

## Acknowledgement of Country



At Padua College we acknowledge the Turrbal, Jagera and Gubbi Gubbi Peoples, upon whose lands our College stands. This land is a place of storytelling, ceremony and the passing on of wisdom from generation to generation. We pay our respects to all the Elders of this country – past, present, and emerging. Padua College is committed to a journey of reconciliation with our First Nations Peoples.

This artwork was created through a series of collaborative workshops with Paduan students for National Sorry Day 2023. The artwork depicts native hibiscus flowers, the National Sorry Day floral emblem, symbolising resilience with the centre flower representing the wisdom and knowledge of Elders connecting with emerging members.

## A Message from our COLLEGE RECTOR



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

Under the care of the Franciscan Friars since 1956, Padua College offers a holistic education that goes beyond the classroom and shapes young men to be the Good Men of Padua. Inspired by the teachings of St Francis, our

Franciscan values of Joy, Courtesy, Humility, Simplicity and Peace can be found in every aspect of College life. Together with our Paduan families, we educate young men of wisdom, service and a quiet strength.

The world today has so many opportunities for young people. However, as they explore these opportunities, they must also navigate many mixed, and at times conflicting messages. For this reason, being clear about values and age-appropriate boundaries is important. We provide a place where we partner with parents, that allows our

students to thrive in an environment where they are cared for and supported to make good choices. As a boys' college, with a long history in educating good men, we understand the important role that a supportive and vibrant community plays in a boy's education. Being known and feeling like they belong, is the first step on the path of a well-rounded education at Padua. Our boys also understand the importance of service and how, through their

commitment, they contribute to growing a community. We encourage all students to become actively involved in all that Padua College has to offer and we are proud of the many co-curricular opportunities that extend student engagement and learning beyond the classroom.

The transition to a new school is exciting, but we all need a road map as we undertake a new journey. The following pages have been provided to assist families in supporting their son's Paduan journey. However, should you have any questions or concerns that we have not addressed in this booklet, you are most welcome to contact our College staff.

Every best wish and blessing as your son joins the Paduan community.

Peace and all good,

Peter Elmore

## WELCOME



This booklet contains all the information you will need for your first day at Padua College in 2024.

## Term 1 Key Dates

Year 5 Student Laptop Collection 15th - 17th January (Parents will receive an email with details)	
Year 5 & 6 Meet & Greet	Mon 22 January 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Year 5 & 7 Orientation Day	Tues 23 January
All students return to school	Wed 24 January
Year 5 & 6 Parent Info Evening	Tues 30 January 4:00pm - 5:00pm
P&F Association Welcome Evening Tues 30 January (Following Year 5/6 Parent Info Evening)	
Year 5 PC Eagle BBQ	Tues 6 February
Year 5 Belonging Liturgy	Wed 7 February 2:00pm
Year 5-8 Swimming Carnival	Fri 16 February
P&F Parent Engagement Evening (From 5.30pm, in partnership with Mo	

## Your First Day at Padua

Date Tuesday 23 January

Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Drop off location: Greccio Campus, Padua College

Students in Years 5, 7, 11 and 12, along with students in other year levels who are new to Padua, will commence school for 2024 on Tuesday 23 January. All other students will commence on Wednesday 24 January.

Year 5 students can be dropped off to their classrooms ready for an 8.25am start. This will be a normal school day and parents will be able to collect their students at 3:00pm.

## 2024 Term Dates

Term 1	23 January - 28 March
Term 2	15 April - 14 June
Term 3	8 July - 13 September
Term 4	30 September - 29 November



# JUNIOR PHASE

#### Belonging to Padua

In the Junior Phase, students will develop a sense of belonging and make a strong connection with the College and its rich Franciscan community. This connection is fostered through strong friendships, what it means to be a Paduan, and the opportunity to build relationships with staff and students through a rich academic and co-curricular program. The introduction of houses and development of spirit creates a pastoral foundation.

In the Junior Phase, students will develop a deep love of learning through an engaging curriculum aimed at educating boys. Consolidation of the foundational skills of literacy and numeracy is a priority and complimented by the development of competencies aimed at students becoming passionate and inquisitive in their learning. A collaborative and supportive learning environment enables students to become resilient learners who can articulate and evaluate their learning journey.

## Welcome from our

## 2024 COLLEGE CAPTAINS

Welcome to the Padua College community. With the countless opportunities provided here and the amazing teachers to guide you along the way, your schooling years ahead are bound to be full of adventure, joy and growth. During this time, we encourage you to try new things as this is the perfect place to discover new passions. Here at Padua, we foster our strong sense of community through enacting our college values of courtesy, humility, joy, simplicity and peace. It is these values that help us to be the best men we can be and sends us on the path of becoming a 'Good Man of Padua'.

In your time at Padua, you will be given a wide range of opportunities both in and out of the classroom. This is your chance to get try new things and we highly suggest that you get involved as much as you can in College life. This allows you to truly enjoy your Paduan experience, as well as find your own passions. Whilst the extracurricular activities allow you to form strong friendships and develop your passions, it is also a chance to show pride in our College and to give back.

In 2024, we, along with the rest of the Leadership Team, are striving to further foster a College culture which is centred around a thriving and connected community. To do this we are encouraging every Paduan not just to better themselves but also to support their peers, grow strong bonds, and build upon this already great community to allow every student to become a 'Good Man of Padua'.

On behalf of the College, we are excited to welcome you all in 2024,

Keita Chirindza and Cooper Sheehan

# OUR 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).

Padua College is an enriching and nurturing educational community which offers young men the opportunity to discover and develop their individual talents and interests within a vibrant and caring Christian environment.

Together with our Paduan families, we raise young men who are joyous, engaging, confident and possess a quiet strength and character which enables them to achieve and contribute positively to their community and to the world far beyond the College campus.

Through the pursuit of wisdom, faith and service, Padua supports young men to find and develop their individual passions and talents and ultimately become the very best they can be.

# OUR MISSION

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

# OUR VALUES

**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.

**COUPLESU** 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.





# HOUSES



#### **Angelo House**

Symbol: A blazing sun Colour: Yellow Motto: Prayer and Care



#### **Cattani House**

Symbol: Latin cross Colour: Blue Motto: Knowledge in Service



#### **Leo House** Symbol: Lion Colour: Purple Motto: Companions together



#### Masseo House Symbol: Crowned eagle Colour: Green Motto: Courtesy is next to Godliness





#### Quintavalle House Symbol: Six-pointed star Colour: Orange

Colour: Orange Motto: Take nothing for your journey

#### Rufino House

Symbol: Fleur de lis Colour: Red Motto: To be gentle is to be noble

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# OUR TEAM



Mr Peter Elmore College Rector



Mr Jason Pacey Vice Rector Learning Improvement & Innovation



Mr Martin Wiseman **College Deputy Rector** 



Mr Simon Stower Vice Rector **Operations & Community** 





Mr Chris Webb Head of Junior School



Mrs Marie Ross Primary Phase Learning Leader



Mr Chris Humphrys Pastoral Guardian Year 5



Mrs Tina Reggi **Differentiation Teacher** 



Fr Joseph McKay ofm Chaplain



Mr Michael O'Brien Vice Rector Mission & Identity



Ms Kristy Watkins Vice Rector Students & Wellbeing



Mr Matt Stark Pastoral Guardian Year 6



Mrs Lyn Vickers Administration



Mr Michael Out A/Head of Sport



Ms Sally Maguire Counsellor



Ms Rebecca Cain Counsellor

# CLASSES & SUBJECTS



#### **BELL TIMES AND DAILY ORGANISATION**

 ALL DAYS EXCEPT DAY 4
 DAY

 MORNING BELL
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 8.30AM
 8.30

 MORNING PC
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 8.30-8.52AM
 8.30

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 8.56-9.53AM (57 MINS)
 8.44

 PERIOD 2
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 9.57-10.54AM (57 MINS)
 9.45

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 11.38AM-12.35PM (57 MINS)
 11.2

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 12.39-1.36PM (57 MINS)
 12.2

 BREAK 2
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 1.36-1.56PM (20 MINS)
 1.36

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DAY 4 (ASSEMBLY) MORNING BELL 8.30AM **MORNING PC** 8.30-8.40AM PERIOD 1 8.44-9.41AM (57 MINS) PERIOD 2 9.45-10.42AM (57 MINS) **BREAK 1** 10.42-11.17AM (35 MINS) PERIOD 3 11.21AM-12.18PM (57 MINS) ASSEMBLY 12.22-1.36PM (74 MINS) **BREAK 2** 1.36-1.56PM (20 MINS) PERIOD 4 2.00-2.57PM (57 MINS) DISMISSAL 2.57-3.00PM

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## Our Timetable

Our Timetable is based on a ten-day cycle with days numbered Day 1-10. Student timetables will be visible in MyPadua early in 2024.

Your son will study the following subjects:

- Religion
- English
- Maths
- HaSS (Humanities and Social Science)
- Science
- The Arts

#### **Specialist Subjects**

- **HPE** (Health and Physical Education)
- Music: Immersion Program
- **REACH** (Focus on resilience, aratitude, empathy, mind

#### One lesson per week (4 Terms), Semester Showcases One lesson per week

Practical and Theory Lessons (4 Terms)

(Focus on resilience, gratitude, empathy, mindfulness, relationships, emotions and brain dev<mark>elop</mark>ment)

1 Term

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- Japanese 1 Term
- Italian
- Digital Technologies
- Drama

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# GETTING STARTED

#### PADUA COLLEGE APP

This will be your primary source of information from Padua. Download the Padua College App fom the Apple App Store or Google Play. More information on this is included on pages 11-12 of this document.

#### **ABSENCES**

Parents/carers are to notify the school of their child's absence by 9am. You will receive an SMS from the College if your child is absent without notification. All absences can be reported:

- via the Padua College App; or
- by phone: 3857 9900

#### LATE ARRIVALS

When a student arrives at school after 8.35am, they are required to report to the Greccio Office and sign in. Late Arrivals Email: late@padua.qld.edu.au

#### **EARLY DEPARTURES**

When a student needs to leave the College during the day, parents/carers are to contact the Greccio Office (ph: 3857 9933) indicating the time and reason for their son's departure. Students are not permitted to leave the College without parent/carer permission. Parents/carers must come into the office to collect the student.

#### SICKNESS

If a student is unwell in the morning, they should not attend school. Any student leaving or absenting themselves because of sickness must inform their class teacher before reporting to the Greccio Office Sick Bay. Parents/Carers will be notified, and arrangements will then be made for the student to return home. Sick Bay is used for temporary accommodation only.

#### **MOBILE PHONES**

During the school day, mobile phones should be switched off and placed into the specially provided pockets in the Greccio Office. Phones can be picked up in the afternoon. Students should not have their phones on them between 8am and 3pm.

#### STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT

All stationery will be provided to students by the College through their classroom teacher. Students will access textbooks and resources online and these are provided by the College.

#### **SUPERVISION**

Supervision for students at Greccio Campus begins at 8:00am each morning.

#### **CONTACTING STAFF**

The main email address for the College is admin@padua.qld.edu.au - other important email addresses can be found under contacts in the Padua College App.

All staff email addresses follow the same format. First initial/last name@padua.qld.edu.au. Staff will aim to respond to emails within two clear school days and during business hours. If the matter is urgent, please phone the Greccio Office directly on 3857 9933.

#### **CONTACTING YOUR SON**

If you need to contact your son during the school day, please email your classroom teacher, Pastoral Guardian or Head of School or phone the Greccio Office on 3857 9933.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

#### WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

General matters regarding student welfare, progress, concerns: Complex or sensitive matters relating to educational wellbeing: Curriculum authority requirements, GPA queries:

Classroom Teacher in the first instance. Pastoral Guardian or Head of School. Primary Phase Learning Leader.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

The Greccio Office is located in the Administration Building, which is the low-set brick building at the front of the Greccio Campus. The Office is open 8.00am-4.00pm. If this office is not staffed, please go to the College Reception located in St Francis Hall, which is the Spanish styled building on the Assisi Campus. Reception is open 8.00am-4.00pm.

#### **FEES / FACTS PAYMENTS**

FACTS is the tuition payment plan provider for the College. All information on fees and FACTS payments can be found on our College website. The FACTS reference number for future use will be your Customer ID number. Please scan the QR code to access this information on our College website. A link to the website is also included on the Padua College App.

#### **FLEXISCHOOLS**

Flexischools is a cashless way to pay for school services including Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, and our Padua / Mount Alvernia bus service. Please scan the QR Code for further details on our College website. Flexischools can also be accessed via the Padua College App.

#### TRANSPORT

In conjunction with Translink, student bus transport to and from the College, is provided by both Thompson's Bus Services and Brisbane City Council bus services. Please scan the QR code to see further details on our College website.

#### **TUCKSHOP**

Our Padua College Tuckshop is located on our Assisi Campus and is open five days a week for breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea; our Junior Phase students access the Tuckshop for breakfast and first break only. Students are supervised using the crossing to ensure their safety as they walk between the two campuses.

The Tuckshop operates on a cashless system; students make purchases using their Student ID Card which should be linked to the Flexischools App. Your son will be able to use cash for the first few weeks of school until he receives his ID card.

#### LOCKERS

Students will be allocated a space in the bag lockers outside their classrooms.

#### LOST PROPERTY

Lost property on the Greccio Campus can be found at the Greccio Office. Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labeled with your son's full name.

#### **ORIENTATION HANDBOOKS**

This document, along with Handbooks for Middle and Senior Phases, is kept up to date with any important changes throughout the year, and when you are able to access the MyPadua Parent Portal in 2024, this QR code will allow you to access the handbooks for any updated information.

#### LITTLE FLOWER OSHC (OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE)

Outside School Hours Care is run by Centacare and uses both the Padua College grounds and the Parish Hall. Vacation care is also run by Centacare. For all information relating to OSHC, please contact the coordinator via: Email: paduaoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au | Mobile: 0477 999 220.









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# COMMUNICATION



#### PADUA COLLEGE APP

The Padua College App is our primary way of communicating with parents and it is important that all parents download and use this App. Please see the next page for more detailed instructions.

#### **MYPADUA**

MyPadua is our College Portal, providing access to information parents need to support their son throughout their journey at Padua. This is an essential source of information and can be accessed via the link on the Padua College App or on your computer via https://my.padua.qld.edu.au

New parents will be provided with a login to access MyPadua when their son commences at Padua College. If you require assistance with accessing MyPadua, please contact our IT department: help@padua.qld.edu. au

#### WHAT CAN I FIND IN MYPADUA?

News, calendar events, student assessment calendars and results, student reports (MiClass) and student insights (Analytics), sport and co-curricular news, alerts, reminders and general school information.

#### **COLLEGE BULLETIN**

The Padua College Bulletin is distributed every second Wednesday during the school term. The Bulletin is distributed via the MyPadua App and is available on the College website.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on Facebook - *Padua College Kedron (Official)* - and Instagram - *paduacollege\_official* - to see the news, celebrations and events that we share with the wider community. There are links to our social media pages on our College website and the Padua College App.

#### **EMAIL**

As the College App is our primary way of communicating with parents, we make an effort to minimise the number of bulk emails you will receive. You will still receive emails containing Rector's announcements, details related to

excursions and camps, academic and pastoral information relating to your son/s, and messages from staff.

#### **SMS MESSAGES**

Parents may receive SMS messages to advise of unexplained student absences.

## PADUA COLLEGE APP INSTALLATION AND INITIAL SET UP

#### **1. DOWNLOAD THE APP**

To download the Padua College App, search for Padua College in iTunes or the Google Play Store.

#### 2. ALLOW NOTIFICATIONS

Once you have successfully downloaded the App, you will be asked to receive notifications. Be sure to select 'Allow' so you do not miss any College notifications.

#### 3. LOG IN

Your username is your Padua ID eg jon.Doe@padua.qld.edu.au. This ID is issued by our IT Department and will be sent automatically after your son has commenced at Padua. Use the reset link to create your password.

#### 4. SET SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is important that you set your subscriptions to ensure that you are receiving all information that is relevant to your son/s. To access the subscription options and customise your profile, simply tap the settings cog on your dashboard and select as many options as you like from the different menus. This will ensure that you are receiving all notices and notifications relevant to your son's school activities.

#### **5. EXPLORE THE DASHBOARD**

The tiles on your Dashboard will take you to Notices that will relate to the subscriptions you have set, along with links to log College Absences, make Activity Selections for your son/s, access Flexischools, the College Online Uniform Shop, key College Contacts, and to the MyPadua Parent Portal.





Pride in our uniforms is an important part of the Padua College culture.

#### SUMMER UNIFORM - TERMS 1 and 4

- College grey shorts with black belt.
- Striped short sleeved shirt with Padua badge on pocket.
- Formal black leather lace-up shoes, long grey Padua socks with garters.

#### WINTER UNIFORM - TERMS 2 and 3

- Summer uniform with brown College tie.
- The College pullover may be worn by all students.

#### HATS

- The Padua broad brimmed hat must be worn at the College.
- The Padua College Spirit Cap may be worn on Fridays.
- The College hat will be handed out on the first day of school. Students should wear their previous school hat to school on the first day.

#### **HPE SPORTS UNIFORM**

- Padua House shirt and Padua brown shorts.
- Padua brown socks.
- Joggers preferably with non-marking sole and the Padua broad brimmed hat.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

#### TRADING DAYS

Special trading days for new students will be held 8am-4pm on 25 November and 15-20 January 2024. Appointments can be made via a link that will be emailed from Padua Enrolments.

#### **OPENING HOURS**

The Uniform Shop is open during term time from 8am to 10am, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

#### **ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP**

Our online Uniform Shop can be accessed via the Padua College website or App, or using the QR code. When ordering online, parents can nominate to collect their order from the Greccio Junior Campus reception (Years 5 & 6 only) or from the Uniform Shop during its normal trading hours.



# LAPTOP PROGRAM

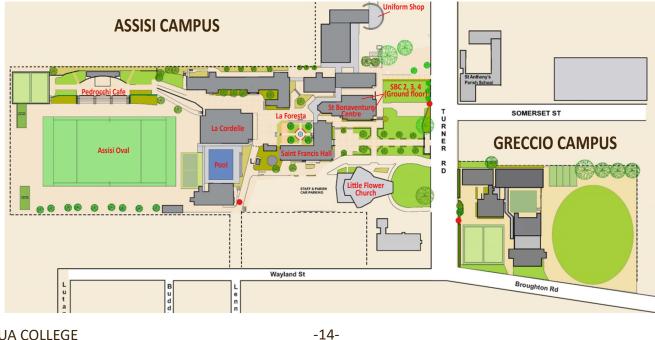


Padua College provides a well-managed and resourced laptop program. The cost of this program is included in your school fees and as such, laptops are entrusted to students and remain the property of the College.

The College has clear expectations around the responsible use of laptops which includes only downloading those programs and Apps needed for learning. Padua College is an accredited eSmart school which provides access to a range of resources to support students, parents and teachers.

The program provides a framework for schools and students to educate and understand cyber risks, bullying and cyber bullying issues, so students feel safe and supported. Additionally, to support parents, the College provides ongoing information through Bulletin articles and guest speakers who are experts in this area.

Year 5 families will be able to collect laptops from SBC4 on the Assisi Campus between 15-17 January. Please wait to receive information from our IT Department in early January about the laptop collection and setup process.





Padua College students attend a camp each year at our College-owned Amaroo Outdoor Education Centre in the Noosa Hinterland. Our campground and outdoor education centre is situated on 62 acres and includes accommodation and catering facilities, three climbing courses, orienteering and mountain biking trials, personal challenge courses, ziplines, water sports equipment and more. Students are ten minutes from Lake Cootharaba where they participate in water sports. Padua camps focus on key pastoral, spiritual and developmental outcomes, giving students the opportunity to learn and grow through a range of adventure challenges and personal development activities.

#### YEAR 5 CAMP - GROUPS ON CLASS ROTATION

#### Duration: Two days and one night Location: Amaroo Outdoor Education Facility & Noosa Beach

Students visit Amaroo for the first time in Year 5 and have the opportunity to explore the facilities and activities available to them. It is our hope for students to become familiar with and comfortable at Amaroo, developing a sense of belonging and place. During the Year 5 camp, students will participate in the following activities:

- Orienteering Course
- Team Building Games
- Water Sports at Noosa Beach
- Challenge Wall
- Canoeing
- Spiritual and Faith Formation

#### YEAR 6 CAMP - GROUPS ON CLASS ROTATION

#### Duration: Three days and two nights Location: Amaroo Outdoor Education Facility

Year 6 students on camp explore some key steps in feeling confident and brave in new environments. We step up the adventure challenges with dynamic activities where students may face some fear and anxiety before

completing the tasks. We also look at the power of having friends, both in terms of being grateful for the friends we have and being the type of person who is a good friend to others. Students participate in:

- Zip Line
- Archery
- Rain Forest Walk
- Camp Fire Lighting and Roasting Marshmallows
- Low Ropes Course
- Spiritual and Faith Formation

# Homework Expectations

## **5 Steps to Homework Success**

## Consolidate

Take time to review and revise classroom learning.

## Reading Complete daily

Complete daily reading and comprehension quizzes.

**Organisation** Use student diary to forward-plan.

## Communication

Discuss key topics with your family at home.

## Signature

Parent signature to acknowledge reading and homework.

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# MUSIC PROGRAMS



## Year 5 Music Immersion Program

All Year 5 students at Padua College participate in our Music Immersion Program, which is a one year, in-class, program giving all students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument or participate in vocal tuition. Each student studies an instrument that is deemed, by our specialist music teachers, to be appropriate to the student's ability and interests. As well as learning to play an instrument or develop vocal skills, the students learn to read music and to care for an instrument.

- Small group lessons are held on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
- Students participate in 4 ensemble/workshop days throughout the year.
- Performances are held twice a year.
- For more information please contact Mr Trevor Beyer: tbeyer@fcip.qld.edu.au

## Franciscan Colleges Instrumental Program (FCIP)

The Franciscan Colleges Instrumental Music Program (FCIP) is a unique partnership between Padua College, St Anthony's School, and Mount Alvernia College which enables students from all three schools to learn a musical instrument and perform in a range of ensembles, bands and orchestras in a co-educational, multi-age environment. Students in FCIP explore their individual talents, and are inspired to reach their full potential in a supportive environment as they learn and perform together.

If you would like your son to be involved in FCIP, please contact Debbie Martin at dmartin@fcip.qld.edu.au



# **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**



## **SPORT**

#### AIC SPORT AND FIXTURES

Padua College is a member of the Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) sport program, which includes eight other schools: Iona College, Marist College Ashgrove, St Edmund's College, St Laurence's College, St Patrick's College, Villanova College and St Peters Lutheran College. As part of this competition, students have the opportunity to play a range of sports on Saturdays:

- TERM 1: AFL, Cricket, Swimming
- TERM 2: Chess, Cross Country, Football, Rugby Union
- TERM 3: Basketball, Rugby League, Tennis
- **TERM 4**: Touch Football, Track and Field

All participating students wear the playing or sport uniform for their chosen sports, including College sports socks.

#### **OTHER SPORTS**

In addition to AIC Sports, students have opportunitites to participate in a range of other school sporting competitions for sports including Mountain Biking, Volleyball and Hockey.

When you have access to the MyPadua Parent Portal, please use this QR Code to access information on Sport at Padua College.



### **OTHER CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIE**

Padua students can also choose to be involved in a range of cultural activities and competitions, either through AIC Competitions or other school contests, including:

- TERM 1: Junior Space Design Competition
- TERM 2: Chess, Public Speaking
- **TERM 4**: Coding and Robotics

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED



At Padua College we work in partnership with families and we encourage all parents to get involved in our rich learning community. Here are just a few ideas for you.

#### PADUA PARENTS AND FRIENDS (P&F) ASSOCIATION

Our P&F Association is very active and welcomes participation and membership from all parents. You will have an opportunity to meet P&F representatives at a welcome coffee morning after drop off on the first day of school, and again at the P&F Parent Welcome Evening on 30 January. You can contact the P&F directly via email: pandfpresident@padua.qld.edu.au

#### PADUA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

Our PSG is part of our P&F Association, and works with our Co-curricular Coordinators, teachers and coaches to

support our Co-curricular Programs. Our PSG welcomes participation and membership from all parents and there are many ways to get involved and support your son's co-curricular activities, including:

- As parent liaison for your son's team or activity
- Helping with canteen for Saturday sport
- Helping to coordinate fundraising, team celebration, or other events as required
- Supporting coaches and cultural activity coordinators as required
- Helping to get other parents involved in co-curricular support activities
- Assisting during large College events such as Open Days and large cultural or sporting events.

To get involved with PSG activities, please scan the QR Code and send us your details - we will be in touch with you soon!



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED



#### **SPORT**

Interested in becoming a sport coach or manager? Email sport@padua.qld.edu.au

#### **TUCKSHOP**

To volunteer in our College Tuckshop, email employment@padua.qld.edu.au

#### PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENINGS

All parents are encouraged to attend our Parent Engagement Evenings coordinated each term by our P&F Association and featuring external speakers who are experts in a range of fields and topics relevant to parents of young men. The first of these evenings will be held on Thursday 22 February.

#### **HOUSE EUCHARISTS**

All parents are encouraged to attend their son's House Eucharist, followed by a supper. Dates for House Eucharists are available on the Padua College calendar, via the Padua App or MyPadua Parent Portal. Information will be distributed to parents to ensure everyone is aware of these events in our College community.

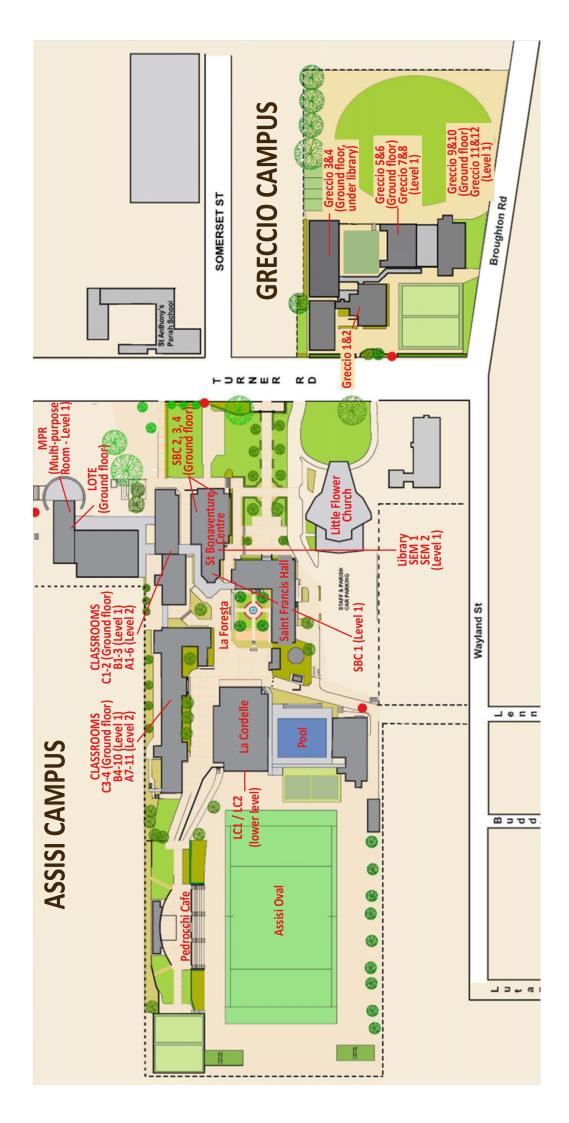
#### SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

All parents are encouraged to attend and support social and community events throughout the school year. Each year level has a Pastoral Care Parent who coordinates social events within Year Levels to allow families to form supportive relationships as their sons progress through their school years.

Other events which build community in our College include Mother and Son / Father and Son Breakfast and Mass events, Grandparents Days, Pet Blessing Days, Good Men Read library evenings and Padua Celebrates events.

#### **CARE PACKAGES**

You can get involved in providing care packages to families when needed.







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