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... we inspire students to learn, lead and serve ...
Our story

Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College is a co-educational independent school that caters to boys and girls from Preschool to Year 12.

The College was founded by the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle in 1998, with the first classes commencing in 1999. Our founding vision of a Christian learning community remains core and is embedded in the fabric of the School.

Located in the leafy residential suburb of Fletcher, the College is just 25 minutes from Newcastle and within easy reach of the Hunter region. Our students benefit from modern facilities, beautiful and sprawling grounds as well as our proximity to both city and country. At the heart of our campus, sits the historic mansion ‘Styles Grove’, originally the home of James Fletcher, the first member of parliament for Newcastle.

Our learning philosophy centres on educating the whole child — physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually — as a unique individual with their own God-given talents.

Our values-based education program ensures the College consistently produces outstanding graduates who are confident about their capacity to make a difference in the world. A Bishop Tyrrell education is a gift for life — an education that empowers students to learn for life, lead for life and serve for life. This is a philosophy shared by Bishop William Tyrrell, in whose honour the College was named. As the first Bishop of Newcastle, Bishop Tyrrell was a passionate campaigner for quality and accessible education.

While we remain proud of the College’s history, we are also excited about the future.

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Teaching and Learning

Located on almost eight hectares of stunning grounds, Bishop Tyrrell students enjoy the unique opportunity to complete their entire education journey on one campus. Our stages of learning are modelled on the developmental phases of children and seek to make learning an exciting adventure.

Preschool
Available for children aged four to five years old, our Preschool program offers dedicated school readiness activities before children commence formal schooling. Principles of the Reggio Emilia philosophy for learning underpin an innovative, colourful and adventurous curriculum.

Primary
Our Primary program is the foundation to providing a lifelong love of learning. Students are provided with diverse learning experiences so that every child can discover something they are passionate about.

Kindergarten to Year 1: Students use the processes of collaboration, exploration and problem solving across the curriculum. Literacy and numeracy become the focus skills for learning and effective self-expression.

Junior Primary (Years 2-3): Students are deeply involved in the process of learning to learn. With a focus on harnessing the unique spirit of every child, students are taught to think critically in order to promote inquisitiveness, creativity and imagination. Recognising that mistakes shape understanding, ‘challenge’ is integral at this stage of a child’s education.

Senior Primary (Years 4-6): Learning becomes a quest for mastery. Students learn to listen respectfully, ask probing questions, hypothesize and reflect on their understanding. They achieve a level of independence that ensures a sense of control and responsibility for their learning.

Secondary
Our Secondary School program builds on the foundation of the academic programs offered in Primary School. Students become independent learners and are prepared for post-secondary education or the workforce.

Middle Years Learners (Years 7-9): Students learn to understand the benefits that come from a genuine commitment to expand their knowledge. They are challenged to make connections between the ideas and concepts learned in the classroom and their personal learning framework.

Senior Learners (Years 10-12): We aim to produce students who are confident, well-grounded young men and women who are motivated and equipped to pursue the art of scholarship as an integral part of rich and rewarding lives. Students are engaged in the community of their school and in the world at large. Inquisitive, passionate, enterprising, open-minded and resilient, they are above all diligent.

Bishop Tyrell provides students with the unique opportunity to complete their entire education journey on the one campus.
Why Bishop Tyrrell?

“We chose Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College for our children because of its location and the fact that it encouraged values based on Christian beliefs, in a Kindergarten to Year 12 setting, at an affordable price. The College has dedicated and caring teachers and support staff who provide endless opportunities for each child to realise their potential.” – Megan Sergeant, parent.

Our families say that Bishop Tyrrell offers outstanding value for money … education is a gift for life.

Discover the Bishop Tyrrell difference:

- **Childhood** – Children should be empowered to feel that they can find and express their own voice and discover the difference they can make for themselves and others.
- **One campus (Preschool to Year 12)** – Your children can complete their entire education journey on one campus.
- **Our students** – The College consistently produces graduates of outstanding character who aspire to make a positive contribution to the world.
- **Our teachers** – We have a team of dedicated and passionate teachers who inspire every student to pursue academic excellence with confidence and grace.
- **Curriculum** – We offer a dynamic and innovative approach to curriculum that embraces inquiry and gender-based learning.
- **Faith** – Bishop Tyrrell is an Anglican school that empowers students to lead a principled life and make active contributions to the community.
- **Value** – Our families say that Bishop Tyrrell offers outstanding value for money. They share our vision that education is a gift for life.
- **Grounds** – The space and beauty of our school grounds means that there’s plenty of room for children to be active, to play and to be inspired by their surroundings.
- **Flexibility for working families** – The School is well serviced with buses to transport children to and from school in a secure and safe environment. Families also benefit from on-campus Before School, After School and Vacation Care programs.
- **Our community** – Parents, teachers and students share a strong partnership and are committed to nurturing the important relationship between home and school.
The Bishop Tyrrell student

“I quickly found Bishop Tyrrell to be an environment of comfort and intellectual encouragement that helped me thrive. I hope to go to Newcastle University next year to become a teacher. I would like to travel to Cambodia to teach children who haven’t been as fortunate with their education as I have. Bishop Tyrrell has supported my goals and dreams every step of the way and encouraged me to be myself and see the positives in any challenge I am faced with. I am confident in my future as Bishop Tyrrell has equipped me with tools for life.”
— Mikaylah, Year 12 student ’16

Bishop Tyrrell consistently produces graduates of outstanding character who aspire to make a positive difference in the world. Many prospective parents have commented that they would like their child to grow up to be just like a Bishop Tyrrell graduate.

Our graduates will be lifelong learners who possess a strong sense of self. They:
• Maintain excellence in all that they do.
• Are principled, caring and compassionate.
• Appreciate that effort is a pre-requisite to achievement.
• Will be adaptable, active citizens who are well equipped to make a positive contribution to the world.

We value the quest for excellence through adventure, curiosity, creativity and growth.

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Academic excellence

Our students consistently strive for academic excellence. While we celebrate academic accomplishments, we recognise that education is about more than exam results and academic standing. We aim to inspire students to learn, lead and serve.

Learn
Our dynamic and innovative education program aims to prepare students for entry to university, TAFE or the workplace and is tailored to meet the needs and ambitions of each student. We recognise the importance of student engagement, challenge and active learning opportunities.

Lead
Our strong emphasis on leadership preparation combines with our academic program and constructive service offering to challenge and inspire our students to reach new levels of inquiry, understanding and achievement. We believe that all members of our community should be capable and be given the opportunity to exercise leadership qualities. The more leadership is encouraged, the more it will flourish.

Serve
Central to our education philosophy is the belief that at all times we should endeavour to meet the needs of others. We encourage our students to consider the impact of their actions for the greater good, rather than reflecting on their own ambitions. Our service program provides students with the opportunity to connect with communities (both locally and overseas), working on projects that make a genuine difference to the lives of others.

The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.
– Albert Schweitzer
Opportunity

We are focussed on the development of the whole child – who the child is, is just as important as what the child does.

Our students study the core learning areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Human Society and Environment, Physical Education and Religion. In addition, children have the opportunity to pursue a language (Primary: Italian and Latin; Secondary: Italian, Japanese and Latin), the Arts (Drama, Music, Visual Arts) and Design and Technology programs.

Research indicates there is a strong link between academic success and co-curricular activity. For this reason, we encourage our students to seek a full and rich educational experience, participating in a range of co-curricular activities.

Primary
• Chess
• Debating
• Music
• Sport

Secondary
• Chess
• Debating
• Drama
• Duke of Edinburgh
• Global learning experiences (tours, study schools and exchange programs)
• Music
• Outdoor Education
• Public Speaking
• Sport

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Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care program focuses on meeting the needs of each child and nurturing their growth and development within a secure and caring environment. The program helps to create a warm, healthy and stimulating climate where each child can feel connected, happy and have a strong sense of self.

Our students benefit from a dedicated Care and Wellbeing team that includes:
• Principal
• Directors of Primary and Secondary
• Deputy Directors of Primary
• Heads of House
• Tutors
• Teachers
• College Counsellor
• Chaplain

With the health and wellbeing of every student vital to the life of the College, our Pastoral Care team work hard to establish a nurturing and supportive environment which builds resilience and better prepares students for learning. We aim to ensure that every child is known, cared for and valued for the contribution they make to our community.

Bishop Tyrrell is committed to addressing the intellectual, social, emotional and physical wellbeing of every student.

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