



Christ Holds All Things Together

The Lakes Christian College

PROSPECTUS

2023

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2023 DATES

Term 1: 30 Jan to 6 April
Term 2: 24 April to 30 Jun
Term 3: 24 July to 22 Sept
Term 4: 9 Oct to 7 Dec

COLLEGE TIMES

Primary & High School:
8:30am to 3:05pm
Prep: 9:00am to 3:05pm
Office hours:
8:00am to 4:00pm

The Lakes Christian College is a co-educational day school that actively promotes Christian values, and which 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 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, and
- 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

The purpose of Preparatory (Prep) is to provide a stimulating learning environment for children from 3.5 years to 5 years to engage in age-appropriate activities in preparation for a smooth transition into kindergarten. Our Prep Teachers' aim is to nurture and encourage each child's individuality by creating a safe and loving atmosphere for them to investigate and grow.

What does Prep at *The Lakes* look like?

The Lakes Christian College Prep class is designed especially for children in the years prior to Kindergarten. The program incorporates the best of developmentally based preschool education by teaching skills that form an essential base for reading, writing, and mathematics. This gives students the opportunity to be off to a flying start when they enter Kindergarten. The College also provides a Christian perspective for every aspect of learning during the formative years.

Attendance in the Prep program is flexible so parents can tailor the days they choose to meet the needs of family schedules.



Program

The Prep program caters for students with the understanding that each child has different learning styles and needs. Every child is encouraged to investigate and explore individual areas of interest through their daily experiences. There is an understanding that quality learning takes place in an environment where there is a strong partnership between parents and teachers.

The College follows the broad outcomes outlined in the Australian Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). These outcomes support the development of learning experiences within the classroom and ensure the program works towards meeting the Early Stage 1 outcomes of the NSW syllabus.

The Curriculum Includes:

- Christian Development,
- Early Literacy and Numeracy,
- Inquiry Projects,
- Social skills,
- Gross Motor skills and Fine Motor skills,
- Human Society and its Environment (HSIE),
- Science & Technology – inc. computer & iPad skills,
- Personal Health, Development & Physical Education (PDHPE),
- Creative and Practical Arts – including music, visual arts, and drama.

All teaching staff have Early Childhood Education qualifications and experience.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children relish the wonderful learning journey they embark on as they start their first years of schooling at The Lakes Christian College. The Primary programs are from Kindergarten to Year 6 and incorporate a personalised approach to learning that 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

Teachers provide quality teaching by blending the curiosity and imagination of the children with important literacy, numeracy, scientific, and social skills. Learning to read, write, and speak confidently are crucial life skills. In all K-6 programs, students are taken through deliberate and direct reading, writing, and speaking lessons. Direct instruction combined with age-appropriate activities such as

storytelling, songs, educational games, and a range of special days provides the children with a wide range of learning opportunities.

Love

In keeping with the vision, mission, and values of The Lakes Christian College, students will 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 in their Primary years. 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. This enables them to build success upon success. Children need to know that 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 that builds a sense of belonging, a positive attitude, and a love of learning. By partnering with families, teachers are able to better understand their students' individual needs in order to provide an enjoyable, authentic, and purposeful learning experience that carries them through their various stages of development. This is important as it prepares children for life-long learning and enjoyment.



PRIMARY SCHOOL...

Foundations for Lifelong Learning

Literacy Focus

Our literacy program focuses on the teaching and learning of English in areas including:

- speaking and listening,
- writing and representing,
- reading and viewing,
- handwriting,
- digital technologies,
- spelling,
- grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary.

Students work at their level to develop the required literacy skills in these areas.

Our daily literacy program includes modelled, shared, guided, and independent approaches to activities that suit each student's individual learning style. The goal of the literacy program is to encourage a love of literature and learning and to provide students with the opportunity to become literate for their future.

Numeracy Focus

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

Subjects

The Lakes Christian College offers students a broad range of subjects that help children to understand, explore, and engage in the world. To help children learn new concepts, teachers design integrated themes and topics across learning areas (including special dress-up days). This enables many of the bigger questions, generalisations, and events of human endeavours to be studied and explored.



PRIMARY SCHOOL...

Success for every student

It is a clear expectation that every student is capable of success. We believe all students need to be experiencing success as they move towards developing their God-given gifts and talents. Success for different students may mean different goals based on their individual abilities. Teachers at the College are trained to meet students' differing needs and 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, sports, chapel, 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

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.

As students begin their High School journey at The Lakes Christian College, there are some things that are different to Primary School. The teachers are equipped to guide students as they develop their understanding of High School processes and procedures and explore new learning opportunities.

While offering a balanced approach to academic, sports, and creative arts learning, 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 throughout the academic year.



The College follows the curriculum prescribed by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and will complete all stage outcomes in the required patterns. Every student will engage in all subjects required by NESA.

Recognising the different learning patterns and styles of students, the teachers are actively engaged in assisting those requiring additional attention and extending the learning of students who are excelling in various areas of study.

All classes are taught by a specialist teacher in a specialist room. Students are taught to take responsibility for their own learning, with support from the teacher.

Co-Curricular Activities

Co-curricular activities are essential to enriching student's learning. The College includes excursions, field trips, incursions, and a camp to support students' learning and development.

Sports

Students will participate in sports every week. In the past year, High School students have had the opportunity to go mountain biking, kayaking, and bushwalking, and play team sports such as touch football and soccer, during their sports lessons.

HIGH SCHOOL...

College Carnivals

All students are expected to attend and participate in College annual sports carnivals. These include Swimming and Athletics.

Extra-Curricular Activities

High School students at the College are provided with the opportunity to engage in a range of extra-curricular activities including the Student Representative Council (SRC), chapel band and music tuition, College music and drama performances, individual and team sports, representative sports through CSSA, community involvement, and debating.



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

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

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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL...

Key Learning Areas: Stage 6 (Yrs 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 Community and Family Studies (CAFS)
- Technology
- Creative and Performing Arts (Drama and/or Music)



Vocational Education and Training Courses (VET)

TVET 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, students will 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 High School years and make choices that will determine their education and Eternity. Fortnightly High School Chapels are a part of the program and are a great opportunity for various speakers to present the Gospel to students.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Primary Summer Uniform



Primary Winter Uniform



High School Summer Uniform



High School Winter Uniform



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Sports & Prep Uniform



The Lakes Christian College school uniforms can be purchased from:

Back To Basics Schoolwear & Sportswear

52 Cox Ave Kingswood 2747

Phone: (02) 4721 7422

Email: basics@backtobasicsschoolwear.com.au

Web: www.cowanlewis.com.au

Please visit www.cowanlewis.com.au for pricing and/or to purchase uniforms online. You can also visit the Back to Basics store Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm and Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm.

2023 Fee schedule

Tuition fees

We are committed to keeping the College an affordable, high quality, values based, Christian school. Our inclusive fees save families from having to pay for many other items and activities during the year.

Fees are charged on an annual basis and in advance of services being provided. Individual components of the fees are not listed or calculated separately. No refund is applicable where services are not used. Pro-rata fees apply for students commencing after the beginning of Term 1.

Year Level	Annual fee: First child	Annual fee: Second child (refer to sibling discount)	Third and subsequent children (refer to sibling discount)
Kindy	\$4,390	\$3,790	No charge
Year 1 – Year 2	\$4,980	\$4,380	No charge
Year 3 – Year 6	\$5,580	\$4,980	No charge
Year 7 – Year 9	\$5,970	\$5,170	No charge
Year 10 – Year 12	\$6,470	\$5,670	No charge

Prep Fees

Days/week	1 days per week	2 days per week	3 days per week	4 days per week	5 days per week
Daily Rate	\$73.84	\$57.52	\$52.34	\$50.40	\$47.84

What our tuition fees cover

- ✓ Compulsory excursions and incursions related to the College curriculum
- ✓ Year level camps (Year 6 to Year 12)
- ✓ Subject workbooks and resources
- ✓ Primary school exercise books
- ✓ Transport to/from sporting activities organised by the College
- ✓ Textbook hire
- ✓ School student accident insurance (limited coverage policy)

Additional costs

- Laptop BYOD program (Year 5 to Year 12)
- School uniforms
- Bus transport between home and the College (if required)
- Personal stationery items (e.g., pencil case and contents)
- Extra-curricular programs including recreational sport, arts and instrumental music lessons
- Additional consumables beyond what is regularly used in class for personal projects that students undertake and retain ownership of (e.g., large canvas for art)
- Courses delivered by external providers (e.g., Distance Education and TAFE)
- Other non-compulsory activities including Senior Formal and mission trips

Flexible payment options

- ✓ Upfront full payment in advance. Payment can be made by cash, credit/debit card or BPAY. A discount of \$150 per fee paying student will apply if paid by **30 January 2023**.
- ✓ Instalment plan by weekly or fortnightly deductions via direct debit from bank account, debit card or credit card
- ✓ Instalment plan by deductions from Centrelink benefits via Centrepay facility

Payment must be made in full, or a payment instalment plan commenced prior to educational service commencing.

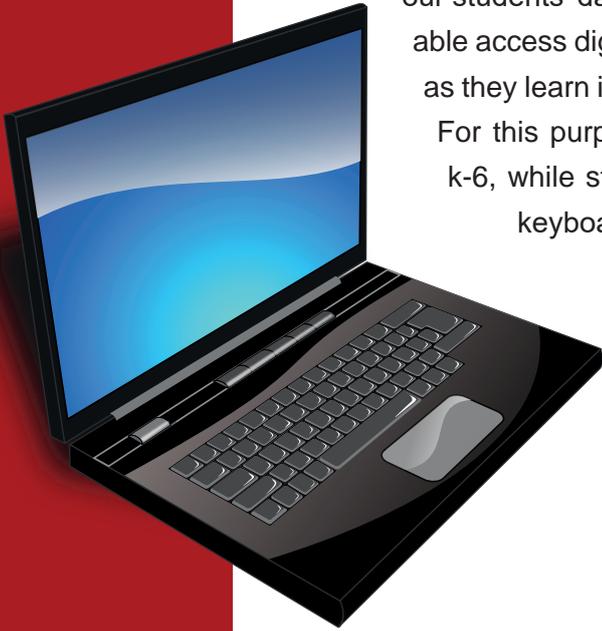
Fee policy

Dependants of a person studying in Australia or students who are in Australia on a tourist/visitor visa (full fee-paying students)

This fee schedule is applicable to Australian and New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, and eligible visa holders. If the student is a dependant of a student studying in Australia (500 series visa) or is in Australia on a tourist or visitor visa (600 series), the student is not eligible for Government funding and will be classed as a full fee-paying student. Full fee-paying students are not eligible for any sibling discounts. Fees for full fee-paying students are available on request. The College is not accredited to accept international students.

Technology

At The Lakes Christian College we are committed to developing our teaching and learning through the technologies available, and online learning has become part of our students' daily learning experience. We believe that students should be able 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, The College provides access to iPads/laptops in yrs k-6, while students in years 5-12 may bring their own device (iPad w/ keyboard or Laptop). In cases of financial hardship, The College has a limited number of devices available for annual loan to High School students.



The use of mobile phones is not permitted at TLCC. It is recommended that mobile phones be left at home.

Transport

The Lakes Christian College has a bus service operating for our students. This covers tailor-made routes that are drawn up to suit requirements each term. Our bus routes offer a door-to-door service as well as the option to connect with trains into Penrith Station.

Busways do offer limited services to our area.



NSW Immunisation Notification Requirements

NSW Health have advised that all primary and secondary school students enrolling in a NEW school should 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 on 1800 671 811

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 offers free catch-up vaccines for all individuals aged 10 to 19 years.

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 when you submit your paperwork.



**Primary and
secondary school
entry &
immunisation**

Parent
information