

Waverley College Junior School Waterford Campus



Open Day 2008



Our Vision

To communicate and maintain Christian and Catholic faith within the Tradition of Service in education established by Edmund Rice and continued by the Christian Brothers and their lay Partners. Jesus and his mother Mary are our models of life.

KEY AREAS

OBJECTIVES

Communication

to create effective structures of communication among students, staff, parents and the community.

Curriculum

To develop a curriculum that integrates Faith and Life and provides for the needs of all students, while fostering academic, musical, cultural and sporting excellence as evidenced in the HSC Syllabus, CAS competition and elsewhere. JSHAA – Junior School.

Staff Development

to foster Staff development at personal, professional and spiritual levels.

Pastoral Care

to create a caring community, which promotes self-discipline and consideration for others. The College strongly supports affirmative action for all regardless of gender, race or language.

Leadership

to develop a sense of community and common purpose, the focus of which is the needs of the students and respect for the dignity of all.

Our Mission

To create an environment where it is possible to foster the talents of all students in the context of Faith. Our aim is the education of the whole person: physically, mentally and spiritually.

Student Information

The school day is from 8.40am to 3.00pm. There are five classes in Years 5 and 6 with approximately 29 students per class.

The Junior School is timetabled into the Senior School 8-day cycle so Junior School students can avail themselves of specialist teachers in the areas of Languages, Music, Physical Education and Computing.

All boys take part in organised sport as an essential part of the Physical Education Programme on one afternoon during the 8-day cycle. Boys may also represent their school in the Saturday morning fixtures against other schools. Those students who are selected to represent the College are expected to honour their commitments fully.

Both Years 5 and 6 go on a 3-day camp each year. These camps are an essential part of our Christian living and education programme. All boys are obliged to attend.

Private music lessons are available during class hours and there is opportunity to join the many College bands. There is also a Junior Choir/Cantores.

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds or to visit any shops at any time unless authorised. The students are instructed very clearly on behaviour expectations and safety precautions whilst travelling to and from school.

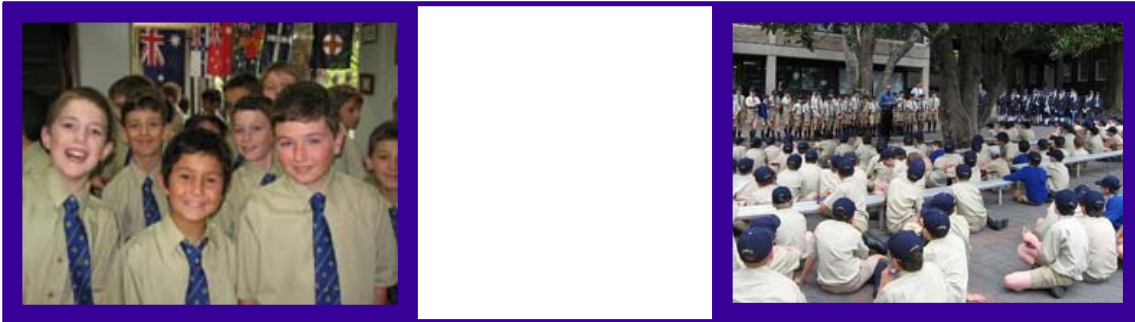
From the Students

"What We Do"

"We have our own class teacher while in the Junior School. They teach us most lessons most days."

"We like changing classrooms and teachers for other lessons. It's really great – you get to meet a lot more teachers. I went with my Mum and Dad to look at other schools. We made the right decision."

"It's more challenging and a lot more interesting here at Waverley Junior School. It makes you think harder. I like the idea of NO girls your own age – you don't have to "show off" to the girls. It's better here – there's a lot of variety. The teachers are stricter, but that's good."



"What We Like Best"

- Queen's Park (our playing fields) – lots and lots of beautiful grass, great things to do there.
- The exciting things in the classroom.
- We even like the work. The teachers are fair.
- We like the uniform. We look good and feel good. We are happy wearing it. We've cleaned our shoes heaps more than ever before and that's good.
- The classrooms are big and most classes have a sea breeze.
- The teachers know EVERYTHING about their subject.
- All the equipment – computers and more computers.
- You should see and hear the bands.
- All the different sports we can play!



"All The Things We Can Do"

- Basketball
- Cricket
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Softball
- Cross country running
- Swimming
- Computers
- Robotics
- Band
- Theme Days
- Choir
- Chess
- Musical – "Wakakirri"
- You even get to go on camps
- Robotics

Curriculum STAGE 3 - Years 5 & 6

The Junior School offers a holistic education in Religious Education – we follow the program – Understanding Faith and all Key Learning Areas, there are regular lessons in Music, Art, Library Skills Physical Education, and the Language of German. Specialist teachers conduct all classes in PE, German and Music.

The Junior School has a modern well-equipped computer room and the boys have regular class

computer lessons with a specialist teacher as well as opportunities to use the computers before school and at lunchtime. We also have a timetabled Robotics lessons for all classes.

There is a Numeracy Programme in place in the Junior School to enable each student to improve and extend his skills. The boys are tested and put into appropriate Maths groups of different sizes according to their ability.

Religious Education

All students participate in Religious Education classes. We have regular prayer services and Eucharistic celebrations and numerous celebrations – Mothers/Grandmothers masses, Fathers/Grandfathers masses. From time to time individual RE classes and Year groups attend special Celebrations as part of the liturgical programme of the whole College. The Annual College Procession in honour of Our Lady is held on the first Sunday in May. This is a compulsory attendance function for all students at the College.



Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is the total climate of care, which exists in a school. It reflects the broad Christian ethos of individuals caring for and respecting one another. At Waverley Junior School there is a strong focus within the College in the context of a shared partnership with parents in the formation and education of their son(s).

The elements in the Pastoral Care Network are Class teachers; Counselling; Referral System;

Pastoral Care teams; Sporting and co-curricular programs; Camps; Prayer; Parent/teacher nights; Peer support programme; Recognition and reward for achievement; Supervision; and Class Captain.

Key figures in our pastoral care of students are the Classroom Teacher, College Counsellor and the Teacher/Learning Support and the Director of the Junior School.

Support Services

There is Learning Support available to support students with learning difficulties across curriculum areas from Years 5 & 6 and students

are supported through either withdrawal or in-class support for literacy development and numeracy assistance.

Co-Curricular Activities – Cultural and Sporting

Every member of the College expects significant and relevant contributions to the life of the College in its fullest sense. This benefits the whole Waverley Junior School community, staff, students and families in that it enriches

relationships and builds character, teamwork, skills, fitness and dedication. The College encourages all of its students to be involved in a variety of activities all year round.

Activities Available

Cultural: music, choir, chess, debating

Sport: cricket, basketball, swimming, cross-country, tennis, softball, rugby, soccer, athletics,



Music

Waverley College has an outstanding Music Department that has been in operation over many years. Music is an integral part of the school curriculum and students have every opportunity to make music a part of their lives, from Years 5 – 12.

Private music lessons are available to students of the Junior School. Lessons are held in the Performing Arts Centre at Our Lady's Mount Campus (Birrell Street) by external tutors on specific days and times.

Instruments Available

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Guitar (Acoustic/Classical)

Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn

Wind: Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone

Other: Guitar (Electric), Pianoforte, Keyboard, Musicianship, Theory, Percussion, Voice, Drums

Drama

Junior School students attend drama once per cycle. Through games, activities, story telling and pre-written scripts; boys develop confidence, teamwork and imagination culminating in public performances.



Sporting Activities

The Junior School is a member of the Junior School Heads of Australia Association (JSHAA). This involves competition against other schools such as St Patrick's Strathfield, St Aloysius, Cranbrook, Newington Prep, St Ignatius, Tudor House, Scots, Grammar, and Trinity etc.

Games are played on Saturday morning. Involvement in sport means at least two training sessions, after school or before school. For boys who excel in sport, opportunities for selection at

representative levels such as JSHAA & CIS (Combined Independent Schools) are available.

Boys are also involved in Inter-House Sports Commitments.

College Award System

Good behaviour, hard work and striving for excellence bring about positive consequences. Hence, the College has an extensive system of awards for outstanding performance and effort in both the academic and co-curricular life of the College. Honour Awards are awarded each cycle and there are yearly academic awards for excellence in the different subject areas.

Home ~ College Communications

The College aims to promote effective and clear communication between all levels of the Waverley College Junior School community. Some avenues for this communication include Student College Diary, Parent Information Evenings & Meetings, Classroom Teacher appointments, Parents and Friends Meetings, Nurrunga (College newsletter), Wavelength (Old Boys magazine), the College Annual and our Website – www.waverley.nsw.edu.au - which is updated continually.

Homework Policy

It is the policy of this College to set regular homework in all subjects. Work that is poorly presented or reveals little effort on the part of the student may be required to be presented again. A consistent disregard of homework tasks will be considered a serious matter.

As a general guide the recommended amount of homework time for Year 5 students is 30 to 45 minutes and for Year 6 students 45 minutes to 1 hour, five times a week.

Code of Conduct

Students have a right to learn. Sound teaching and learning depends on students co-operating with their teachers. Students have a right to learn without being disrupted by the misconduct of others. Students are expected to fulfil the various tasks set by teachers and to attend prescribed classes. Absence without leave from class or the College during 8.40am to 3.00pm is a serious



breach of trust. Students are expected to involve themselves in class work to the best of their abilities.

The full Code of Conduct is available for viewing on the College website.

A Note on Bullying

Bullying is always considered a serious offence. It is totally unacceptable for any student to tamper with or take another's bag, books or possessions for any purpose without the student's permission. It is totally unacceptable for a student to demand favours or money or possessions from another. It is totally

unacceptable to have an individual or group frequently 'putting down' mocking or ridiculing another individual or group. It is totally unacceptable for a student or a group to intimidate another or a group by physical assaults or threats of physical assault.

Travel

In regard to student travel the College has a strong tradition of policy and practice in pastoral care and student management. On this point we remain ever vigilant and alert in our management. The College rule is students "go straight home" after school. Prefects and Seniors

act as Transport Monitors travelling with and looking after younger students. Those wishing to travel on the College's private Southern Bus to Caringbah Train Station via Sans Souci, Kogarah and West Botany Street should contact the school.

Uniform

Parents are expected to support the College in all aspects of College uniform standards. All students are expected to wear full uniform presenting a neat and clean appearance. Hair should always be neat, clean and of an appropriate style. Students not meeting these standards will be sent home and parents contacted.

Winter, Summer and Sports uniforms can be purchased at the College from Mrs Brisby's Shop, located in the Senior School campus: entrance via Carrington Road. Phone 9369 0709, (Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am ~ 2.00pm; Wednesday 3.00pm ~ 7.00pm)

Tuition Fees - 2008

Fees are reviewed at the end of each year.

Year 5 \$1,838.00 payable 3 times per year
Year 6 \$2004.00 payable 3 times per year



Waverley College Scholarship

Year 6 students may sit for the Br JP Lacey Scholarship which covers the remission of tuition fees from Years 7-10. This examination is part of a Co-operative Scholarship Testing Programme organised by the Australian Council for Educational Research Limited (ACER), and is used by many schools as the means of their scholarship award. Applications close in early April, with the examination being held in May. The scholarship is means tested and is available to Catholic boys.

Enrolment Confirmation and Commitment

From 2008, all applicants for the Junior School will pay a non-refundable application fee of \$165.00 and have an interview as part of the enrolment process. Successful applicants to Waverley College Junior School will then be notified by mail, generally in June of the year prior to entry and a non-refundable enrolment fee of \$500.00 is required to confirm enrolment. Included in the notification will be an Authority and Consent Form. We ask that you read through this form very carefully with your son. This form specifically relates to the parental and student support expected by the College in its aims and goals in education. Upon agreement the parent/s are asked to sign and date the form.

In addition to the Commitment form:

Students are expected:

- to fully participate in the Religious domain of the College
- to assume personal responsibility for his studies
- to be an exemplary role model
- to make an active contribution to the extra curricular life of the College
- to forge effective, mature and significant relationships.

Parents are expected:

- to support their son in his commitment to these obligations
- to pay fees promptly
- to be actively involved in the educational partnership.

