

## ST MARTIN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DAVIDSON

**SCHOOL PROSPECTUS** 

Our co-ed school caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 6.
We provide an excellent education within a nurturing and stimulating environment, which supports parents in their role as the primary educators of their child.

St Martin's Primary School Davidson is a Catholic systemic school within Catholic Schools Broken Bay.



# WELCOME TO ST MARTIN'S DAVIDSON

#### **Our Story**

St Martin's was established in 1980 by the Brigidine Sisters. The school is part of the Diocese of Broken Bay and was named after St Martin de Porres, the patron saint of social justice. The school motto 'Strength and Gentleness' guides us each day - strength in purpose, yet gentle in action.

Our Pastoral Care program and Student Leadership Guidelines promote high quality interpersonal relationships, as well as school rules which make for safe, responsible and respectful learners. At St Martin's we are proud of our academic, sporting and creative arts achievements.



#### Why choose St Martin's?

Our school has a strong commitment to quality teaching and learning. Teachers, students and the wider school community are inspired to be compassionate, encouraging and supportive of each other as they are guided by our values of being responsible, respectful and safe. Principal Cathy Gualtieri is a warm and welcoming leader and lives locally with her husband and adult children.

#### Our school community is committed to:

- Developing a community of learners within a safe school environment.
- Creating opportunities for challenge, enrichment and support across the curriculum.
- Celebrating our cultural diversity.

#### Catholic discipleship is promoted at St Martin's by:

- Striving to be a distinctly Catholic school where Christ's Gospel message is witnessed daily.
- Acknowledging our faith community as part of the Broken Bay Diocese and wider Catholic Church.
- Imparting knowledge and understanding of Catholic history, traditions and rituals in our contemporary setting.
- Rejoicing in faith-filled celebrations, and nurturing a personal relationship with God.

#### **Student Management Policy**

At St Martin's, we believe each of us must respect the dignity, rights and fundamental freedom of individual students, which is in accordance with the Diocesan Schools Board Policy on the Pastoral Care of Students. Our Student Management Policy, which includes a Code of Conduct, forms a consistent and positive approach to student management.



#### **Technology**

Technology is used to enhance student learning from Kindergarten to Year 6. The suitable use of technology offers students an engaging and practical learning environment. All students and their families complete a Student User Agreement at the start of each year which outlines the appropriate use of technology across the grades.

#### **Learner Diversity**

Children with specific learning needs are well catered for at St Martin's, as are children in need of enrichment or extension learning. Learner Diversity teachers work alongside classroom teachers to ensure that all children at our school are the best learners that they can be.

#### **Collaborative Coaching**

Teams of teachers join together with the Assistant Principal to learn more about each student with the aim of improving student outcomes with an emphasis on Mathematics and English. This promotes every student's success by setting achievable goals individually.



#### **Parents and Friends Association**

The Parents and Friends Association (P&F) recognises and values the role that parents and carers play in the education of their children and aims to strengthen the partnership between family, school, parish, and the wider community. We cannot underestimate the importance and the benefit for children when parents are engaged with their child's learning.



#### **Before and After School Care**

St Martin's has on-site Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) run by Catholic Care. The service is open from 7am-8.30am each morning and 3.15pm-6pm each afternoon. School holiday programs are also available for interested St Martin's families. The service is also open for bookings on Pupil Free Days.

#### **The Enrolment Process**



The Enrolment Process for Catholic Schools Broken Bay has been designed to ensure the best possible outcome for your child. The process aims to provide opportunities where the importance of the parent/school partnership is established before your child comes to school. Through open and transparent discussion, we are committed to working together to ensure a quality Catholic education for your child.

The completed Enrolment Application form, together with the requested supporting documentation, should be submitted to the school as early as possible. Enrolling families will be invited to attend an interview with the principal prior to placement offers being made.

Following a formal letter of offer and an acceptance by the family, your child will be invited to attend several school visits throughout the year before they start school.

#### **Relationships with High Schools**

Catholic Schools Broken Bay believe a Catholic education is for life and offers a diverse range of educational opportunities from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Every student who is enrolled in a CSBB primary school will be supported to continue their Year 7 to Year 12 education within the CSBB system.

Our primary schools work together with local secondary schools to provide a seamless transition and a sense of continuity in our students' learning journey.



#### Catholic Schools Broken Bay Secondary Schools

- Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood (Girls school led by Brenda Timp)
- St Paul's Catholic College, Manly (Co-ed school led by Gabie Stojanovski)
- Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood (Co-ed school led by Marc Reicher)

These secondary schools are in high demand and have extensive waitlists. By enrolling at St Martin's, you can secure a place at our secondary schools, provided that the application is submitted within the designated timeframe and in accordance with the enrolment principles.

### We look forward to welcoming you into our school community.



Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be.