

**The Lakes**
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Prospectus



Christ Holds All Things Together

General College Information

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2024 College Term Dates

Term 1:	29 January to 12 April
Term 2:	29 April to 5 July
Term 3:	29 July to 27 September
Term 4:	14 October to 10 December

College Hours

School Hours: 8.30am to 3.05pm
Supervision from 8.00am

Prep Room Hours: 9.00am to 3.05pm
Supervision from 8.00am

Office Hours: 8.00am to 4.00pm
Term Break Office Hours: 9am to 3pm



Welcome to the Lakes Christian College!

The Lakes Christian College is a co-educational day school that actively promotes Christian values and operates in the framework of a Christian worldview. We warmly welcome families of any faith who value our caring and individual approach to education. In a world that is increasingly uncertain about where to turn for standards and values, we turn to God's Word, the Bible, as a guide for life and action.

Curriculum

We offer a Christian perspective to all teaching programs within the context of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requirements. We also provide appropriate educational programs in all Key Learning Areas from Preparatory to Year 12.

The College is a relatively small community, allowing for a focus on individual learning opportunities. From day one in Prep class or Kindergarten, students are involved in a rich mix of learning experiences. We focus on the literacy and numeracy skills of all students. The College has very experienced teaching staff to ensure all students' abilities and learning needs are met and nurtured.

Facilities

The College is undergoing a growth process and has incorporated two new properties for future development. Plans are underway to refurbish existing classrooms by adding outdoor learning spaces and additional classrooms to our facilities.



Our specialised teaching facilities currently include:

- a dedicated art studio
- woodwork room
- science laboratory
- cooking and textiles room
- a drama space

Beyond the core classroom activities, students can be involved in sports at the College and in local, zone, and state competitions. We also encourage students to participate in music, art, and drama experiences, and a range of special excursions.

Our mud brick and wood-framed buildings blend beautifully into our natural setting. Our library and art studio are designed to incorporate the natural environment into their outlook.

Preparatory

What does Prep look like at the Lakes?

The Lakes Christian College Prep class is designed especially to prepare children for entry into our kindergarten and 'big school'. The program incorporates the best of a developmentally-based preschool education with the teaching of skills that form an essential base for reading, writing, and mathematics. Children are required to be 3.5 years old and fully toilet trained to begin Prep.

Our aim is to ensure students are off to a flying start when they enter Kindergarten. At the same time, we provide a Christian perspective to every aspect of learning during the formative years.

Attendance in Prep is flexible, so Parents can tailor the days they choose to meet the needs of family schedules. Prep Fees are payable per term and are not eligible for any government rebates.



Program

Prep students are introduced to pre-reading skills and are systematically taught letter sounds with songs and games. They also develop early writing skills, number recognition, and counting.

Students also have regular visits to the College Library where they are able to borrow books. They also participate in weekly lessons including Music and Physical Education.

Primary School - Kindergarten to Year 6

Children relish the wonderful learning journey they embark on as they start their first years of schooling at The Lakes Christian College. Our personalised approach to learning is based on the Christian belief that God has made each one of our children precious with their own gifts and talents. Our classes are a place where learning, love, and laughter go hand in hand...

Learning

Learning to read, write, and speak confidently is crucial. Students are taken through deliberate and direct reading, writing, and speaking lessons. Our teachers provide quality teaching by blending the curiosity and imagination of the children with the important literacy, numeracy, scientific and social knowledge they require. Direct instruction combined with age-appropriate activities such as storytelling, songs, educational games, and a range of special days provides children with a wide range of learning opportunities.

Love

Our teachers use proven positive relational discipline techniques to create a safe and caring learning environment that enables our students to encounter new challenges confidently, so they can build success upon success. Children need to know they are loved, and our classes model God's love for all children and all His creation.

Laughter

At The Lakes Christian College, we believe that every child should have a happy and productive childhood. Learning to celebrate what we share together is a fabulous attitude to life. By partnering with families, our teachers take students through an enjoyable, authentic, and purposeful stage of their development, and along the way, have them well-prepared for a successful life of learning, love, and laughter.



Foundations for Lifelong Learning

Literacy Focus

Our literacy program enables students to develop essential English skills. Students can work at their own level to develop the required skills in all process areas. Students are involved in a range of modelled, shared, guided, and independent activities on a daily basis. A love of literature, learning and literacy is the goal of all programs. The aim is to provide students with the opportunity to become literate for their future.



Numeracy Focus

Like literacy, numeracy is a crucial foundational area that enables individuals to participate successfully in schooling. Furthermore, numeracy equips students for life beyond school by providing access to further study or training, personal pursuits, and participation in the world of work and the wider community. Our program includes direct teaching and learning through games and activities.



Subjects

The Lakes Christian College offers students a broad range of subjects. Teachers design integrated themes and topics across learning areas (including special dress-up days) to help students learn new concepts. This permits many of the bigger questions, generalisations, and events of human endeavour to be studied (e.g. exploration).



Success for Every Student

It is a clear expectation that every student is capable of success. While success for different students may mean different goals based on ability, we believe all students need to experience success as they move toward developing their God-given gifts and talents. Teachers are trained to meet the differing needs of students and to provide additional learning assistance as required.

Caring, Supportive, and Quality of Life Atmosphere

We support our students through an enriched combination of pastoral care, outdoor education, literacy and numeracy studies, sports, chapels, and a strong relational and personalised approach to learning that aims to strengthen individuals and the group as a whole.

The Lakes Christian College not only prepares our students for future learning but teaches them to enjoy the wonderful time of life that childhood is.

High School - Years 7 to 12

The Vision of The Lakes Christian College is to glorify God in a Christ-Centred community where students build skills for lifelong learning, strong character, and spiritual responsiveness.

While offering a balanced approach to Academics, Sports and Creative Arts, the College endeavours to facilitate the holistic development of all students and enable them to recognise the God-given purpose in their lives. The achievements in all areas of school life are recognised and celebrated during various events held throughout the academic year.

The Lakes follows the curriculum prescribed by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority [NESA]. Recognising the varied learning patterns of students, the teachers are actively engaged in providing assistance to those requiring additional attention and extending the learning of students who excel.



Co-Curricular Activities

The College views camps and excursions as an integral part of the holistic development of its students and provides opportunities for students to participate in these activities regularly. Activities such as choir, dance, art, music groups and tuition, sporting activities, debating and public speaking are some events that students have regular access to. The Student Representative Council (SRC) is a dynamic group of leaders, elected by the student community and endorsed by the leadership of the school. They are involved in organising and running several fundraiser activities and community services and are granted the opportunity to attend Leadership conferences.

Key Learning Areas: Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8)

- Christian Discovery
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology (mandatory)
- Human Society and its Environment (HSIE)
- Personal Development, Health, and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Creative and Performing Arts
- Languages: Japanese (from Year 8)

Key Learning Areas: Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10)

- English
- Mathematics (5.2 and 5.3)
- Science
- Human Society and its Environment (HSIE)
- Personal Development, Health, and Physical Education (PDHPE)

The students can also choose from a list of Elective options such as:

- Commerce
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Food Technology
- History (Elective)
- Japanese
- Music
- Physical Activity and Sports Studies
- Textiles Technology
- Visual Arts

Key Learning Areas: Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12)

The subjects offered in Stage 6 vary according to the subjects selected by the cohort of students and can include:

- English (Standard and/or Advanced)
- Mathematics (Standard, Advanced, and/or Extension)
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and/or Investigating Science)
- HSIE (Modern and/or Ancient History, Studies of Religion 1 and 2 unit, and or Legal Studies)
- Languages (Japanese)
- PDHPE and/or CAFS (Community and Family Studies)
- Technology
- Creative and Performing Arts (Drama and/or Music)

Vocational Education and Training Courses (VET)

VET courses are available to students who wish to gain an additional Certificate Qualification. Courses available to students can include:

- Engineering studies
- Electrotechnology
- Hospitality
- Media
- Early Childhood (non-ATAR)

Christian Discovery and *PeaceWise*

In keeping with the Vision, Mission, and Values of The Lakes Christian College, all students engage in a Christian Discovery program and the *PeaceWise* Pastoral Care program. Students are encouraged to find their God-given purpose as they grow into respectful, responsible, and resilient individuals. This learning will support them as they go through their schooling years and make choices that will determine their education and Eternity. Fortnightly Chapels are a part of the program and are a great opportunity for various speakers to present the Gospel to students.



School Uniform



The College uniform is compulsory so that it can be standardised and fair for all. Special care should be taken to ensure all items align with the details below. Parents and caregivers are asked to advise class teachers in writing if uniforms cannot be complied with for a short time.

Uniforms from: Back to Basics
52 Cox Ave, Kingswood
www.cowanlewis.com.au/school-wear/

Some uniform pieces are available from the school office including hats and caps, High School boys' ties, High school Food Tech aprons, and library bags.



Transport

The Lakes Christian College offers a door-to-door bus service as well as the option to connect with trains at Penrith Station. Bus routes are tailor-made and designed to suit the travel requirements of each term. Application forms for the TLCC bus service are available through the school office. Please contact office@thelakescc.nsw.edu.au for more information or an application form.

Busways also offer limited services in the Castlereagh area.



Technology

At The Lakes Christian College, we are committed to developing our teaching and learning through the technologies available. Online learning has become a part of our students' daily learning experience. We believe that students should be able to access digital content, tools, and resources from anywhere at any time as they learn in ways that lead to greater engagement and understanding.

For this purpose, students will have access to iPads and laptops in Kindergarten to Year 6, while students in Years 5 to 12 may bring their own devices. The college recommends a laptop that is compatible with Office 365. It is recommended that you go for the longest battery life and warranty that you can afford. In case of financial hardship, the College has a limited number of devices available for annual loans to High School students. All devices are to be used appropriately and responsibly according to the BYOD guidelines.

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones for any form of communication is not permitted at TLCC. It is recommended that mobile phones be left at home, however, if a student is required to bring their mobile phone to school for any reason, it must be left in their bag and not used during the school day. Limited use of phones in the bus lines and on the buses is permitted.

Food and Nutrition

At The Lakes Christian College, we encourage students and families to develop healthy eating habits to support physical health, concentration, and learning.

The College will:

- Promote children's understanding of how food affects their bodies and the relationship between healthy eating and good health.
- Ensure that food provided at the school, and foods brought from home, will reflect the Australian Dietary Guidelines for children and adolescents.
- Support children who have health and cultural needs relating to special diet requirements.
- Raise awareness of good nutrition principles.

Please remember the College is a **nut-aware school**. No nut products are to be brought into the school. This includes peanut butter and Nutella products.



NSW Immunisation Requirements

NSW Health have advised that all Primary and Secondary school students enrolling in a NEW school must provide a copy of their Immunisation History Statement.

The Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) automatically sends an Immunisation History Statement to parents in the mail after they complete their 4-year-old immunisations. Parents can request a copy of their child's AIR Immunisation History Statement at any time (up to their child being 14 years of age):

- Using their Medicare online account through MyGov
- Using the Medicare Express Plus App
- Calling the AIR General Enquiries Line 1800 653 809

Children 14 years and over can request their own Immunisation History Statement from the AIR by using or creating their own Medicare online account through MyGov.

Parents without an Immunisation History Statement, or whose children are not fully immunised, should visit a GP and complete their immunisation schedule. The Australian Government has funded The National Immunisation Program to offer free catch-up vaccines for all individuals ages 10 to 19.

An approved medical practitioner can issue an Immunisation Medical Exemption Form for exemption from immunisation on approved medical grounds.

Note: Please ensure that your enrolment application to The Lakes Christian college includes a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and an Immunisation History Statement



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