Growing in faith and knowledge
“Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who go out of their way every day to impart to our children, to educate for knowledge and for life, to encourage and to build them up. We are truly thankful for each and every one of you.” – Sharon, College parent.
PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME

“As a parent, you want the best for your children and choosing a school is one of the most important decisions you will make.

At Glasshouse Christian College your child is nurtured in a warm and stimulating environment and is encouraged to pursue their own academic, cultural, and sporting personal best. This is where your child will develop their life-long love of learning.

You are invited to join our friendly and vibrant community where people genuinely care for each other. We have a small community feel where personal relationships flourish and our students enjoy a strong sense of belonging.

Prep to Year 12 is on one campus, so important transitions are seamless. Your child will feel secure in the environment they have grown to love and cherish as they progress through the year levels to graduation.

Our whole educational experience is underpinned by biblical values grounded in a desire to follow the example of Jesus Christ. Our staff are committed Christians who live out their faith in a real and loving way.

As a young College we are blessed with classrooms and facilities usually enjoyed by much older schools. Your child benefits from our cutting edge technology, dedicated classrooms for specialised subjects and excellent future pathway options.

We invite you to begin your educational journey at Glasshouse Christian College.

Mike Curtis
Principal

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” – W.B. Yeats
“My teachers take good care of me but sometimes it is embarrassing when I call them ‘Mum’ by accident.” – Matthew, Prep student
PREP – the journey begins

“Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.” – Albert Einstein

I’m Archie and I love Prep because the teachers make it fun and we learn lots of things.

My friends love learning French but my favourite subject is English because we learn to write words. I also like learning Maths and Music lessons are fun.

I really love playing sport and going to chapel. In chapel they hand out citations to students in front of everyone including parents. The citations say good things about you and how you are special. We have a lot of fun singing in chapel and in class.

In class we play Bugs and Buttons on our iPads. It is a game which helps us learn Maths and we all have fun learning. Rocket Speller is a game that teaches us how to spell words. We also have turns using the big computers on the desks.

In Prep we have our very own playground which is lots of fun. My favourite is the swing chair because you can swing on it with a friend at the same time.

Everyone loves Kitchen Garden classes. My favourite part is taking the fruit and vegetables off the plants so we can cook with them and eat it. We even have our own cookbook!

Our library is the best because it has lots of books and games to play. We have a story time and can ask questions about the book.

My teachers are really nice and they always have time to help me when I need them.

Archie
Prep student
“It’s really nice to be able to help the younger students.” – Jesse, Primary student
I’ve loved everything about Primary School and now can’t wait to go to Middle School.

My favourite subjects are Art and Science. We have lots of fun creating our own electrical circuits and building bridges. In History we had to pretend we lived in the 1800s and write a story about it. Then we came dressed up as that person and told the story to the whole class.

In some schools you have to wait until high school to have different teachers but at GCC we have specialist teachers for French, Sport and Music. We also learn the violin in Year 3 and a musical instrument in Year 4.

There are also lots of extra curricular activities like choir, instrumental music, singing robotics, inter-school sport and dancing.

Now that I’m older my favourite part of school is being able to help the younger students. We have a ‘lunch buddy’ program and also help them in the library and on sports days.

During Primary we had plenty of time to master our IT and computer skills and I can’t wait to get my own MacBook Air in Year 7. Even though every student has their own computer in Primary School, in Year 7 I can take it home with me each day and use the one computer for my homework and projects.

My teachers are really cool. They teach us important things but they make it fun. We even learn how to learn things ourselves, how to solve problems and find out what we are really good at.

Sharnelle
Year 6 Primary student
“There are so many subjects, it will be difficult to choose my favourites for Year 10, 11 and 12.” Nathan, Middle School student.
I’m Harry and I love learning at Glasshouse Christian College because we have excellent technology and teachers who really care about us.

It was great to stay on the same campus going from Primary to Middle School – there was no stress or worry about what it would be like – just lots of excitement about all the new subjects we could try.

In Years 7 and 8 we rotate through all the subjects over the two years and then we can choose our favourites for Year 9 and Senior School.

The list of subjects is growing every year and includes, Business Studies, Visual Art, Hospitality, Design Technology, HPE, Music, Information Communication Technology, Textiles Technology, Dance, Drama, Industrial Technology, Design Technology, and more.

My favourite subject is HPE (Health and Physical Education) because we try different sports that are played around the world. I especially enjoyed mountain biking for Extended HPE.

One of the best things about Glasshouse Christian College is the friendship between students, even in different year levels. Our College has a real community atmosphere and feels a bit like a second home.

Harry
Year 9 Middle School student
“I am ready for the future and excited about all the opportunities which are out there.” – Taylor, Senior School student.
SENIOR SCHOOL – the journey to maturity

“I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.” - Anonymous

My name is Calista and I love learning at Glasshouse Christian College because the atmosphere is welcoming and the teachers are continuously supportive.

We have the best of both worlds because GCC prepares students for university and also facilitates apprenticeships and traineeships. We have Headstart which helps students study at uni while still in school and university@glasshouse which brings real life uni subjects into the GCC classroom.

GCC has helped me learn responsibility and leadership. I’ve really enjoyed being involved in the College’s extra curricular activities and being a part of the community. These opportunities have helped me build confidence, make new friends and meet people.

In Senior School the focus is on developing leadership skills, building strong relationships and achieving maturity and independence.

One of the best things about GCC is the wide range of subject choices available. My favourite subjects are Hospitality and HPE. I love creating cultural foods and five star recipes and in HPE I can play my favourite sports while learning about the science behind how the body works.

I think what I will remember most about GCC in the years to come will be the impact the teachers have made on my life, the great friends I have made and the opportunities the College provided to me as a student.

Calista,
Year 12 Senior Student
PERFORMING ARTS – Music

“Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.” – Martin Luther

Developing our students’ musical skill is one of our most important tasks at Glasshouse Christian College.

Our well-equipped Music department and experienced Music staff provide students with wonderful opportunities to explore a diverse range of instruments. Our staff are experienced on-stage performers and they instil their passion for performance in their students.

The musical journey begins in Prep where students are immersed into the fundamentals of rhythm and having fun with music under the guidance of a specialist music teacher.

In Year 3 all students learn the violin through our Smart Strings program. This is the perfect introduction to our Year 4 band program where students learn a woodwind, brass, percussion or string instrument as part of their music lessons. Students who show particular promise are encouraged to continue into the Year 5 and 6 music extension programs.

In Middle and Senior School students are encouraged to join the College orchestra along with various ensembles and vocal groups.

GCC also provides individual and group tuition for a diverse range of instruments.
PERFORMING ARTS – Dance & Drama

“A broad education in the arts helps give children a better understanding of their world… We need students who are culturally literate as well as math and science literate.” Paul Ostergard

Performing Arts is the fastest growing aspect of GCC life and one of the most rewarding.

Dance is now part of the Australian Curriculum and offers huge potential for developing healthy and stimulating experiences for our students.

Our Primary, Middle and Senior School Dance troupes achieve excellent results in competitions and are making a name for themselves far and wide.

Drama allows students to express ideas and emotions beyond the written page. It engages reflective, constructive and active learning while building confidence and enhancing oral skills.

Even though only a small percentage of school leavers are able to enjoy a full time job in Performing Arts, the skills, confidence, mental and physical benefits equip students for all walks of life.

Students have many opportunities to show off their talents at competitions, community events, the College Musical, Open Day, Legacy Cup Talent Contests and our famous Shine on the Arts Night.

GCC’s Dance Studio and 130-seat theatre are two of the busiest rooms in the College. To meet the growing demand GCC plans to build a multi-purpose Performing Arts Complex in the near future.
LEARNING FOR THE REAL WORLD

“The future belongs to those who prepare for it.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

GCC is dedicated to providing the best educational journey possible for your child and a big part of that is preparing them for the future.

Our facilities create the perfect environment for students to excel in all areas of school life. Our modern and spacious library has dedicated areas for each school section and is an integral part of College life.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, have interactive whiteboards, wireless internet and are equipped with cutting-edge technology.

Our Science Laboratories, Hospitality Kitchen, Textiles and Design workshop, and Dance and Art Studios are fully equipped with everything our students need to shine.

GCC’s Industrial Technology and Design workshops have state-of-the-art wood technology, machinery, welding bays, plastic furnishing items, 3D printers and a dedicated CAD laboratory. It is in these rooms students create hydraulically powered robots, mechanical toys, concept car modes, CO

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dragsters, crash test car prototypes and bridge design structures.

Our engineering block houses high tech metal fabrication comprising MIG welding and plasma cutting equipment, sheet metal forming, shaping and cutting technology; CNC routing and CNC Plasma cutting digital design technologies, eight welding...
“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” – Benjamin Franklin

bays and a 4.5 tonne vehicle hoist. This is where students learn welding, fabrication and engineering skills in an authentic environment.

From the very beginning GCC students have won prestigious prizes and excelled in our Agricultural Science program. The farm is one of the very few on the Sunshine Coast to be certified for pig breeding and also carries sheep, cattle, poultry and a variety of crops.

Our dedicated Future Pathways department exposes students to a variety of career options to help them discover their personal post-school pathway. At GCC students are guided to explore their strengths and follow their dreams.

GCC graduates have embraced diverse and exciting career pathways including; scientific and medical research, paramedical, pharmacy, nursing, mechanical and electrical engineering, police, primary and secondary teaching, air and defence force, financial planning, accountancy, commerce, IT, tourism, media, journalism, political science, fashion, psychology, sport and exercise science, building, aviation and more.
“But today our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change.” – Martin Luther King Jr

For many years Glasshouse Christian College has been leading the way in technological innovation and it is our students who reap the benefits.

Year 7 through to Year 12 students are issued with their own laptops already loaded with all the programs they need. Students are free to take these home at nights, weekends and most school holidays. This is provided at no extra cost to families and is included in the low, inclusive tuition fees.

The laptop replaces many textbooks and makes for much lighter loads for students’ backpacks.

Our Primary students from Year 3 have their own laptop computer for use during school time and also learn to be proficient with iPads.

From Prep to Year 2 students have access to iPads, laptops and desktop computers. However, technology plays a smaller part in their curriculum and the emphasis is on core learning skills.

GCC has unlimited wireless and internet across the whole campus for real time learning and strong filters are in place to ensure a safe and engaging learning experience.
SPORTS

“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.” – Vince Lombardi

Sport is an integral part of life at GCC. Our sports program provides the perfect complement to the academic curriculum by offering the ideal balance between body and mind. Feeling strong and healthy enhances all aspects of life, including the achievement of personal goals.

Sharing team success is especially rewarding because all members have contributed to the achievement of a common goal. At GCC we recognise the benefits students gain from being physically active. Participation and success in the sporting arena fosters confidence and self-esteem, and has a positive impact on all aspects of school life.

We offer a broad and exciting range of sports through our interschool programs such as rugby union, AFL, football (soccer), softball, volleyball, dragon boat racing, kayaking, netball, cricket, touch football, futsal, tennis, table tennis, water polo, hockey and basketball. We are also a part of the Sunshine Coast Independent Schools Sporting Association (SCISSA).

Recreational sport takes full advantage of GCC’s beautiful location and includes: wake-boarding, stand up paddle boarding, water polo, hockey, basketball, indoor rock climbing, lawn bowls, ten pin bowling, gym and fitness, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, mountain bike riding, bushwalking/orienteering, golf, surfing and surf awareness classes.

Our inter-house athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals are always closely contested and passionate affairs. We have achieved great success at district, regional and state competitions and sporting events.
IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR CULTURE

“We are the shapers of culture, the workers for change, the dreamers of dreams.” – Anonymous

GCC’s culture is one of its most remarked upon attributes. We have a culture of caring for one another; the community we live in and those less fortunate. Our students are nurtured by our strong pastoral care focus and in turn they want to serve and help others.

Locally, students are involved in ANZAC Day events, perform in nursing homes, participate in community service programs, and continually come up with creative ways to serve others. We raise funds for local and international charities such as: Cancer Council, a day care centre and sponsor child in Africa, Canteen, Vana Childcare Ministries, Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child, victims of natural disasters, children in care, animal refuges and more.

Further afield, the annual Fiji Mission trip is a life-changing event for many of our senior students. The team members run kids’ clubs and school programs, share their stories and perform concerts. Students return to Australia humbled and enriched by their experiences.

GCC’s culture of care grows strong confident students ready for adventure and exploration. Study trips to France and cultural exchanges in Noumea are a popular component of our French language program. Our creative students enjoy Performing Arts tours and enriching musical and dramatic performance excursions.

Years 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 participate in our extensive camp program which develops students’ teamwork, independence, fitness, environment appreciation and, most of all, fun!

GCC’s culture of care continues in welcoming new students. Buddy systems are embraced and new students feel at home very quickly.

We welcome you to find out more and choose GCC for your child’s journey.
Our values are GREAT:

G odliness
R espect
E xcellence
A ttitude
T eachability