



Parklands
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Foundations for life



2018-2022

A Strategic Vision



Introduction

Over several years prior to 1999, the vision for Parklands Christian College was nurtured in the hearts of various people associated with Ps Rod Jobe of Parklands Christian Centre. During this time, the government had granted two applications to start a Christian school on the Park Ridge property. However, both attempts failed due to a lack of suitably qualified and committed personnel. In July 1999, David Baskerville, left his role as principal of Calvary Christian College, Townsville, and arrived in Brisbane with the express purpose of leading a small team in the start-up of Parklands Christian College. The key members of this group were Ps Rod Jobe (Church Senior Pastor), John Blase (Church Administrator), Mike Warman (Drawing and Trade Support), Henry Baskerville (School Applications and Submissions), and David Baskerville (Principal).

This team formed a company and worked with the generous gifts and resources from other schools as well as personal funds to start a school in the rented premises of Parklands Christian Centre in 2001.

This Strategic Vision (2018-2022) reflects a perspective on the future of Parklands shared by the members of the Parklands community.

Today, the College owns 40 acres of hilltop land in Park Ridge, Logan City, with a spectacular outlook over the picturesque landscapes of outer Brisbane. It neighbours the property of Parklands Christian Centre, and together they constitute the ministry of "Parklands".

The College is a non-denominational Christian, co-educational facility for Prep to Year 12 with a strong affiliation with Parklands Christian Centre and the Australian Christian Churches (ACC) fellowship. It is divided into five areas to best cater for the individual learning and development needs of students – Prep, Lower Primary (1-3), Upper Primary (4-6), Middle School (7-9) and Senior College (10-12). Parklands Christian College provides a balanced, quality education, enabling individual students to gain the foundations necessary for living a meaningful life beyond school. Committed, caring and encouraging staff ensure that all students have the opportunity to perform to the best of their ability at Parklands.



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Our mission statement sums up our reason for being:

Our mission is to care for students through a quality Christian education that inspires them to flourish, to love God and to love others as themselves.



From the Principal

Parklands Christian College was established in 2001 with a desire to serve the community of Logan through Christian education. Since this beginning, our school worked diligently to develop its foundations through our shared core values and our culture of care with the members of our staff who consider their vocation as a calling.

As we move into a new era of deliberate growth and development, we desire to build upon this strong foundation. Our future must be firmly connected to the past. And so all of our strategic focus areas, which are designed to add value and benefit to our students and their families over the coming five years, are embedded in our CLEAR values. They are the glue that holds everything together.

Our students are the reason we get out of bed every morning. We believe that the best way

to help them flourish and be prepared for a world that is changing at an unprecedented pace is to provide them with firm foundations for life. We do this by fostering their sense of worth as a person loved by God and made in His image; encouraging a heart that has the same desires as the heart of Jesus; and equipping their minds with a love for learning that prepares them for the world of the 21st century.

I am immensely grateful for the privilege of leading Parklands Christian College and look forward to seeing the things God has in store for us. I am inspired by this first step in my journey at Parklands – the Strategic Vision (2018-2022). May His wisdom guide us as we learn, work and grow faithfully through the coming five years and beyond.

Mr Johannes Solymosi, Principal



Foundation

Our CLEAR values describe the foundational principles of life at Parklands Christian College.

CLEAR



Christlikeness

We aim to imitate Jesus and trust God to transform our hearts and minds to become more like Him.



Learning

We seek to understand the world to discover its Creator and become equipped to contribute to His creation.



Excellence

We endeavour always to do our personal best with unselfish dedication, help others to do the same, and trust God to complete our efforts.



Attitude

We grow by choosing to walk the journey of life together, connected through care, acceptance, compassion and our hope in God.



Respect

We reflect the love and forgiveness that God offers to us in the way we value others and our world.



Vision Focus Areas

Education

Vision: As a learning community, we share the journey of discovering God in the created world. We aim to grasp and desire all that is good, true and beautiful. Our teaching inspires students to approach the world with curious and analytical eyes, and creative and disciplined minds.

To achieve this, we will:

1. equip teachers to utilise opportunities for Christian formation in all learning areas as they are embedded within the larger Christian story
2. shape the student experience at Parklands to ignite an appreciation and fascination for the created world and encourage a love of learning
3. provide a curricular program that allows students to progress on the learning continuum at their best individual pace along a carefully crafted developmental sequence
4. focus all assessments on making each student's progress visible and on providing clear feedback for learning
5. develop mastery in the implementation of the CLEAR pedagogy within a collaborative professional learning community
6. provide more opportunities for students to excel in the sportive, artistic, vocational and academic areas
7. select and develop leaders, mentors and teachers who model the College's values as a living curriculum



Community and Relationships

Vision: As a growing school community, we remain committed to our collective walk so that we may add to each other's flourishing. We find more ways to care for the near and far communities to which God has called us. We have established community partnerships that benefit our students and serve the greater good of the local region.

To achieve this, we will:

1. develop a social enterprise hub that equips the next generation of world-changers
2. establish peer-to-peer mentoring schemes that further enhance our culture of care amongst staff and students
3. seek out more opportunities to make our facilities and knowledge available to the broader community
4. form community partnerships that enable students to participate in inspirational, creative, academic and vocational endeavours outside of school
5. connect our present and past college community through the development of a business register and alumni network
6. deepen the collaboration with community institutions to increase our contributions to the wellbeing of our local area





Vision Focus Areas

Built Environment

Vision: Our built environment encourages our community and its members to thrive. It expresses both a vibrancy of life and a contemplative peace. Learning occurs within innovative and engaging physical spaces that cater to different student needs. Performing arts, sports and vocational education facilities encourage students to develop an extensive range of talents.

To achieve this, we will:

1. enhance the campus environment through creative representations of the College's Christian values
2. provide internal spaces that stimulate learning through their flexibility and zoning, availability of fresh air and natural light
3. establish a more extensive range of areas that are conducive to presence, prayer and stillness
4. create outdoor spaces for play and learning that inspire creativity, wellbeing, community and physical activity
5. strengthen the College's performing arts, sports, vocational education and community outreach facilities



Corporate Sustainability

Vision: We accept our social responsibility to make a Parklands education accessible and relevant to our community. Our growth and the application of sound financial principles ensure that economic barriers to enrolment remain as low as possible. Our school culture and values guide the College into a new phase of development.

To achieve this, we will:

1. open and annually advance a third Year 7 stream in 2019, followed by a third Prep stream
2. sustain an affordable and transparent school fee structure through full classes supported by teacher aides, the Student Behaviour and Wellbeing Team and the Learning Enrichment department
3. preserve the ability to finance capital projects through a deliberately generated annual surplus that funds the continued building program
4. investigate the establishment of an equity scholarship fund
5. ensure that all developments of the College strengthen the established culture of care and CLEAR values
6. maintain a Christian distinction in external and internal College communications, advertising and marketing





Masterplan

Over 40 acres of land overlooking rolling hills are waiting to be redeveloped over the coming ten years as the home of the Parklands learning community.

As we carefully grow into a third stream and replace more and more temporary with permanent buildings, we have the unique opportunity to envision how classrooms, communal spaces, specialist facilities, outdoor areas and landscaped surroundings all interact to create an environment that inspires learning, encourages faith, develops character and fosters community.

Our new masterplan charts this way forward. Its purpose is to create a distinct sense of space on our campus that supports our mission, caters for students with unique talents, personalities and learning styles, and helps us develop areas of distinction, such as the Arts, sports, community outreach and vocational education.

NOTES

- A1, A2 A3 PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS
3X8 GLA'S (3 STREAM)
- A4 PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS
1X8 GLA'S (FUTURE PROVISION)
- B1 GROUP AREA
- B2 BREAKOUT AREA
- B3 RETREAT AREA
- C PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL
- D1 CAFETERIA
- D2 UNDERCOVER ALFRESCO EATING ARE
- E PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF ROOM
- F1 PREP CLASSROOMS
- F2 INTERNAL PLAY AREA
- F3 EXTERNAL PLAY AREA
- G1 EXISTING SPORTS HALL
- G2 GYM / WEIGHTS BUILDING
- G3 FUTURE POOL AREA
- H STUDENT SERVICES AREA
- I1 PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE
- I2 STAGE / STORAGE ROOMS
- I3 EXTERNAL STAGE / AMPHITHEATER
- I4 ART HUB CLASSROOMS
- J WELCOME COURT
- K STUDENT WELL-BEING CENTRE
- L1 SENIOR SCHOOL CLASSROOMS
- L2 NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOMS
- L3 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRECINCT
- M EXISTING CLASSROOMS / FACILITIES
- N SECONDARY STAFF ROOM
- O EXISTING LIBRARY
- P EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
- Q CARPARK EXTENSIONS
- R TECHNICAL ARTS BUILDING
- S OUTDOOR PLAY AREA
- T SENIOR CLASSROOMS (FUTURE PROVI
- U CHILDCARE CENTRE
- V1 FOOTBALL FIELD + RUNNING TRACK



(Please note that this is a preliminary conceptual masterplan and changes will likely be made throughout its implementation. The masterplan has a scope of around ten years.)



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