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Welcome to St Martin's School

St Martin's School recognises parents as the first educators of their children and encourages open and honest communication between school and home.

The Catholic School is based on an educational philosophy in which faith, culture and life are brought into harmony. Through it, the local Church evangelises, educates and contributes to the formation of a healthy and morally sound lifestyle among its members.

The Congregation for Catholic Education

MISSION STATEMENT

Learning excellence in a caring community.

VISION STATEMENT

Our shared vision is to nurture and celebrate the uniqueness and giftedness given by God to each person in our strong and gentle St Martin's community.
With St Martin de Porres as our patron we strive to model Catholic values and beliefs by highlighting:

The dignity of the human person
All people are made in the image of God. People do not lose dignity because of disability, poverty, age or race.

Community and the common good
We realise our dignity and our rights in relationship with others in community. We are called to be respectful of others.

Rights and Responsibilities
All people have a right to be active participants in society. Corresponding to these rights are responsibilities which respect the rights of others in society and to work for the common good.

Option for the poor
We are called to care for the poor in our society.

Dignity of work
The work we do has value for ourselves and for others in society.

Solidarity
We are one human family and we are called to work for justice.

Care for God’s Creation
Creation is the gift of a loving God. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of the environment.
Beliefs about Learning

At St Martin’s we believe that …

Learning is Individual

We …

- respect the right of every student to learn
- respond to student’s needs
- work collaboratively with parents
- use meaningful assessment tools for learning and teaching
- develop quality educational programs
- value strong classroom organisation and routines
- use a variety of strategies to engage learners

Learning is Developmental

We …

- value respect for the individual
- encourage collaborative dialogue and open communication
- develop an inclusive approach to education
- develop sound assessment tracking procedures
- have educational plans to develop each child
Learning is Wholistic

We...
value the gifts of the whole person in learning
develop gifts and talents
provide a variety of opportunities for children
to grow and develop
integrate faith with learning

Learning is for Life

We
develop confident learners
encourage a love of learning
value the ability to be able to learn how to learn
encourage risk-taking in learning
develop structures to support learning
promote open-ended problem solving
provide relevant, meaningful, challenging experiences
encourage self-evaluation and self-reflection
encourage social interaction and positive relationships as important aspects of learning

We work together, as a Catholic learning community, to develop each child toward the fulfilment of his or her potential in all areas.
Our children start off small and end up tall

After completing their primary education at St Martin’s Catholic School Davidson it is hoped that our children will:

- be followers of Jesus

- value themselves as human beings who are worthy of being loved

- behave respectfully towards themselves, others and the environment

- strive to be *strong and gentle* people with a highly developed sense of social justice

- communicate effectively, confidently and politely

- be motivated to learn and be able to set and achieve goals

- see education as a life-long journey

- strive to achieve their best as individuals while at the same time assisting others in their endeavours to achieve personal goals

- learn with the freedom and confidence to explore the unknown
St Martin’s School offers ...

- A Religious Education program that is relevant, practical and meaningful to today’s students, is responsive to the needs expressed by the School Community and is faithful to the core of Catholic beliefs and practises.

- A caring and nurturing co-educational Kindergarten to Year 6 Catholic environment

- A restorative approach to student discipline is employed

Positive behaviour for learning (PBL) is a consistent approach to teaching our three school rules –
- Care for self,
- Care for learning and
- Care for the environment.

- Balanced and innovative classroom Programs based on the Syllabuses
  Key Learning Areas:
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Science and Technology
  - Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)
  - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
  - Creative Arts

- Dedicated and experienced teachers who know the children and cater for students’ individual needs, talents and developmental stages

- Learning support for students experiencing difficulties through differentiated and inclusive education
A comprehensive gifted and talented program that caters for high achieving students through differentiated programs.

Pastoral Care support though a range of initiatives and programs such as Seasons and Buddies.

Specialist Teachers for Music, PE, Library, Italian, Public Speaking, Debating,

A well-resourced, library which acts as the hub for learning within the school.

Wireless access throughout the school for use of laptops and iPads. Interactive whiteboards in all classrooms.

A comprehensive Physical Education Program, including Fitness and Gross Motor Programs, carnivals for Swimming Cross Country and Athletics, a Swimming Program for Kindergarten to Year 2, as well as a Beach Awareness Program for Year 3 to Year 6, Gala Sports Days with local Catholic Schools.
Talented sports students have the opportunities to progress through the sporting pathways to national levels.

- Regular special events such as Catholic Schools Week, Book Week, Assemblies, School Concerts, Discos, Movie nights, Mothers day, Fathers day and Grandparents day.

with a focus on mental health and wellbeing

Outside School Hours Care

Monday – Friday 7 – 8:30 am and 3:15 – 6:00 pm
School Fees for 2015

Our school fees consist of three compulsory components:

**Tuition Fee** which is set by the Broken Bay Diocesan Finance Committee is as follows: $1522 per year (i.e., $507 paid in Terms 1, 2 and 3). Discounts are available for children attending schools within the Diocesan system on the following scale:

- Second child…………………………. 20% discount ($1218.50)
- Third child……………………………. 50% discount ($ 761.25)
- Fourth & subsequent children...... 100% discount ($ 0)

**The Diocesan School Building and Maintenance Levy.** The now retired Bishop of Broken Bay, David Walker, developed a model which reduces the financial burden on parishes and enhances the ability to upgrade the schools in the future. The Diocesan levy is $880 per family (i.e., $294 paid in Terms 1, 2, 3) and includes all children from the one family attending Catholic primary and secondary systemic schools.

**The School Educational Fee** is $864 per annum per child in K-2 (paid over Terms 1, 2, 3). This amount covers the educational expenses that we anticipate for the year. The fee for children in Years3-6 is $1,119 (paid in three instalments as before).

PLEASE NOTE that all fees are subject to annual increases in accordance with the CPI.
Programs we offer at St Martin’s

There are many different programs on offer at St Martin’s to cater for the wide range of student interests and needs. Our belief is that students should be given as many opportunities as possible to develop their gifts and talents.

A huge range of programs ensures students are involved in school life and feel a part of the community. They have a great sense of belonging to a school community and that they are genuinely excited about being a member of St Martin’s School.

Here is a list of some of the programs we offer at St Martin’s.

Chess Club
Debating
Public Speaking
The Great Debate
“The Spelling Bee” school-wide competition
Lunchtime Library
Friendship chair

Music Opportunities
Band and instrumental programs
Senior Band
Jazz Band
Training Band
Guitar Group and Ensemble
Flute Ensemble
Clarinet Ensemble
Percussion Ensemble
Band Tutorials at school

Band competitions
Choir – Junior/Senior
School Musical
**Leadership Opportunities**

Senior Leadership Ministries

- Assembly ministry
- Social justice ministry
- Environment ministry
- Publicity ministry
- Sports ministry
- Playground ministry
- Communications ministry
- Welcome /Arts ministry

**Programs**

- “Seasons for Growth”
- Kidsmatter
- Buddy program for Years 6 and K

**Events during the year**

- Book Week
- Italian Day

**Sport Opportunities**

- Beach Awareness program (Years 3-6)
- Water safety program (Years K-2)
- Cross Country Carnival
- Swimming Carnival
- Athletics Carnival
- Rugby League Clinics
- AFL Clinics
- Interschool Gala Days – Netball, Soccer, Football, Tennis, Cricket
- Robbie Slater Cup – Soccer
- Gymnastics Program
- Basketball Clinics
- Cricket Clinics
- Diocesan Winter and Summer Sport Representative Carnivals
- Gross Motor Program

**Opportunities for Parent Involvement**
St Martin’s School Song

CHORUS

St Martin, St Martin
Your life inspires in us
the will to succeed in all that’s true
through strength and gentleness.

VERSE 1

Beside Australian native bush
with dreamtime stories old
We strive to learn and understand
our part in God’s great world.

VERSE 2

Welcome is our message
We care for everyone
We start off small and end up tall
and shine bright like the sun.

VERSE 3

The pride we share within our school
will never fade away
The memories of St Martin’s
will guide us everyday.
School Prayer

Loving Father, we your children
ask you to guide and bless
all at St Martin’s.
Our family, staff and our friends,
old and new
keep them very close to you.
Touch our lives
with the strength and gentleness
that St Martin showed
in a special way.
So that our love for you
will grow each and every day.

St Martin pray for us.