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Educating the Global Generation

CALAMVALE Community College

I extend to you a very warm welcome to Calamvale Community College (CCC).

We are a thriving multicultural Prep to 12 Independent Public School on Brisbane’s south side, known for educating the global generation to be creative and critical thinkers, problem solvers and confident citizens of the world. Here you will find over 2100 students representing 66 countries, all on one campus, with separate areas for Junior and Secondary School.

Educating the global generation is of major importance to us. Our students – your children – will be the most globally connected, most globally aware and most globally influential generation the world has ever seen.

They will go on to be peacekeepers and carers, to be innovators and developers, finding solutions to current and emerging challenges that our communities, countries and planet face. Guiding them to be adaptable, resilient, determined and compassionate members of a global community is what makes our College so unique and compelling.

We provide a wide range of learning opportunities across academic, cultural and sporting endeavours to give your child rich and rewarding learning experiences that will lead and support them as they grow from childhood to adulthood.

Our teaching staff reflect the diversity of our students. They are highly qualified and trained specialists in their fields, caring for and supporting each child’s individual learning journey.

Our extensive world-class facilities along with our specialised programs in sport, music, drama, aviation and hospitality provide ample opportunities for students to pursue their interests and develop their unique talents. Our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) technology program enables students to be agile learners and our innovative curriculum offerings for students in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) expose them to future career pathways in dynamic professions.

Two other standouts of CCC are our strong partnerships with local businesses that provide vocational experiences and our partnerships that support students through University entrance. Our community comprises students, parents, extended families, affiliated associations and businesses, all of whom take their responsibility to educate our young people very seriously.

We are currently on track to become the first Education Queensland School to offer International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs across Prep to 12, the globally transferrable, global standard in age-specific education.

Once authorised two IB Programmes will be available to students:

- Primary Years Programme – for students aged 5 to 12 years (Prep to Year 6)
- Middle Years Programme for students in Junior Secondary will be our focus through to 2021
- Diploma Programme – for students in Years 11 to 12

Our College motto is ‘building on success’ and we foster and celebrate those successes. Building on success is based on our values of respect, responsibility, resilience and initiative; all that we do and expect is inherent in these values.

Please read through this prospectus, review our website and come visit us on a tour or Open Day to see the innovative world-class education we provide.

We would value the opportunity to educate your child as part of the global generation and welcome your family to our community.

Lisa Starmer
Executive Principal
Positive Culture. Dynamic Leadership.

Calamvale Community College’s culture values initiative and international-mindedness, respect and responsibility, enabling our culturally diverse community to flourish, taking their place as active, global citizens with a growth mindset and an inquiring disposition.
Diverse community.
Global-ready generation.

Take a look at our College and see why we are one of Australia’s leading co-educational Prep to 12 IB Schools creating global citizens who are confident and life-ready.
Global Snapshot

• CCC students achieve strong academic results. Our NAPLAN scores are above average. Our tertiary acceptance consistently sits above 95%. 20% of our OP eligible cohort achieve OP 5 with x OP 1 students successfully graduating in 2017. Over 90% non-OP students have a Certificate II and 50% have a Certificate III including Diploma level qualifications.

• Our facilities are extensive and include: a large indoor 3 court sports stadium, multiple ovals, a 200-seat performing arts theatre, Three Trees licensed Restaurant and hospitality training facility, STEAM facilities, a creative arts precinct, a modern library, separate Prep classrooms and playground, canteen, uniform shop and more.

• Our staff of over 200 committed, caring educators are qualified, specialist teachers focused on delivering innovative curriculum.

• Specialist Programs are offered in Academic areas, Aeroskills, Athlete Development, Chinese Immersion, Hospitality and STEAM programs.

• Sport at Calamvale includes carnivals, interschool sporting competitions and representative sporting opportunities – all of which encourages leadership, teamwork and resilience.

• Taiko Drumming is unique to CCC and a Queensland first will see school students touring Japan in 2019.

• CCC is a multicultural school and the diversity of our students and staff is strength. Our students hail from 66 countries, with English for many being their second language. We also have 120 visiting international students, many billeted with local families. Plus, at CCC, students study languages from Prep.

• The College is a Registered Training Organisation and offers a range of nationally accredited vocational education training (VET) certificates from tourism, business, sport and recreation, to creative industries, and information, digital media and technology.
After successful authorisation (expected in June 2018) we will be on the journey to be the first accredited Education Queensland P-12 IB School by 2021.

Among the many benefits IB offers our students is the opportunity to experience the diversity of university-style studies.

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- Primary Years Programme (PYP) – for students aged 5 to 11 years (Prep to Year 6)
- Diploma Programme – for students in Years 11 to 12

The International Baccalaureate was introduced in 1968 with an original purpose of facilitating the international mobility of students through a curriculum and qualification that is recognised by universities around the world. This remains a strong driver for the College community.

The IB philosophy strongly aligns with the College’s vision and focus of creating a better world through education by fostering the cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity of its students, providing them with increased opportunities to pursue international study and career options, and connecting students with the global community.

The introduction of the IB Diploma and Primary Years Programme will facilitate Calamvale Community College to further become a “College of Choice” where students are afforded the opportunity to choose their academic and future career trajectory – whether this includes performing on stage, creating artistic works, speaking other languages, excelling in the sciences, or applying cutting-edge technologies.

The IB Diploma is an internationally-recognised pre-university course designed for highly motivated secondary students aged between 16 and 19. Students completing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum receive an IB score, which is translated by university admission centres for entry into university courses.

The IB Learner profile comprises 10 attributes that can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national, and global communities:

- Inquirers
- Open-minded
- Knowledgeable
- Caring
- Thinkers
- Risk-takers
- Communicators
- Balanced
- Principled
- Reflective

International Baccalaureate World School Candidate
Inquiring minds. World class education.

Calamvale Community College is in authorisation phase with the International Baccalaureate organisation – the acclaimed and rigorous international standard for learning across 146 countries.
Nurturing environment. Engaged community.

Calamvale Community College provides a unique opportunity for students to grow through their childhood and adolescence within the nurturing environment of a single community.
Our Community

The supportive culture of our community provides stability and familiarity to our students giving them confidence to explore opportunities and pursue their talents, at every age level.

Calamvale Community College uses the Positive Education framework throughout the school as the foundation for student, staff and community engagement. Positive Education brings the science of Positive Psychology with best practice teaching to encourage and support individuals, schools and communities to flourish. It helps students to strengthen their relationships, build positive emotions, enhance personal resilience, promote mindfulness and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Across the College, students’ sense of belonging is encouraged and developed through their allegiance to one of our four College Houses: Tharah, Boree, Keera and Cobar (which are Indigenous terms for wind, fire, earth and water). This is most visible at our yearly sports carnivals of Swimming (Early Term 1), Cross Country (Late Term 1), and Athletics (late Term 2 and early Term 3) but it is ‘lived and breathed’ by our staff and students and it brings a sense of belonging and cohesion to a diverse organisation/community.

Students and families also get to come together for many College events including Book Fair and Book Week, NAIDOC, Running CEOs, Kokoda Campaign, Multicultural Festival, and Mother and Father’s Day morning teas.

Our P&C Association provides opportunities for all parents and community members of the College to give back to the School. It is not just a “fundraising group” and works closely with the College on providing things such as: educational/inclusive/broad range of, as CCC is an Independent Public School our College Council provides advice on educational direction, resourcing, finance and business partnerships. The Council comprises parents, students, staff and community representatives ensure the College is delivering on the identified needs of the community.

The P&C Association operates the College Canteens, including Catering Services and the Uniform Shop. Through this and other fundraising the P&C contributes financially to the College in: arts-rich, sports, ground and garden maintenance (including landscaping projects) home readers, parade and class incentives, graduation gifts and other numerous resources within the College.

The Calamvale Business Network (CBN) runs out of the College and is a professional development and networking group to support the College and the community. Many local businesses are members of this group, which provides a meaningful connection between the College and the community. Formed in 2002 CBN meets approximately six times a year. Businesses involved help the College financially and provide various support to students including traineeships, mentoring and career pathways. The Community and College Alliance is a working taskforce of local employers led by the College and focused on school to work transitions.

The College has a number of University partnerships in place to provide access to courses offered and an understanding of what life at University is like. These partnerships also enhance student learning through opportunities to participate in workshops and activities in areas such as Science, Engineering and Ancient History.

Exciting opportunities. Unique partnerships.

Calamvale Community College has unique business partnerships enabling real-world traineeships, Voc Ed work experience and outreach programs with Griffith University, QUT and University of Queensland.
When students first arrive at Calamvale Community College they quickly grow to appreciate the word ‘Community’ in our name. Our Prep and Junior Schools are welcoming and engaging communities and our students are immersed into a supportive school culture.

Prep students at CCC enjoy their own safe and secure precinct with dedicated undercover play/eating areas and playground. Prep at Calamvale is an introduction to schooling life, where our youngest students enjoy play, getting used to school routines and have exposure to literacy, numeracy and specialist subjects.

In Junior School students are in Learning Communities, which are single year level classes. Learning Communities enable a strong, collaborative team approach. Students are connected to the other members of their Learning Community by an animal name eg: Wallaby, and are supported in their learning by teachers from all classrooms within the Learning Community. There is a sense of ownership, belonging and connectedness to each other-student, teacher and parents. Our Learning Communities are vibrant environments and are welcoming spaces for students and families. Teachers focus on each child as individuals, and they find a variety of ways to connect with parents to share the learning that is happening in the classroom and to maximise the potential of each student.

Junior School curriculum delivers the IB PYP mapped to the Australian National Curriculum and is delivered by highly qualified, supported teachers and specialist staff. Our exciting program has a strong focus on literacy and numeracy. We also use explicit teaching methods and inquiry-based learning in keeping with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme.

During inquiry learning time, students enjoy a range of learning experiences drawn from areas such as science, history, geography, the arts and health. Inquiry learning develops thinking skills and encourages students to connect with their prior knowledge and real-world experiences and foster their curiosity. The inquiry pedagogy at CCC develops students’ capacity to create, collaborate, think critically, and communicate in a range of contexts, including using digital tools.

In the Junior School, all students access lessons from specially trained teachers in Music, Physical Education, Mandarin (LOTE-Language Other Than English) and Information Literacy as part of the Australian Curriculum. From Year 3 students are able to access the College’s instrumental music strings program and from Year 5 they can access the Instrumental Music Woodwind program.

Each year the students enjoy participating in inter-school sport, sporting carnivals, events like Under 8’s day and our Year 6’s enjoy the opportunity to travel to Sydney and Canberra for 6 days in August.

When students complete their primary studies and enter Year 7 in our Secondary School they do so with the confidence, skills and abilities to be able to contribute as valuable citizens of our global community, to have a healthy respect for themselves and others, and a keenness to make a difference in the world. They also continue a seamless journey of values and engagement and further grow in their house team and with their friends from junior school.
Independent learners. Passionate teachers.

Calamvale Community College is a school where children, parents and staff are happy and proud to be, where they feel supported and respected for the individual contributions they make, and where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.
Innovative experiences.
Future pathways.

At Calamvale, students are immersed in a holistic environment that meets their developmental, social and cognitive needs, plus, helps them prepare for the challenges of the rapidly changing outside world.
Students undertaking secondary at CCC are exposed to a wide range of curriculum and subject choices and are given every opportunity and support to build resilience, confidence and engagement with learning. The end goal is for all students who graduate from CCC to have a confirmed pathway beyond school and to be confident, life-ready global citizens.

A full range of Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Arts and Technology subjects are offered across Years 7-12. Students undertake core subjects in Years 7-9 with opportunities to choose some subject areas of interest including STEAM, Food Technology, Sustainability and more.

Mandarin is taught as compulsory across the College until Year 9 and then students may elect to continue studying it until Year 12. The introduction of the IB Diploma Program will provide a third language for study – Spanish.

At the end of Year 9 students develop Senior Education and Training (SET Plans), which map their pathways for the next three years and beyond. They can access a broad range of flexible learning options to better equip them for future study or work.

These include the option to choose to participate in traineeships, apprenticeships, and vocational education certificates across a variety of courses in business, creative industries, sport and recreation, tourism, digital technologies and more.

University partnership courses are also available to facilitate entry into Queensland Universities.
Extra-Curricular Experiences

At Calamvale, students have enormous opportunity to pursue a range of extra-curricular programs that can add inspiration and excitement to their educational journey, or allow them to extend and challenge themselves further with their talents or chosen pursuit.

If your child is looking to experience more out of their education then CCC delivers. The College offers a range of excellence programs for students across:

• **Academic Excellence Program** – for able and gifted students in Years 7-9. The program is designed to prepare students for University beyond Year 12 and seeks to build on students’ academic success by deepening their learning opportunity.

• **STEAM Projects** – incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. These give students the opportunity to work collaboratively with new technologies to create real-world design challenges in a fast-paced environment.

• **Aeroskills** – where students are introduced to the principles of flight, aircraft manufacture, aircraft engineering and an understanding of aerospace industry.

• **Athletic Development Program** – designed for students who demonstrate high levels of athletic ability.

• **Cheerleading** – the College has three highly successful cheerleading troupes with national championship awards to their credit.

• **Hospitality** – students learn from two fully qualified chefs and 5 star industry-experienced front of house staff at the Three Trees restaurant and hospitality training facility.

The College has a comprehensive leadership program that helps our students develop the necessary skills for leadership within and beyond the College. Three levels of leadership engagement exist from Year 5-12 with badge opportunities in Year 5/6 and 11/12. Initiative, resilience and entrepreneurial capabilities are encouraged through workshops, challenges, team-building activities and events that celebrate a broad range of cultures, language and ethnicity.

It is an expectation that all our students take up available sporting opportunities to develop the necessary skills and fitness to achieve their potential. A wide range of sports are on offer as well as sporting carnivals, interschool sporting competitions and the ability to compete in representative sport.

The College’s Instrumental Music program includes Taiko drumming, percussion, string, woodwind and brass ensembles and an orchestra. We have over 160 students in the College music performance team and their capability has been recognised with success at eistedfods and Fanfare.

There are numerous opportunities in drama through the Performance in Schools Program, the Science and the Artist in Residency Program and The Company where the College theatre ensemble works with the Queensland Theatre Company, as well as producing dramatic performances for the local community.

Students also can participate in various excursions and camps including local University visits, a Canberra trip in Year 6, Air shows and even international study tours.

There are also opportunities for students to extend themselves by competing in various local and national competitions including the DaVinci Decathlon, Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking, Reader’s Cup and the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Challenge. Our College has also had four years participation at CGEN.
Self driven students.
Outstanding results.
Calamvale Community College offers a range of extra-curricular experiences that support the spiritual, social and emotional development of students and provide leadership opportunities.
Calamvale Community College is a thriving multicultural Prep to 12 Independent Public School on Brisbane’s south side and one of very few Education Queensland Schools to offer International Programs.*

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