RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As a Catholic school, Padua provides a full religious education program that is developed by the College in consultation with Brisbane Catholic Education and the Queensland Studies Authority. Students have the option of choosing the Board Subject 'Study of Religion' in Years 11 and 12. During the course of the year students participate in a range of liturgies, reflection days and retreats.

PASTORAL CARE

The academic and social development of each senior school student (Years 8-12) is overseen by a Pastoral Care teacher who is a significant adult figure in that student's life during his time at Padua. Other pastoral support is provided by the relevant House Guardian. Pastoral care at Padua is organized around four Houses: Beirne, Grigg, Odoric, and Mitchell Houses. Additionally, there is a Vice Rector Pastoral Care, Vice Rector Formation and College Chaplain, all of whom have particular responsibilities for the welfare of the boys. In Years 5-7, the class teachers provide the pastoral care for boys. The College's behavioural expectations and operation are based on a "Restorative Justice" approach.

MUSIC AT PADUA

Padua, with its rich tradition in Music, offers a varied program of classroom and co-curricular music activities. Classroom music is supported by a dynamic curriculum and excellent facilities. Our co-curricular music program, the Franciscan Colleges Instrumental Program (FCIP), operates in conjunction with our sister school, Mt Alvernia College, and caters for a wide range of individual interests and skill levels offering co-educational tuition on all band and orchestral instruments. Padua and our FCIP enjoy a comprehensive ensemble program including: choirs, string orchestras and ensembles, concert and jazz bands, and percussion ensembles, catering for boys from Years 5 to 12. The Private Music Department offers our students tuition on Piano/Keyboard, Guitar and Drums.

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PADUA - THE COLLEGE
Padua is an independent Catholic Boys school in the care of the Franciscan Friars at Kedron. With pleasant surroundings and of moderate size, Padua fosters the academic, spiritual, physical, cultural and social needs of boys from Year 5 to Year 12. Enrolment is fixed at 260 boys in Years 5-7 and 840 boys in Years 8-12.

PADUAN SPORT
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THE COLLEGE CURRICULUM
All students from Years 5 to 12 are required to follow an academic program which provides them with a comprehensive and challenging education. Padua places a very strong emphasis on the value of a broad, general education in all the major areas of learning. There are clear standards expected for class work, for assignments and presentations, for homework and for regular examinations. Scholarships are awarded for entry to Year 8 and Year 11 on a competitive basis. Several Pathways, including Vocational Education, are available for the senior phase of schooling.

THE SPIRIT
Franciscans have been involved in education for 800 years. In the spirit of St Francis, Padua is a gospel-centred family that fosters the growth and development of the boys in its care. Padua is a place of affirmation and acceptance where all students are encouraged to participate to the full, give of their best and strive to their level of excellence.

Over the years, the Franciscan values of simplicity, peace, joy, respect and courtesy become integral to the lives of the boys. The end result is a happy, wholesome and mature young man ready to positively contribute to society and the Church.

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PADUAN FACILITIES
The College is located on two campuses on Turner Road, Kedron. The Eastern Campus comprises classrooms, library, hall, other facilities and oval for boys in Years 5-7. The Western Campus has pleasant, technology resourced classrooms, library, auditorium, music rooms, laboratories, computer rooms, industrial skills centre, oval and indoor sports/assembly hall for the boys in Years 8 to 12. The outdoor education centre ‘Amaroo’ is located between Pomona and Lake Cootharaba. Sporting fields are located at Elliot Road, Banyo.

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