohort, however undertakes the classroom placement component through another Christian School in the Hunter Region.</td>
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<td>• 1 day a week Teacher Assistant work in a St Philip’s School in your first year.</td>
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1-2 Days per week working as a Teaching Assistant with a Mentor Teacher

350 Days of school-based experience by the completion of your degree

1 Day per week face-to-face lectures at SPTS Newcastle with AC College

6 Intensive lecture weeks each year delivered at SPTS Newcastle

Your Teaching School journey

Your study pathway combined with your online study is full-time and is undertaken in conjunction with your school placement.
St Philip's Teaching School

**Who**

You as a Student
- Passion for innovation and excellence
- Commitment to course work and attendance
- A desire to grow and learn

You as a Person
- Strong Christian faith and involved in your church community
- Committed and reliable
- Dedication and determination in the face of challenges
- Ability to prioritise effectively
- Empathy and great interpersonal skills

You as a Teacher
- Passion and commitment to improving the lives of young people
- Professional presentation and behaviour
- Strong belief in and calling to Christian Education
- Understanding of the role and responsibilities of an educator

St Philip's Teaching School Trainee
- Works collaboratively with peers
- High standards of literacy and numeracy
Your decision to embark on this journey is an important one, and we consider the selection of Trainee Teachers to be a two-way process. It is just as important that you embrace the St Philip’s Teaching School vision, as it is for us to hear why you are applying for a scholarship.

The selection process involves:

- The opportunity to meet with the Head of the Teaching School to find out more about the St Philip’s Teaching School program.
- An interview with The Executive Principal and representatives from the SPTS and Alphacrucis College.
- A written task
How to apply

Our aim is to support you through the application process, so please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way.

Step 1. Expressions of interest
Register your interest in the St Philip’s Teaching School by emailing TeachingSchool@spcc.nsw.edu.au

Once we have received your expression of interest we will send you an enrolment application pack.

Step 2. Apply
Once you have received your application pack, you will be guided through the process of enrolment with Alphacrucis College and the St Philip’s Teaching School.

Step 3. Interview
Scholarship interviews will be held in the first two weeks of November.

Step 4. Offers
Should you be successful, you will be offered a conditional position with the Teaching School, on the proviso that you meet the Tertiary entrance requirements for the Bachelor Degree. This will generally happen by the 30th November. At this point you will have the opportunity to visit your potential placement school and meet with the Principal.

Step 5. Meet your Mentor Teacher
You will have the opportunity to visit your school, and to meet your Mentor Teacher in early December. This will enable you to prepare for the year ahead.

Step 6. Commence your study
Your first intensive will be held mid-January. Lectures will be held one day each week, throughout the school terms, at St Philip’s Christian College, Newcastle, as well as commencing your online studies.
ST PHILIP'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Newcastle
Cessnock
Port Stephens
Gosford

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+ DALE YOUNG PARENTS

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