

# MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL

*Established traditions, proven success!*

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Develop your  
individual learning  
style.

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*Find your place at Macarthur*

*where opportunities abound*



... academic success is  
a journey to be enjoyed,  
not simply a destination.



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## Academic Culture



*What does academic success look like for your child?*

*Macarthur graduates have the confidence to navigate and solve problems using well-developed skills. They are able to employ differentiated thinking skills in a wide range of settings.*

*Academic success means knowing how to learn and developing the desire to keep learning.*

... a collaborative, supportive  
and challenging learning  
environment.

learning to learn



### Our Youngest Learners

Interacting in a stimulating and fun learning environment allows young children to further develop their innate love of learning. In working towards each child achieving their learning goals, Macarthur seeks to establish a culture of learning and understanding where students, parents and teachers are all involved.

In the School's learning-orientated culture, students learn to think, understand and deeply apply their knowledge using a range of multi-modal approaches.



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*My teachers always  
encourage me to  
do my best*

”



learning  
exploring  
applying

Engaging in a range of activities that promote curiosity and inquiry, students establish well-developed knowledge in a range of subject areas and a repertoire of thinking skills.

In Year 5 and 6, a dedicated 'GATEway' class for gifted and talented students allows for enrichment and extension in learning over a two year programme.

In addition to the classroom teacher, all students across Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to learn in specialist subject rooms with specialist equipment and specialist teachers.



thinking and learning

### Learning Routines

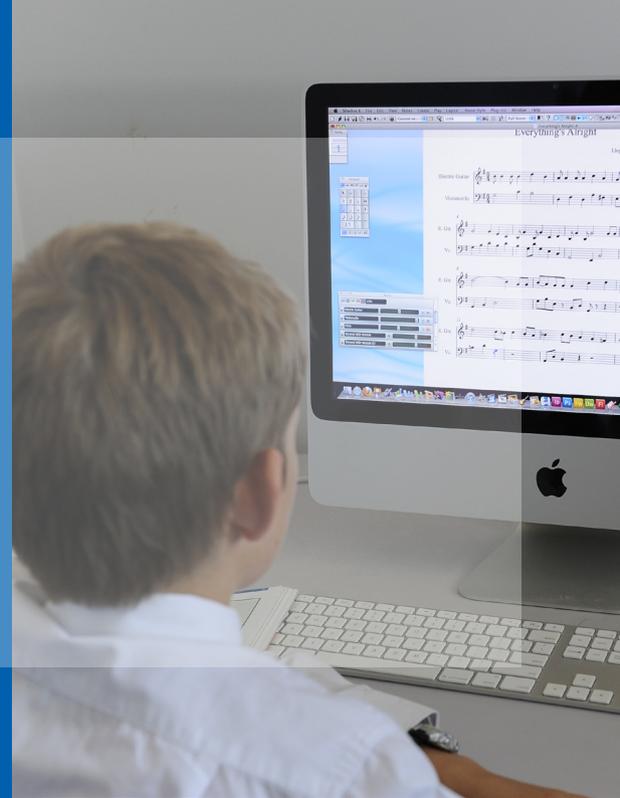
Establishing thinking routines and learning habits enables students to approach their acquisition of knowledge and skills development in a systematic and effective manner.

The Macarthur Way



...academic tracking and guidance are provided to prepare students for a life of learning and leadership beyond school.

## academic profiling and tracking



### Academic Diversity

Macarthur offers a wide range of opportunities for students to enrich and extend their learning. Engaging in co-curricular activities provides students with a breadth and depth of learning experiences. Academic programmes acknowledge individual student learning styles and abilities. Homework help afternoons, targeted support programmes, supervised study nights and innovative projects allow students to consolidate and extend their learning.

### Pastoral Care

A dedicated and supportive pastoral care team works with students to monitor their grade point average and track their learning goals. Macarthur's strong learning culture enables students to aspire to reach their academic potential.

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*As teachers we are  
keen to provide  
opportunities for our  
students to self-evaluate  
and reflect on  
their learning.*  
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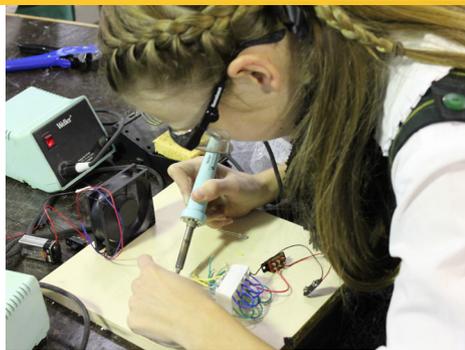
## Learning Culture

Students are encouraged to become independent thinkers and learners. They work with peers, teachers and parents to monitor and reflect on their academic progress and determine ways to improve. Students work collaboratively to help each other learn and achieve success.

## Safe and Secure Environment

The School seeks to provide a safe and secure environment which fosters intellectual openness and gives students the opportunity to discuss and debate a wide range of concepts.

Opportunities for deep learning are created, with the result that students develop higher order thinking skills and understanding. Students are well supported by teachers so as to feel comfortable in taking academic risks in order to excel.



## Learning Styles

In preparation for the Senior School, students are encouraged to discover their preferred learning style and then select specific methods that help them study, learn and consolidate their knowledge and understanding. Teachers are well equipped to provide students with a wide variety of strategies in order to cater for their own individual learning needs.

The Macarthur Way



*I am working to  
improve my GPA a*

*little each year.* 

creating a  
love of  
learning

...developing skills of life-long  
learning and global  
citizenship.

towards graduation



### Academic Choice

Macarthur offers the NSW BOSTES K-12 curriculum which places emphasis on deep learning. Students are offered an extensive range of subjects in Years 9 to 12 that enable them to strengthen their literacy and ICT skills and extend their critical and creative thinking.

Students are able to enrich and deepen their thinking through special programmes including: the 'Aristotle Project'; the 'Socrates Project'; the GATEway 8 and GATEway Quest extension days.

### The HSC

During the Senior School years at Macarthur, students are supported by a range of teachers and key staff to assist them to reach their academic potential.



*I have been privileged to attend the Thailand Outreach Trip and the Global Young Leaders Conference in New York, both which have considerably enriched my life.*





The Dean of Studies, Head of Senior School and Study Coaches work closely with students to help them determine their future aspirations and set goals to attain the very best Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) they can.

### Academic Achievement

Academic improvement and success are rewarded and students are motivated to strive for excellence and achieve their personal best. Many Macarthur students each year are awarded university academic and leadership scholarships and are offered early entry at a variety of tertiary institutions.

### Learning, Leadership and Service

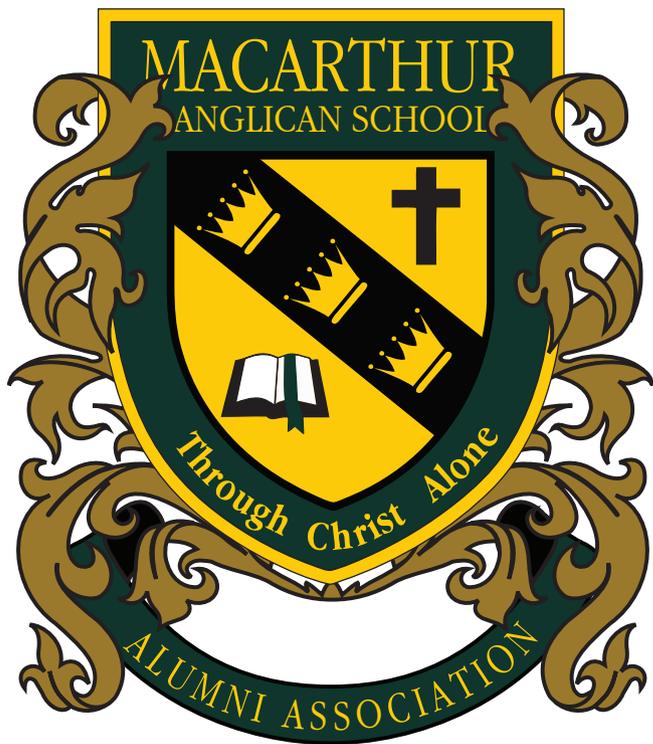
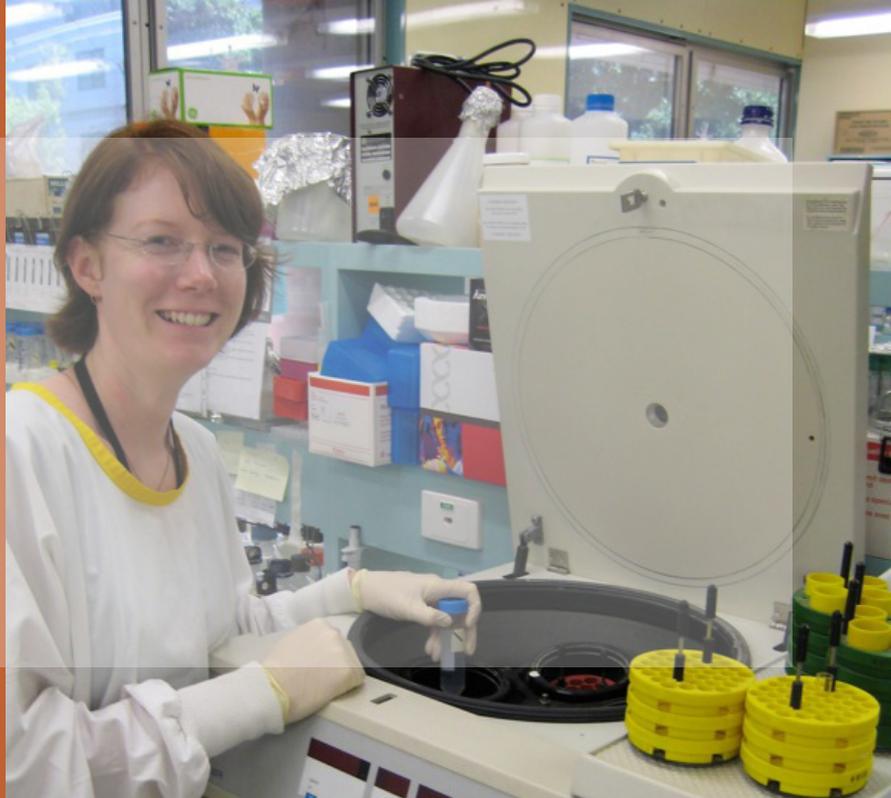
The wide range of subject choices allows students to continually achieve significant academic growth and success in all courses, including those subjects offered at extension level. Leadership development is a hallmark of the Senior School years as is the emphasis on community service. These pursuits emphasise working for the benefit of others and enrich the academic experience.



proven  
academic  
success

... equipping students with a strong set of 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills, Christian understanding and values and emotional intelligence, preparing students to take their place in the world.

post school success



### University Entry

A significant majority of Macarthur students consistently receive first round offers for university courses of their choice at a wide range of universities. The university courses offered are diverse. As independent learners, Macarthur students are well placed to achieve success at university and are equipped to take on the demands of tertiary study.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills

Possessing skills to learn independently and think creatively and critically, Macarthur students are capable of succeeding in a variety of fields at university, in traineeships and apprenticeships.

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*Macarthur helped prepare me*

*for the rigours of university.*”

### Well-rounded Individuals

Recognising the importance of graduating as well-rounded individuals with a desire to serve others, Macarthur’s academic programme is complemented with a range of opportunities that promote self-discovery and growth.

Macarthur students learn the value of co-operation and collaboration with others in order to achieve their goals.

### Macarthur Graduates

With a proven record of success, Macarthur has produced graduates who have made valuable and significant contributions to the local and wider global communities. Ranging from veterinary scientists, to foreign affairs diplomats, to politicians, medical researchers, ICT developers and military leaders, Macarthur graduates have achieved both success and prominence.

learning  
working  
leading

growth  
development



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The Macarthur Way - Achievement Through Opportunity

Academic Success

Experience and Inspiration

Challenge and Initiative

Responsibility and Values



Established  
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*Go out to Serve*