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Siena Catholic College
COLLEGE PROSPECTUS

Welcome



It is with great excitement that I welcome you to Siena Catholic College, a new co-educational K-12 Catholic College on Sydney's North Shore that will serve families from January 2027.

Siena Catholic College will bring together the two Catholic Primary Schools, Sacred Heart, Pymble and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, West Pymble, to create a united community and seamless learning journey from the early years through to senior secondary. Students in Kindergarten to Year 4 will be located at the West Pymble Campus, while those in Years 5 to 12 will be based at the Pymble Campus. For families across the North Shore, this marks both continuity and renewal, honouring the rich histories of both schools while responding to the evolving needs of future generations.

At Siena Catholic College, our committed staff will deliver an outstanding Catholic education that inspires academic excellence, nurtures faith and supports student wellbeing. Siena will be a place where every student is known, valued, and supported to reach their full potential. Learning will be rigorous and future-focused, grounded in strong relationships, high expectations, and a belief that education is both a privilege and a responsibility.

The opening of Siena Catholic College in January 2027 will mark the beginning of an important and special shared journey. Together, families and staff will shape a college characterised by academic achievement, service to others, and hope for the future. I warmly invite prospective families to become part of the Siena Catholic College community.

Mrs Brenda Timp
College Interim Principal



Vision and History

Siena's Vision

Siena Catholic College will educate the whole person in a Christ-centred learning community inspired by Saint Catherine and Saint Bernardine of Siena. We will nurture every student to grow in faith, learn with integrity and serve with joy.

Siena's Heritage

The Catholic school in Pymble, known as Mount St Bernard until it was renamed Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in 2000, has provided Catholic education for children for more than a century. Staffed initially by lay teachers, by the late 1800's the Sisters of Mercy ran the school, teaching day students and providing care for those in the boarding facility. In the 1980's the school was transferred to the Diocese of Broken Bay and underwent significant expansion of learning facilities.

Also transferred to the Diocese of Broken Bay during the 1980's, the school at West Pymble, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School was started by the Sisters of Mercy in 1962, and like Sacred Heart, it continues to draw life from the Mercy tradition and its emphasis on excellence in education.



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St Bernardine Junior Campus - Specialist Junior Facility

The St Bernardine Junior campus in West Pymble will offer an idyllic setting for our youngest learners from **Kindergarten to Year 4**. Within this beautiful, tree-filled environment that evokes a sense of being far from the busy city, students will learn and play in close contact with nature.

By the end of Year 4, students will have established the strong learning habits that prepare them for the next stage of their educational journey.

Purpose-Built for Young Learners

Every space, resource, and program designed specifically for K-4 developmental needs.

Expert Early Years Teachers

Specialist educators focused exclusively on foundation years pedagogy and child development in safe and supportive classrooms where children feel known.

Strong Foundations for Lifelong Learning

A nurturing, engaging environment where children develop the essential academic and social foundations for future success. Through a strong focus on literacy, numeracy, inquiry, creativity, and early problem-solving, students will build confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning.

Strong Kindergarten Transition

The developmental achievements of every child will be known to inform teaching and learning within days of commencing Kindergarten.

Specialist Programs

STEM education, VR learning, Creative Arts, SPARK Days, Diverse Learning Support.

Mrs Jodi Jefferson
Head of Campus
St Bernardine Junior Campus



St Catherine Campus - Middle and Senior Years



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The Middle Years - Years 5 - 8 Growth, Exploration and Emerging Independence

In Years 5 - 8, learners will deepen their thinking, build resilience, and begin to understand themselves as emerging adolescents.

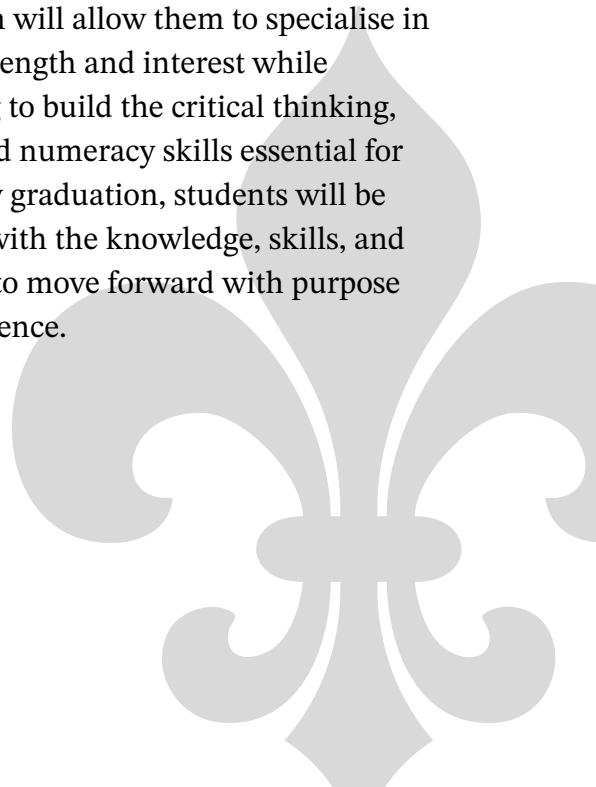
Students will explore diverse subjects across the arts, sciences, humanities, and technologies, supported by consistent routines and strong relationships with trusted teachers.

Independence increases as students in this stage of their learning consolidate the necessary foundations for learning in the senior years.



Senior Years - Years 9 - 12 Pathways, Purpose, and Preparation for the Future

Students in Years 9 - 12 will refine their interests, extend their knowledge, and develop the independence needed for life beyond school. A diverse and rigorous curriculum will allow them to specialise in areas of strength and interest while continuing to build the critical thinking, literacy and numeracy skills essential for success. By graduation, students will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and capability to move forward with purpose and confidence.



Catholic Life and Mission

Siena Catholic College will share with families and the parish, responsibility for the formation of the young people in our care.

Religious Education will be a comprehensive area of study for all students, prayer an important part of daily life, religious gatherings and celebrations a regular feature of the school calendar.

All students will enjoy the opportunity to participate in Youth Ministry activities, social justice initiatives and spirituality days. In Year 7 students across the Broken Bay Diocese attend a 'Belong' day, a special day of fun, music, connection and faith formation. In the senior secondary years, students will participate in an overnight retreat.



“Together, we are building an extraordinary future.”

Archbishop Anthony Randazzo

Our Values

Faith - Siena will form students to know Christ and to recognise Catholic faith as a way of life expressed through Prayer, Sacramental Life, Scripture and Catholic community.

Witness - Siena will form students to witness the Gospel through integrity and service. Saint Bernardine's evangelising zeal and Saint Catherine's courageous truth telling will inspire a culture of courage and wisdom.

Compassion - Siena will form students to see the dignity of each person and to respond to need with hospitality, service and solidarity with the vulnerable.

Joy - Siena will help students to recognise joy as a fruit of belonging, gratitude, and hope. Joy grows where students experience genuine care, meaningful challenge and purposeful learning.

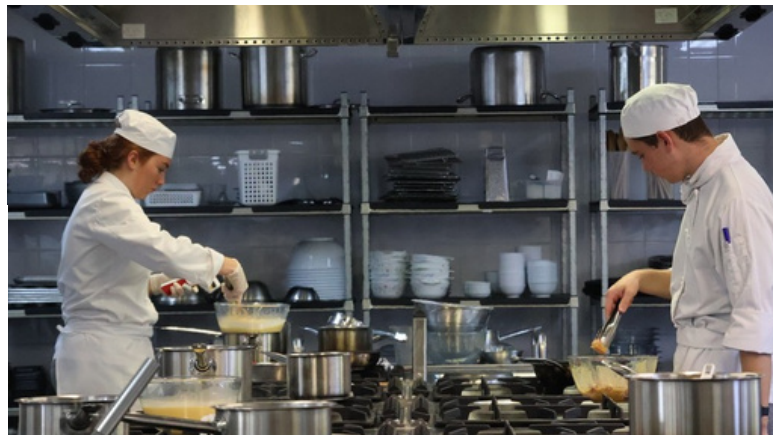
Courage - In the context of a complex and changing world, Siena will form students to act with courage, confidence, and wisdom.



The K - 4 campus will be named after Saint Bernardine of Siena, who was devoted to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, as a guide for early faith formation, joy in proclamation and Marian devotion expressed in an accessible way.

The Years 5 - 12 campus will be named after Saint Catherine of Siena, who was devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as a guide for mature discipleship, intellectual engagement and courageous commitment to truth, justice and wisdom.





*Students enjoying learning
in Technology and
Applied Sciences*



Senior Pathways & Future Opportunities

Pathways & Partnerships Program

Siena Catholic College students in Years 7 - 12 will have access to the Catholic Schools Broken Bay innovative Pathways & Partnerships Program, where students are supported to explore their interests, understand emerging industries, and develop the skills required for the evolving 21st-century workforce. This forward-thinking program bridges the gap between classroom learning and the real world by blending academic study with practical experiences and industry engagement.

Students are guided by dedicated Pathways staff who provide personalised career support, helping them identify strengths, and make informed decisions about their future. Career education begins in the primary years and continues throughout secondary schooling, ensuring a seamless and well-supported journey.

Real-World Learning & Industry Connections

We bridge classroom learning with real-world experience through strong partnerships with business, industry, tertiary institutions, parents and alumni. Students engage in meaningful career experiences that broaden their understanding of future opportunities. Families are supported through access to a comprehensive Study & Career Database, as well as career workshops and information sessions covering university pathways, apprenticeships, traineeships, School Based Apprentice Training (SBAT) and Vocational Education and Training (VET) options.

Vocational Education & Training (VET)

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), Catholic Schools Broken Bay offers nationally recognised VET courses that contribute to the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and are recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

VET combines practical, hands-on learning with essential academic knowledge and includes work placements. Some courses may contribute towards an ATAR, while others provide direct pathways into apprenticeships, traineeships or employment.

Preparing Students for the Future

Through these comprehensive pathways, Siena will ensure that every student is equipped with the confidence, capability and clarity to transition successfully into further education, training or the workforce, ready to lead, contribute and thrive in an ever-changing world.



Scan to see an example of a recent Pathways and Partnerships initiative. This inter-school challenge involved students resolving real industry business problems.

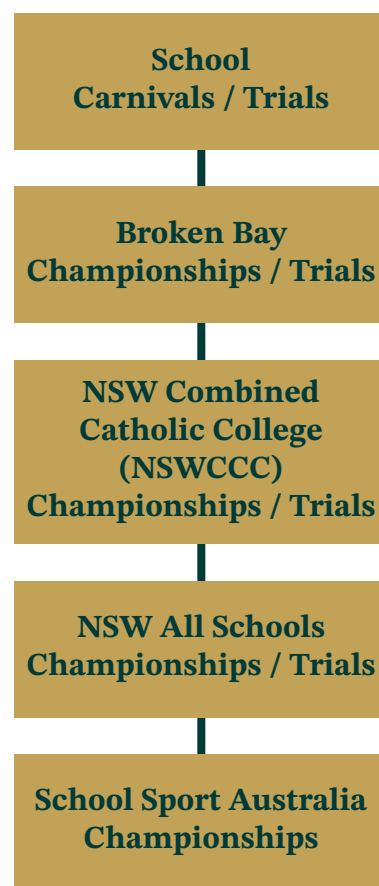
Sporting Excellence

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of representative and competition sports.

Primary Representative Sport Pathways



Secondary Representative Sport Pathways





*At school we get to do lots of writing,
we learn how to spell and write
really good sentences. I love writing!*

Isabela (Student)

Student Wellbeing

Students engage well in their learning and flourish when they have a positive sense of wellbeing. Our student wellbeing framework will be designed to support a learning environment where every student is known, valued and cared for. We recognise that every student benefits from a strong foundation of safety, connection and belonging, and we will promote early intervention and a coordinated response to the needs of every student.

Student transition will be supported at every stage, including:

- A specially designed Kindy transition programme
- Activities that connect the two school campuses so that students develop a strong sense of belonging to the whole College and transition with confidence from the Junior to the Senior Campus
- Year 5 transition programme to support transition from the Junior Campus to the Secondary Campus
- Year 7 transition programme to support transition as more students join the College
- Pastoral care programmes that include camps and pastoral days that are aligned with the Catholic Schools Student Wellbeing Framework which is informed by the Australian Student Wellbeing Framework.



Parent Engagement and Community

The Parent representative group will meet throughout the year with the College Principal and members of the College Leadership Team to provide feedback on school programs and initiatives and to contribute to the development of the College.

Parents will be involved in the life of the College in a number of ways with opportunities provided to support students in their learning, wellbeing and formation, as well as events that bring parents onto our campuses and connect parents to one another.

Future Development & New Facilities

The Senior Campus will feature a state-of-the-art learning hub with new general learning areas and purpose-built specialist facilities.

Designed to maximise natural light, functionality and aesthetic appeal, the facilities will include landscaped outdoor spaces that foster collaboration, creativity and connection.

With the introduction of Year 7 in 2027, the campus will continue to evolve. As enrolments grow, so too will the facilities, with flexible learning environments that support academic excellence and student wellbeing within a vibrant and expanding school community.



Be Part of the Future at Siena

Excellence in teaching

Opportunity in every classroom, with experienced staff in all key learning areas setting high expectations.

Belonging, care and community

An authentic Catholic community that welcomes students, and where every student is known, supported and inspired to flourish as a whole person.

Rich student leadership opportunities

Meaningful leadership responsibilities early and often shape students who can inspire and mentor others.

Educating the whole person

Faith formation opportunities, academic and VET pathways, innovative programs, cross campus courses, representative sport, rich co-curricular opportunities and faith formation.





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