

PADUA COLLEGE





On behalf of our community, I welcome you to Padua College.

Padua College is the only school in Australia under the care of the Order of Friars Minor. Inspired by the teachings of St Francis (1182-1226), the Franciscan Friars established Padua College as a school to cater for boys from Years 5 to 12. Over sixty years on, the College has grown to more than 1400 students, yet we still hold our Franciscan heritage very close to our heart.

Padua College is a community of affirmation and acceptance that offers a holistic education, including a contemporary curriculum, engaging religious formation and service-learning programs and a pastoral care program focussed on boys' education, complimented by an extensive range of co-curricular and outdoor education programs.

Our staff are committed professionals who are connected to the community and dedicated to the needs of students and their families. They have a deep commitment to offer an education that goes beyond the classroom. One that shapes strong, confident young men who are committed to making the world a better place.

Please feel free to contact the College for further information or join us for Open Day or a College tour so that you too, can experience first-hand the great things about our community.

Peace and all good,

Peter Elmore
Rector

We are explorers, achievers, leaders.

We are ... Padua.





Padua College is an enriching and nurturing educational community.

We are Catholic but distinctively Franciscan.

We are ... Padua.



Padua is an enriching, nurturing and vibrant educational community that offers young men the opportunity to discover and develop their individual talents and interests. The Franciscan values of Joy, Courtesy, Humility, Simplicity and Peace are expressed in every aspect of College life.

The College community supports our boys to become the best that they can be. Together with our Paduan families, we raise young men with a quiet strength, which enables them to achieve and contribute positively to their community and to the world beyond the College.

We are purposeful, we are proud.
We are ... Padua.







Vision

We educate and inspire young men to live in the spirit of the Gospel following in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226).

Mission

We provide a Catholic education that develops young men of wisdom, service and quiet strength.



Joy

Courtesy

Humility

Simplicity

Peace

Joy, Courtesy, Humility, Simplicity and Peace.

We draw on these values from the Gospel and our Franciscan heritage to guide and inform our practices.

Joy is being grateful for God's gift of Creation. Like St Francis, we are encouraged to celebrate life, recognising the good in everything and everyone.

Courtesy is an attitude of graciousness and openness towards all. Like St Francis, we are called to respect and serve others.

Humility is a way of living that challenges self-promotion. Like St Francis, we are inspired to share our talents for the good of the community.

Simplicity is a way of living that looks past the search for material gain and instead values God's gifts and the relationships we have with others. Like St Francis, we give thanks for what we have.

Peace is a practical application of the Gospel where we demonstrate positive dialogue and engagement with others. Like St Francis, we are called to be instruments of peace and reconciliation in the world.

We are joyous, humble and peaceful.

We are ... Padua.







Students

Padua College belongs to an 800-year world-wide tradition of Franciscan education. Fundamental to this ethos is our respect for all of God's creation. So it is that Padua College fosters a welcoming, inclusive community. Here each boy is respected for who he is and is encouraged to be the best he can be, so that he can comfortably achieve his level of personal excellence and make a positive contribution to our society and the church community. The College community in welcoming the boys, places before them specific expectations in terms of behaviour, academic performance and involvement in co-curricular activities.

As a Franciscan school the boys are invited to live the values and qualities exemplified in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our desire is towards the development of young men who are open to God, to their brothers and sisters and to all of creation.

The boys' spiritual formation is enhanced by regular Religious Education classes, a weekly celebration of the Eucharist, daily class prayers, House Masses with families, liturgies at our Outdoor Education camps, and special Feast Day celebrations. Our boys are also involved in transformational activities that are inclusive and outreaching. Following in the footsteps of St Francis, our boys are encouraged to look for ways they can 'rebuild' God's Church in today's context. The avenues for this service can be local, national or even international and includes:

- Kedron Catholic Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference – food drives, Christmas hampers, 'Winter Appeal'.
- Rosies Street Van – regular staffing of the nightly street van to the homeless.
- Little King's Movement – assistance with the annual Little King's Fundraising Appeal.
- Good Samaritan Group – weekly assistance of the elderly in parish based social activities.
- Interfaith dialogue – regular visits to and from the Brisbane Islamic School.
- St Francis of Assisi College Timor-Leste – mutual relationship of understanding involving fundraising, immersion and solidarity between the two schools.
- Volunteer and outreach through our Catholic Studies Program.

Pastoral care of the boys is a paramount concern and underpins all that we do here. This is the responsibility of all staff members and is done in liaison with parents. The Pastoral Care team of House Guardians, Chaplain, and Counsellors oversee an environment that has as its focus, the moral, spiritual, and personal safety of the boys. Here they are given the opportunity to discover and develop their individual talents and interests. In our Pastoral Care Program, there is also a dedicated unit on wellbeing, respectful relationships and good citizenship.

Each boy belongs to one of six Houses, and also to a Pastoral Care Group. In Years 5 and 6 the boys are in designated classes overseen by a class teacher. In secondary school, the boys are in a mixed group of around 20, made up of boys from Years 7 to 12 and cared for by their Pastoral Care Teacher. They meet together at least once a day and lifelong friendships are formed as our boys build friendships around the House and Pastoral Care Group. In this familiar atmosphere, the boys are "brothers to one another", guiding, encouraging and affirming each other on their journey together as The Good Men of Padua.







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Our Story

The Franciscan Friars came to Brisbane in 1929 at the request of Archbishop James Duhig. They administered the Parish Church at 80 Turner Road, Kedron. Not long after that, at the request of Fr Fidelis Griffin ofm, the Parish Priest, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception established a Parish School opposite the Parish Church. By the mid-1950s the Catholic population in the area had grown quite considerably, and so as to relieve the pressure on the sisters to enrol more students, they asked the friars if they would start a school for boys. So, on 27th January 1956, 86 boys from years 4, 5 and 6, gathered together with two lay teachers, Mrs Cameron and Mr Fox, and there on a hot and humid day, the story of Padua began.

Its beginning was tenuous. Without official permission from the Franciscan Administration in Sydney, Padua looked like it would have a very short history! In 1959 some fifteen boys began their secondary schooling at Padua - with Religious Education, English, Maths, History and Latin as compulsory subjects, taught by two Friars. In 1961 there were seven Friars teaching, and by 1972 some eleven Friars were on staff.

The secondary school was built on land next to the Church and Friary. The student and staff numbers and facilities grew, with additional land in Jardine Street acquired. When the school entered a Saturday sporting competition, TAS then AIC, extensive playing fields were purchased at Banyo. These facilities are now used as part of our Saturday sports program. In 1991 "Amaroo", an outdoor education centre, was built near Pomona on the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Future planning of facilities includes the development of the 5 hectares of Brisbane City Council depot site opposite the school. This development will be done in conjunction with Mt Alvernia College and will include first class sporting and cultural facilities.

With first class facilities and highly dedicated staff, it is the boys and their welfare who are our paramount concern. May God continue to bless us in this most important ministry of education, so that our boys may become, "the Good Men of Padua."

We are carers, companions, change-makers.

We are ... Padua.





Our Facilities

Within the high quality facilities at our near-CBD campus at Kedron, our sporting fields at Banyo and Amaroo, our Outdoor Education facility, Padua offers young men an environment in which to pursue academic excellence and express themselves through co-curricular activities including sport, music, choir, debating, public speaking, chess and community service.

Padua College offers our students a contemporary learning environment:

- Well-equipped, air-conditioned classrooms
- Primary and secondary libraries
- Specialist rooms for areas such as science, film and TV, multimedia, art, graphics, design and technology
- Flexible learning spaces
- Learning Enrichment Centre and College Counsellors
- Auditorium
- Purpose-built Drama Room and Art Rooms
- Purpose built Music classrooms with rehearsal rooms and recording studio
- Instrumental Program with a dedicated space including rehearsal spaces on both the Assisi and Greccio Campuses
- La Cordelle (Indoor Sports Centre) – 1 basketball court, 2 volleyball courts, badminton courts
- Outdoor pool 25m 8 lanes
- Gymnasium
- Assisi Sporting Fields
- Assisi Oval including cricket pitch, nets
- Assisi Outdoor Courts (tennis/basketball)
- Chapel
- Undercover Sports Arena – 2 basketball courts, 2 volleyball courts, 2 tennis courts, 2 futsal courts
- Greccio Sporting Field including cricket nets
- Padua Sports Fields, Banyo – 3 x turf cricket ovals, 3 x rugby fields, 3 x football fields, 3 x rugby league fields
- 'Amaroo' – Padua's private Outdoor Educational facility (62 acres) at Pomona, Noosa Hinterland, featuring overnight accommodation for more than 80 students and staff; onsite catering facilities; 3 climbing courses (high/low ropes, bouldering, climbing walls); orienteering trails; mountain biking tracks; personal challenge courses, zip lines; water equipment including surfboards, canoes, kayaks, ocean rafts for use at nearby Lake Cootharaba and Noosa Beach
- 5-hectare site to be developed into a sporting and cultural precinct in a shared project with Mt Alvernia College
- Padua Bus Transport (Thompson's Private Bus Services) and BCC Bus Services – for both Assisi and Greccio Campuses
- After Hours School Care - run by the Parish

We are creators, crafters, collaborators.

We are ... Padua.







Teaching and Learning

Padua College offers a place where imagination, curiosity and love of learning are fostered and treasured. Our Learning Framework is a conceptual framework that places the learner at the centre of learning, recognises the critical role of teachers, and acknowledges the key role of parents as partners in the education and shaping of their son. The Learning Framework provides clarity around what good learning looks like and the agreed practices that underpin this.

Learning Vision

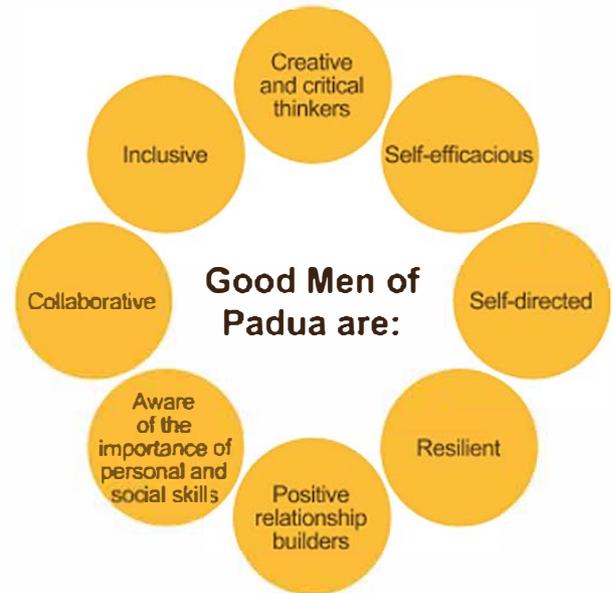
In accordance with the Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Education Declaration and relevant regulatory bodies, Padua College will educate and inspire our Good Men to live in the spirit of the Gospel, following in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi, providing a Catholic Education that develops young men of wisdom, service and quiet strength.

The Vision will be enacted in the following ways:

- Making learning visible
- Establishing a culture of supported, self-directed learning
- Using feedback to inform and support learning
- Empowering students to understand and embrace their role as a learner
- Explicit teaching of skills
- Explicit teaching of problem-solving strategies
- Encouraging open communication with students, staff and parents
- Using educational data to enhance student learning and differentiation
- Valuing and catering for diverse learning needs and pathways

- Recognising that academic success takes different forms for different students
- Providing meaningful learning experiences

Enacting the Vision



Learning Statement

Learning requires engagement with a range of appropriately challenging learning experiences, opportunities and self-directed learning scenarios that enable the learner to acquire new knowledge, deepen their understanding, developing mastery of both skills and content, and be confident to independently apply this learning to new and unfamiliar situations.



Co-Curricular

Student wellbeing and learning progress is intrinsically linked to boys feeling safe and connected. Our extensive co-curricular program promotes engagement, physical growth and personal development. The program also offers many opportunities for parents to be involved in the fullness of College life. Our program covers a wide range of service, sporting and cultural activities. In doing so, we provide a holistic education that nurtures as well as challenges our boys to become 'Good Men' through their active participation with each other and the wider community beyond Padua.

Sport

Padua College has a proud history of sporting participation and achievement. Outside of their regular physical education lessons, students have the opportunity to represent the College in a wide selection of sports. The College is part of a Saturday sports competition through our membership of Associated Independent Colleges (AIC). The AIC competition includes Rugby, Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, Tennis, AFL, Swimming, Cross Country, Rugby League and Athletics. The College also competes in a number of sporting carnivals, most notably the renowned state-wide Confraternity Shield.

We also offer pathways to Regional, State and National Representative teams through the Metropolitan North Region Sports Program. Sport is an important part of Padua for many of our boys and our program inspires and engages our boys to be confident yet humble through their sporting experiences.

The College also has in the past undertaken a number of sporting tours in Basketball, Rugby, Volleyball and Football.

Instrumental Musical Program

Padua has a rich musical tradition and today this is part of the acclaimed Franciscan Colleges Instrumental Programme (FCIP). In 1983, the FCIP was established to provide tuition on the complete range of band and orchestral instruments for the students of Padua College and our sister school, Mt Alvernia College, as well as St Anthony's Primary School. The FCIP is a co-curricular ensemble-based programme and forms an integral part of the cultural and academic life of Padua College.

The FCIP offers students a number of different ensembles to accommodate a wide range of individual abilities and the various genres of music performed – Strings, Concert Bands, Jazz Ensembles, Rock Band and Percussion.

The College also has a Year 5 Music Program where all boys have the opportunity to have voice lessons or to learn a musical instrument. Music is integral to building a culture that values excellence, creativity and personal endeavour.

Other Co-Curricular Activities

The College boasts a wide range of other cultural co-curricular activities including Theatre Sports, Australia Space Design, Debating and Model United Nations. Our Chess teams battle it out on the checkered boards against the other AIC schools as part of the Term 2 Sport offerings.

We are competitors, challengers, champions.

We are ... Padua.



Cultural Activities

Padua College has a proud tradition of offering excellent cultural co-curricular opportunities for our young men. Our Franciscan Colleges Instrumental Program (FCIP), in collaboration with Mt Alvernia College and St Anthony's Primary School, provides a wide range of musical ensembles including Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Symphony Orchestras, String Orchestras, Percussion Ensembles, Vocal Ensembles and Liturgy Groups. Through our association with Mt Alvernia, Padua College has an enviable reputation when it comes to the production of school musicals, which are produced every two years.

Outdoor Education

Set on a sprawling 62 hectares in the Noosa Hinterland, Amaroo is Padua's own outdoor education centre. Outdoor education provides boys the opportunity to experience new challenges and build friendships outside of the regular classroom.

A camp is offered in every year where outdoor pursuits for students include three climbing courses (high ropes and low ropes), bouldering and climbing walls, orienteering trails, mountain biking, personal challenge courses, surfing and rafting.



The Paduan Community – Parental Involvement

The College Board

Padua College is wholly owned by the Franciscan Order (Province of the Holy Spirit). The College is governed by the Board of Directors of Padua College Limited.

The essence of the Board's role is to provide corporate leadership to the school and ensure a strategic approach to the College's future by setting major objectives, policy frameworks and strategies.

P&F Association

The P&F Association at Padua consists of the parents and friends of our College community.

The P&F Committee coordinate and support wherever the school has needs, whether it be at social or sporting events, assisting with pastoral care for families in need, or sponsoring Padua boys who represent the College at National or International level.

Old Boys Association

Padua Old Boys is an opportunity for past students to remain in touch with peers and the College.

The support of Old Boys at various functions and events, sport fixtures and fundraising ventures is encouraged.

LEX

The Learning Exchange: Institute for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (LEX), is a joint venture between three Religious Institute Catholic Schools: Padua College, Iona College, and St Laurence's College.

LEX is a unique and innovative collaboration between the partner schools to ensure high quality learning opportunities are available for every learner and that teachers have the appropriate opportunities to develop and share expertise.

FOTH

'Franciscans On The Hill' or 'FOTH' as it has become to be known recognises the close connection of the three Franciscan schools: Padua, Mt Alvernia, and St Anthony's, and the local parish community. It is a unique relationship and the schools work together to promote the great virtues of Franciscan education.

PSG

The Padua Supporters' Group (PSG) is a parent group that supports the Head of Sport and provides a link between the parents/caregivers and the school sport program. The group helps promote the school sporting program amongst the school community.

FCIP (POP)

The Franciscan Colleges Instrumental Programme hosts a parent group called FCIP (POP) "Parents of Programme" and was set up to support the FCIP Music staff by assisting at important events, such as Concerts, Fundraising, Open Days, Concert Canteen, and Backstage.

We are engaging, confident, spirited.

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