

John Paul College is an independent, non-denominational Christian early learning, primary, and secondary day and boarding school, located in the Logan City suburb of Daisy Hill, Queensland, Australia.

Established in 1982, the school enrolled 1,711 students in 2018, from early learning and Year K to Year 12, of whom two percent identified as Indigenous Australians and 24 percent came from a language background other than English. John Paul International College provides English Language Studies for international students keen to engage in study in Australia.[1]

The principal is Karen Spiller OAM. The school is located on a 33-hectare (82-acre) campus; and is a member of The Associated Schools.[1]

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Overview[edit]

The foundation principal was Cec Munns, who was also a member of the steering committee which had urged the Brisbane Catholic Education Office to establish a Catholic secondary school in the area. This request was denied, so the committee worked with the local Catholic, Anglican, and Uniting parishes to establish the school, which opened on Australia Day 1982 with 144 students in Years 8 and 9.[citation needed]

John Paul College has twice been judged as one of the best ten schools in Australia in a nationwide series conducted by The Australian newspaper in both 2002 and 2003.[citation needed]

John Paul provides group or private instrumental, vocal, dance and drama lessons on a weekly basis.[citation needed]

Organisation[edit]

The College comprises three schools:

Primary School Childcare to Year 6

Senior School Year 7 to Year 12

International College Assists international students with the English language

Primary school is broken down into an additional three schools:

Early Learning (childcare, kindergarten and prep)

Junior Primary (Years 1, 2 and 3)

Senior Primary (Years 4, 5 and 6)

History[edit]

The college was founded through the collaborative efforts of four clergymen from three different denominations: Roman Catholic, Anglican and Uniting. All four were strong believers in ecumenism, which continues to guide the College ethos to this day.[2] Father Rollo Enright, Catholic parish priest at St Peter's, Rochedale, had a strong commitment to ecumenism and was the driving force behind the push for the ecumenical concept of the college when it became clear that the proposal to build a Catholic College at Daisy Hill was rejected by the Catholic Education Office. Father Leo Burke was the founding Catholic parish priest of St Edward's, Daisy Hill and remains involved with the college to this day as its patron. Another ecumenist, Patrick Doulin, was parish priest of St Mark's Anglican community, Slacks Creek and the official representative of the Anglican hierarchy. Reverend Bryan Gilmour, pastor of Logan Uniting Church, was a prominent leader of the ecumenical movement within his own Church and, with the others, enthusiastically supported the establishment of John Paul College as an ecumenical school. It was indeed, he who, when it appeared all avenues to establish the college were exhausted, suggested that the founders pray that, "not our will, but God's, be done".

Houses[edit]

Students are allocated to one of the four houses and will remain in that house for the duration of their time at JPC. Siblings are assigned to the same house.[3]

House Colour

Gilmour blue

Burke red

Doulin green

Enright white

okay

Boarding[edit]

JPC offers accommodation for students in Years 7 to 12. The boarders are housed in a "village-style" environment called Fenton Village. Vegetable gardens surround individual residential homes, which accommodates eight boarders each. The Director of Boarding, Assistant Director of Boarding, House Mother and four Tutors live on-site.[4]

Notable alumni[edit]

Sports[edit]

Olympians

Genevieve LaCaze

Mitch Larkin

Keryn McMaster

Ki Sung-yueng

Michael Turnbull

Association football

Ki Sung-yueng

Michael Turnbull

Sin Chang-moo

Australian rules footballers

Shaun Hampson

Jesse White
Men's basketball
Tim Coenraad
Rhys Martin
Women's basketball
Maddison Allen
Mikhaela Donnelly
Sarah Graham
Kalani Purcell
Kristy Wallace
Netball
Madeline McAuliffe
Clare McMeniman
Laura Scherian
Rugby union
Jake Schatz
Others[edit]
Raghe Abdi – Somali-Australian terrorist.[5]
Yassmin Abdel-Magied – Sudanese-Australian mechanical engineer.
David Baxby – CEO, Virgin Management Asia Pacific.
Gong Hyo-jin – South Korean actress.
Dami Im – South Korean-born Australian singer.
Taj Pabari – 2017 Queensland Young Australian of the Year.
Michael Turnbull – former professional footballer.
Jessie Wardlaw - AFL W Player
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Ecumenism