

# DREAM BIG!

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**St John's**  
LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Community. Character. Courage.**

PREP TO YEAR 6 | CO-EDUCATIONAL DAY SCHOOL



# A school where **CHILDREN THRIVE**

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
IS A CO-EDUCATIONAL,  
PREP TO YEAR  
6, LUTHERAN  
SCHOOL LOCATED  
IN CENTRAL  
BUNDABERG.

Founded in 1978, it has established a reputation as being one of the most sought-after primary schools in the region delivering a remarkable education with exciting programs, nurturing staff and a community that cares.

Here your child will be guided with Christian values, challenged through academic rigour, enlightened through innovative curriculum and empowered by the fulfilment of their own potential.

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**HEAD**



**HEART**



**HANDS**



## St John's Lutheran Primary School A/Principal JOCELYN BAKKER

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St John's Lutheran Primary School A/Principal Jocelyn Bakker has worked at our school for over 5 years and has been a key part of our community. She has often been seen greeting families as they arrive at our eastern gate each morning and gives all of our students a positive start to their day!

Jocelyn has a caring heart and believes all of our students have the potential to thrive with the right foundations and the right environment.

With Jocelyn leading our staff, parents can be assured that their children are in safe hands at St John's. Jocelyn leads our team of Christian educators by example – nurturing and guiding students in their academic and co-curricular endeavours and in how they conduct themselves.



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**“Students leave St John's prepared for their secondary schooling with a head for knowledge, a heart for courage and hands that serve.”**







# Where character GROWS

## WHEN CHOOSING A SCHOOL, PARENTS OFTEN LOOK FOR THE RIGHT 'FIT' FOR THEIR CHILD.

A school that offers a good balance of everything is prized, but ultimately the environment of the school and the 'gut' feeling one gets when they meet the staff, see the school first-hand and understand specifically what is offered, can be the real reason a school is chosen.

Time and time again, parents of St John's students say they choose

the school for the guiding values the school lives by and the uplifting culture created by passionate staff.

At St John's, students learn how to develop good character. They grow to understand that it is more important to be someone of steadfast authentic principles -showing respect and being a good friend to others - rather than just being focused on their achievements. Ultimately, it's about them understanding who they become rather than what they become.

### MEET KASEY AND HER GIRLS

"We chose St John's because of the community feel and the caring values that we, as a family, want for our daughters".



# Where teachers NURTURE

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A LUTHERAN EDUCATION  
QUEENSLAND SCHOOL,  
ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL AIMS  
TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE  
SCHOOL THAT PRIORITISES  
STUDENT WELLBEING AND  
FOSTERS A LOVE OF LIFE-  
LONG LEARNING;

- a school where students look after their classmates, but are also engaged with their local community and are aware of global issues;
- a school where students are courageous, confident and grateful for their opportunities;
- and a school where staff inspire student's natural curiosity, sparking their desire to discover and understand the world around them.

## THE 3 Cs - OUR COMMITMENT AND DRIVE:

THE THREE FUNDAMENTALS OF ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE:

### COMMUNITY

We foster our community and the relationships we form through connection, friendship and kindness.

### CHARACTER

We shape our character by being Christ-led, compassionate and respectful.

### COURAGE

We are courageous in our actions and humbly aim to reach our potential.

It is our privilege to have the opportunity to put these key fundamentals of community, character and courage in place, enabling our students to take full advantage of the next stage of their education.

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# The 6 Rs OUR VALUES

THE 6 Rs HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED  
AND IMPLEMENTED AT ST JOHN'S  
AS GUIDING VALUES FOR ALL OF  
THE COMMUNITY TO ABIDE BY -  
ESPECIALLY THE STUDENTS -  
ON HOW TO THINK, SPEAK AND DO.





**RESILIENCE**



**RESPECT**



**RELATIONSHIPS**



**RESPONSIBILITY**

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**RIGOUR**



**RANDOM ACTS  
OF KINDNESS**

*St. John's  
Lutheran*





# Where opportunities ABOUND

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**ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFERS A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD AND THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS TO YOUR FAMILY:**

#### **CHRISTIAN FAITH**

Through our Lutheran ethos, we guide our students in Christian faith to help them develop an understanding of God's love and grace and come to know who they are and how they can serve others.

#### **40 YEAR + REPUTATION**

St John's has developed an outstanding reputation within Bundaberg as a quality co-educational Lutheran primary school – one of the best schools in the region.

#### **NURTURING STAFF**

It's no secret that we have staff who are professional, qualified, experienced and dedicated to making a difference to the education of each and every child.

#### **SAFETY AND WELLBEING**

St John's has always been known as a secure school and prioritises the wellbeing of each student so that they feel safe and loved.

#### **CARING COMMUNITY**

At St John's the entire community comes together to be a part of the school. We are like one big family and welcome new families with open arms.

#### **INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM**

Through an inquiry-based learning approach students undertake the Australian curriculum in future-focused subjects such as STEM, Performing Arts, Outdoor Education and HASS.

#### **EXCITING PROGRAMS**

Touch Football, Camps and Excursions, Musicals, Book Week, Competitions and more – the students at St John's are exposed to opportunities galore.

#### **TECHNOLOGY RICH**

Students at St John's participate in a robust, technologically rich program and classrooms are fitted out with Wi-Fi enabled smart screens, ipads, and laptop devices.



#### **SURPRISING FACILITIES**

Behind the gates of St John's you will find a multi-purpose centre, playgrounds, library, specialist rooms, dedicated Prep classrooms and playgrounds, a sensory garden and more.

#### **ACADEMIC RESULTS**

St John's students achieve above average academic results in NAPLAN. Our results consistently rank among the best in the region.

#### **OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

Parents enjoy peace of mind with our Outside School Hours Care program which operates Monday-Friday after school and during holidays.

#### **TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL**

St John's accesses buses around the Bundaberg district for families to help them get their children to and from school.

#### **FEES**

St John's fees are affordable and give students access to many opportunities and inclusions.







# Where courage STARTS

## PREPS AT ST JOHN'S BENEFIT FROM:

- Early Learning specialist teachers
- Purpose-built classrooms
- Dedicated playground
- Access to our library
- Specialist teachers in Music, PE and Japanese
- Fun and laughter!

**AT ST JOHN'S, OUR PREP STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE BEST OF EVERYTHING TO ENSURE THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY IS NOTHING SHORT OF A GREAT START IN LIFE.**

Prep is an exciting place full of stories, play zones, toys and games - and many things to discover and learn about.

However, starting school for the first time can often be daunting for students and parents. It is a time where routines, good communication and much handholding can ensure a successful transition from pre-Prep to school life.

Our job at St John's is to ensure our youngest learners feel safe and secure in an environment of high care. Our priority is to nurture our

students in their learning and personal development so that they can start to fulfil their potential from the outset.

The fundamentals of literacy and numeracy are our core learning focus in the early years. This is balanced through a broad offering of indoor and outdoor play as well as a variety of activities and specialist lessons.

## **ENROLMENT PREPARATION - PREP READINESS**

St John's understands the importance of helping each family prepare for Prep attendance. We provide additional enrolment information specific for Day 1 readiness, as well as information regarding school expectations and attendance guidelines. To help their transition be as smooth and welcoming as possible, each child enrolled for Prep will be invited to attend Prep Readiness sessions in the lead up to commencement.



# Where talents **IGNITE**

## **THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT ST JOHN'S IS DYNAMIC AND CHALLENGING.**

Based on the Australian Curriculum and an Inquiry-Based Learning philosophy, we strive to prepare students for secondary school through a showcase of exciting programs. Each student is nurtured and individually known by the whole school community and given every opportunity to develop their talents.

## **LEARNING ENRICHMENT**

At St John's it is acknowledged that some students have identified gifts and talents in one or more areas of development. Learning and Teaching staff provide a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of gifted and talented students. Learning extension is offered if it is deemed appropriate. Our goal is to work with parents and students for the best educational outcomes for all students who have an identified gift and or talent.

## **STEM, CHESS AND LEGO**

Students are able to expand their understanding of Science and Technology as all classes conduct a range of robotics programs - from the basics of inputs and outputs to understanding and programming code. St John's students also participate in Science Week, with the students taking on the role of experts and hosting sessions for their peers. Visiting experts from educational experiences such as World of Maths and The Surfing Scientist ensure St John's students have wonderful opportunities in STEM. Regular Chess and Lego Club is also available in the library.

## **SPORT**

Apart from athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals, students have access to numerous sports including but not limited to, touch football, soccer, netball, gymnastics and 'learn-to-swim'.

## **CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS**

All students participate in excursions and students undertake outdoor education in camps at various year levels.

## **MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS**

Students can learn an instrument or participate in ensembles, bands and choirs. Every year the school showcases the talents of our musicians at our Twilight Concert. Generally every second year our school engages in a whole school Musical with every student participating in the elements of the production.

## **ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS**

Students at St John's participate in numerous national and state competitions in mathematics, writing, spelling, reading and more. We rank highly at regional and state levels and have been State Gold Medallists in the Readers' Cup Challenge.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS**

St John's is connected to the Great Barrier Reef's "Reef Guardian" schools program and has an active Eco Club which fosters a sense of stewardship for God's creations: the earth, its environs and natural resources. Eco Leaders are given responsibility to raise awareness, assist in garden design/development and implement initiatives like minimising the school's footprint, related to waste management.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Pastoral Care at St John's is embedded in the way our students, staff and community foster and show care for one another. We aim for members of our school community to feel safe in an environment of love, support, worth and value. Students are explicitly taught and encouraged to show respect, empathy, and forgiveness of self, and toward one another. Respect and Relationships can be noted as the bookends of our framework for Building Positive Behaviours.



# Where community CONNECTS



## **MEET RUE AND HER BOYS**

“Our boys are thriving here. We couldn’t be happier with how much they have grown and developed each year whilst at this school. We genuinely feel part of the community and are so relieved to have found a school where we all belong”.



**THE COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN'S CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A GENUINE GROUP OF LIKEMINDED, FRIENDLY FAMILIES, STAFF AND SUPPORTERS WHO ARE ALL CONNECTED BY THE DESIRE TO SEE ST JOHN'S PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATION FOR ITS STUDENTS.**

A connected community provides peace of mind, convenience and support to ensure a St John's education is value for money.

### **SCHOOL EVENTS**

Parents and families increasingly enjoy being part of their children's educational journey through numerous school events including but not limited to: Parents and Friends welcome BBQ, Easter Chapel, Mother's and Father's Day events, Grandparents Day, Book Week, School Discos, Pop up shop, NAIDOC, School Musical, Weekly Chapel and Assembly services.

### **PARENT COMMUNICATION**

At St John's parents are treated as partners in their child's education. We aim to engage and communicate effectively with our parents so that they can be well informed of their child's progress and needs at school. Parents receive regular newsletters, emails and there is also a school facebook page. Teachers also communicate with parents face-to-face and via the Seesaw app.

### **OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

(OSHC) St John's operates an OSHC service as well as a holiday care program. This affordable



service is highly regarded, due to the nurturing and enjoyable programs and activities, providing parents with peace of mind. For more information, fees and enrolment contact our school administration office.

### **TRANSPORT VIA BUS**

Through a variety of bus companies across the region, St John's students can access a number of dedicated bus services throughout Bundaberg providing student transport to and from the School. Students may catch the buses from Prep. More information is available from the school administration office.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The St John's uniforms are available throughout the school year for parents to purchase uniforms. There are also second-hand uniforms available to purchase. Parents may order, book a uniform fitting or find out pricing by contacting the school administration office.

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE**

(P&F). The St John's P&F Committee provides valuable friendship and fundraising support to the School. Parents are welcome to attend meetings and volunteer their services to the committee and the School.



### **ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The School enjoys a loving partnership with St John's Lutheran Church (co-located on the campus grounds) where worship occurs each Sunday. Parents and students are welcomed and encouraged to worship in our Church. There are specifically designated times throughout the year where children are involved in community worship.







  
**BOOK A TOUR**  
  
**ENROL TODAY**



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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** St John's Lutheran Primary School acknowledges the First Nations Peoples, the Taribelang, whose land is the traditional lands on which our school is located. We honour elders – past, present and emerging from all four traditional owner groups that make up the Port Curtis Coral Coast region, The Byellee, The Gurang, The Gooreng Gooreng and The Taribelang – and show respect for their continued cultural and spiritual connection to the lands and waters.



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