





Welcome



Xavier Catholic College opened in 2003 with 90 students in Year 8. In a short time Xavier has grown to a K-12 facility recognised throughout the Wide Bay for its outstanding achievements across key areas of Academia, Vocational Education, Cultural activities and Sporting participation.

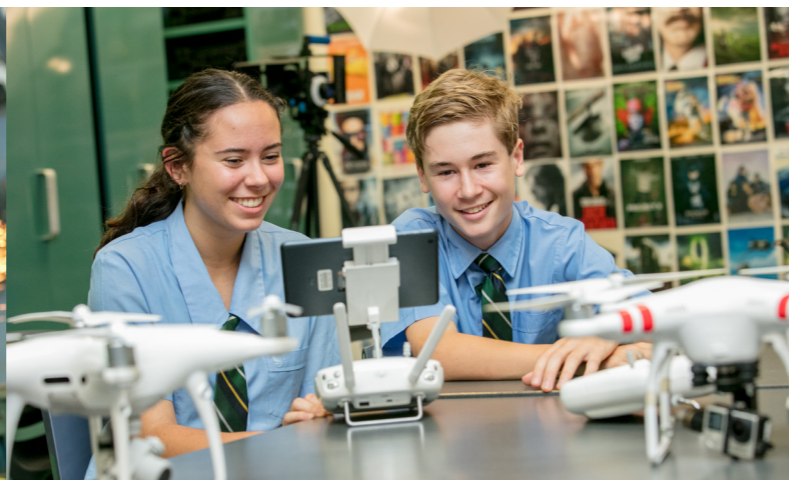
Xavier is a Jesuit companion school owned and administered by Brisbane Catholic Education. The college takes its name from St Francis Xavier, a Jesuit priest who evangelised Asia and the Pacific. Xavier College is a member of a world-wide network of over 2000 Jesuit Universities and Schools.

St Francis Xavier studied at the University of Paris where he met St Ignatius of Loyola and became one of the seven, who founded the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits). The Jesuits believed that God was to be found in all things and that the world must be stayed in, not withdrawn from and that all human endeavour could be sanctified for the greater glory of God.

Our mission for the College is to provide a high quality education within our Catholic tradition where all are engaged in their learning, challenged to be better people and motivated to do their best.

Our aim is to assist the formation of our students to become young men and women of competence, conscience, and compassion with an attitude of excellence and service. The following provides you with a snapshot of the many opportunities Xavier has to offer.

Xavier Spirit; you will find it in our students, our teachers and staff, our sporting teams, our achievements, our approach to learning and our friendships. We invite you to enrol at Xavier and share the spirit.



CURRICULUM @ XAVIER

Our Vision for Learning at Xavier is:

for our students to be reflective, self-directed lifelong learners who enjoy learning and experience success. They will understand and be able to articulate what they are learning, how they are progressing and where they will go next. They will be able to interpret assessment results and teacher feedback and act on this understanding to be active learners.

Our vision is characterised by:

- A Prep to Year 12 Focus;
- Strategic Planning to ensure a focus on the future;
- A Catholic Christian Ethos within an Ignatian tradition of the Jesuit Charism;
- A focus on learners;
- The recognition that we are a learning community where we all have the capacity to learn from each other;
- High expectation of all Students, Parents and Staff;
- High quality, inspired and passionate teaching;
- A variety of learning and teaching strategies to accommodate student learning styles;
- High quality, targeted professional learning for Staff;
- Development of positive student, parent and staff relationships;
- High quality feedback for all.

Xavier Catholic College promotes the love of learning and its value as a lifelong process. Learning and teaching strategies foster the development of a community of learners. The learning environment at Xavier Catholic College promotes excellence in learning and teaching and is driven by a learner centred approach which values students as lifelong learners.

Their lifelong learning is achieved through:

- Offering a challenging rich and diverse range of learning experiences
- Stimulating each student to strive for personal excellence
- Encouraging individuality and creativity
- Encouraging students to become active participants in their own formation
- Helping students to develop a greater awareness of their responsibility to make their own decisions
- Promoting students growth towards self-discipline
- Promoting critical thinking

We offer a wide range of Learning Areas to cater for the interests and needs of our students, all following the Australian Curriculum. Our Junior School (P-6) classes have core classroom teachers in addition to specialist teachers in The Arts and Physical Education. The Middle School (Y7-9) focusses on teaching and learning strategies for young adolescents and our Senior program (Y10-12) includes OP (university) and vocational pathways. We also offer a variety of extension and enrichment programs across Junior, Middle and Senior schools.

TECHNOLOGY @ XAVIER

Our approach to technology use has been developed from emerging issues and implications for contemporary learning and teaching in all schools in Brisbane Catholic Education. At Xavier, student devices are selected based on the requirements of the curriculum at different phases of learning and the learning experiences typical in each phase. This environment is supported by a wide range of platforms and services available to students.

- Prep to Year 3 utilise interactive screen technology in every classroom and is supplemented by banks of iPads available for use in classrooms;
- Year 4 to Year 6 are supplied an iPad through our 1-to-1 program;
- Year 7 to Year 9 are issued a hybrid-style Windows device which has touch capability.
- Year 10 to Year 12 are issued with higher specification laptop devices.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION @ XAVIER

The Religious Education program is an essential component of the curriculum. Religious Education consists of two distinct but complementary dimensions, namely an educational dimension and a faith formation dimension. The first dimension, most commonly referred to as the classroom teaching and learning of Religion, is focused on Religious Education as an educational activity. The second dimension, faith formation, is reflected in the religious life of the College family and Parish. The curriculum Learning Area 'Religious Education' is supported by liturgies, retreats, reconciliation, daily prayer and weekly prayer by the whole College community. Xavier Catholic College recognises the fact that the educational dimension and the faith formation dimension are inextricably linked. At the core of our ethos is our commitment to Ignatian Tradition, and Ignatian Spirituality, which embraces the notion of reflective practice as espoused by Jesuit founder, St Ignatius of Loyola.

Our Ignatian tradition calls us to enter into solidarity with the poor, the marginalised, and the voiceless, in order to enable student participation in the processes that shape the society in which we all live and work.

In keeping with this essential component of the Ignatian tradition, we ask our students to participate in an Ignatian service social justice program. This program includes opportunities to participate and engage with: nursing home visits, St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) activities, Jesuit Social Services, Jesuit Refugee Services, House Mission weeks, Clean Up Australia Day, NAIDOC week and a Timor Immersion.



PASTORAL CARE @ XAVIER

“I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me.” John 10:14

Children will not care how much they know until they know how much you care.

The religious and spiritual dimensions of the College are supported by an attention to the pastoral care of all who form the community. It is respectful of the dignity of every person. Pastoral concern for all, especially the disadvantaged, is delivered through the College’s structure and student management practices.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL PASTORAL CARE - YEARS P-5

In the Junior School, we have a strong focus on personal needs of security, safety, physical and emotional health - all of which are prerequisites for a successful education. The wellbeing of our students, along with the provision of a Catholic education, underpins all that we do at the College.

The first point of call in the Junior School for pastoral care is the student’s class teacher. Supporting these class teachers are subject specialists, a Learning Support Coordinator, School Counsellors, Assistant Principals and the Head of Junior School. The Junior School also engages the support of visiting occupational therapists and speech pathologists. At all times, we seek to provide resources and direction for students and families to help them to deal with issues or problems which may arise in their child’s life.

VERTICAL PASTORAL CARE - YEARS 6-12

Catholic schools have a long tradition of Pastoral Care and at Xavier we consider Pastoral Care to be of the utmost importance.



At Xavier we provide a Vertical Pastoral Care system for Years 6-12. Our Vertical Pastoral Care structure enables the grouping of younger and older students together in a long-term relationship with their PC teacher. Each Pastoral Care group is House-based and consists of approximately 15-20 students, with three or four students being drawn from each of the seven year levels.

Vertical Pastoral Care encourages the development of genuine and effective relationships between each student and his/her Pastoral Care teacher. Having daily contact with the student over a seven year period, the Pastoral Care teacher is in an ideal position to get to know them and their parents/guardians very well, and also to share in their growth, maturity, and general development over this period of time.

Some of the many benefits of our vertical pastoral care system include:

- Helping to build a greater sense of community with increased interaction between year levels
- Providing additional opportunities for students to lead, particularly in the older age groups
- Providing peer mentoring and support
- Ensuring that every student in the College is known and has at least one significant adult to relate to or talk with
- Establishing, and instilling, a strong sense of belonging
- Providing parents/carers with a familiar point of contact at the College
- Allowing students to observe the school journey through other students before it is their turn
- Increased College and House spirit

Our students genuinely care for each other and truly bond as part of the Xavier family. The additional support experienced through the College's house system, which groups students from Prep to Year 12 in one of four houses, fosters a sense of belonging and enhances student centred support.

Xavier House names and mottos are derived from our college logo and the language and culture of the Butchulla people, the traditional owners of the land on which Xavier resides. Each house has been assigned a Butchulla motto and House Patron with a connection to Jesuit/Ignatian culture and ethos.

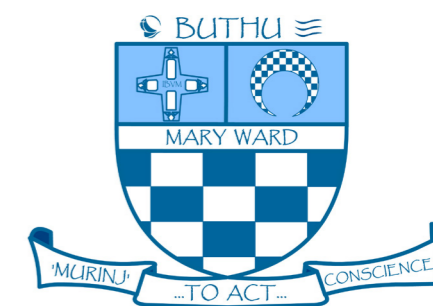
BUTHU

Means the dolphin which is the sacred totem of the Butchulla people
Butchulla Motto - "Murinj" (to act).

Colour - Blue

Patron - Mary Ward was the founder of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Loreto Sisters).

Mary Ward had the conscience to challenge others in order to educate young women.



DIRUM

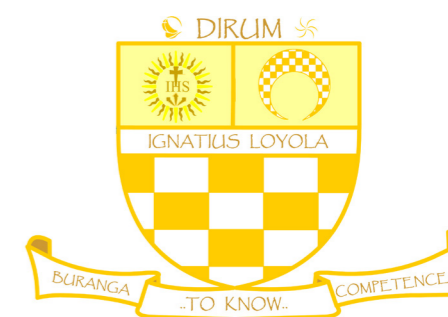
Is the Butchulla name for 'sun'

Butchulla Motto - "Buranga" (to know)

Colour - Yellow

Patron - St Ignatius of Loyola, together with our College Patron, Francis Xavier, is the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits).

This recognises St Ignatius' competence, wisdom and love of learning.



KONDARI

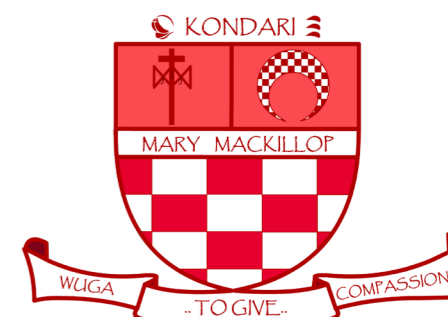
Is derived from the name Kondilli meaning 'whale'

Butchulla Motto - "Wuga" (to give)

Colour - Red

Patron - Mary MacKillop was the founder of the Josephite nuns, a religious order which valued the importance of education.

This recognises Mary MacKillop's compassion and willingness to give to the poor and disadvantaged.



NARWARI

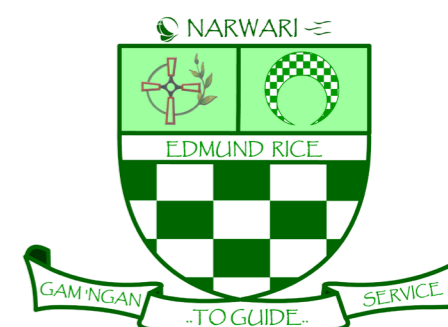
Is derived from the Butchulla name Narawi meaning 'waves of the sea'

Butchulla Motto - "Gam'ngan" (to guide)

Colour - Green

Patron - Edmund Ignatius Rice was the founder of a religious order which valued the importance of education (the Christian Brothers).

This recognises Edmund Rice's commitment to education and the Christian Brothers tradition of service to the most disadvantaged.





CULTURAL LIFE @ XAVIER

Xavier provides a wide range of activities across the whole College beyond the formal hours and courses of study. Cultural life is a significant part of what is entailed in choosing Xavier, with its emphasis on the development of the whole person. This opportunity enables students to display their talents in some aspect of school life outside the classroom throughout the year. All cultural events and activities are aimed at ensuring each student receives a truly holistic education at Xavier.

Our Cultural opportunities include:

- Junior (3-6) and Senior (7-12) Choirs
- Bands (Stage, Concert and String Ensemble)
- Art Exhibition/Visual Arts/Film displays
- Debating and Public Speaking - Inter-school and Interstate Competition
- Music and drama performances
- NAIDOC celebrations
- College Musicals and Productions
- ANZAC Day Commemorations
- Marine Studies Excursions
- Immersion Experience to France
- Maryborough Eisteddfod participation
- Instrumental Music Program
- Vocal Lessons

STUDENT LIFE @ XAVIER

At Xavier Catholic College we foster the ethos that any student of the school, regardless of specific skills or interests, has the opportunity to be a leader in a range of various areas. The Years 6, 9 & 12 Student Leadership programs provides the opportunity for students to participate in a process of identifying and developing leadership skills. At the end of this process students in the Secondary School can nominate for a Student Leadership positions in the areas of House or Ministry. The Ministry team consists of four areas which are, Praise & Worship, College Life, Justice & Action and Arts & Culture.

Students are also engaged in several mentor programs across the College. Year 6 students have a Prep buddy student, who they engage in reading with and assist them at full college assemblies. Further to this the Year 12 student leaders each have a Primary School buddy classroom who they visit and provide connection and support to. Being a Prep - 12 campus affords many opportunities to engage and grow positive relationships with students across age groups, which can greatly assist in developmental transitions.



SPORTING LIFE @ XAVIER

If your child is interested in being part of a team, wants to make new friends and experience the 'Xavier Spirit', there are many opportunities for participation in a wide variety of sports at Xavier Catholic College.

Xavier prides itself on its sporting prowess and has seen many champion athletes excel during their time as a student and sportsperson at the school. Participation in our swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals are just a few ways your child can get involved in the sporting life at Xavier. Students are able to participate in lower level interschool sporting competitions right up to state and national championships in a variety of different sports. Some of these include :

- Swimming
- Cross Country
- Athletics
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Cricket
- Volleyball
- AFL
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Soccer
- Futsal
- Netball
- Basketball
- Hockey
- Equestrian
- Surf Life Saving
- Oz Tag



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