

# WELCOME

Welcome to ECC for 2018. If this is your first year or 13th year at ECC you are now part of the ECC family, we value you and have purposeful intentions to assist you to grow as a person through Learning For Life at ECC. We invite you to give yourself wholeheartedly to the College pledge and our learning processes so that the GEMS of your life can be polished for all the world to see.

The graduating class of 2017 in their departing comments gave some practical encouragement that I summarize for you all here.

1. Wake up early and start your assessments the day you receive them
2. Manage your time well
3. Be interested in the journey of your peers, support one another
4. Do not procrastinate
5. Build healthy relationships with your teachers they really do care about you and desire to see you achieve your best.

Parents, I hope and pray that ECC, in 2018, delivers for your child a pleasing result. Please know that all staff are encouraged to be open and approachable on all matters, so at any time you feel the need to discuss matters concerning your child be sure to come forward and open a conversation.

Happy Learning!

Blessings

Ps Tony Harrold College

Board Chair

# VISION

## **Vision Statement**

To Provide a Christian Education for the Students of Emerald and beyond.

## **Mission Statement**

To educate individuals in a Christian environment enabling them, through a stimulating and dynamic curriculum, supported by the teachings of Jesus Christ, to participate meaningfully in contemporary society by providing "learning for life".

## **A Short History**

On 5th February 2001, Emerald Educational College (changed to Emerald Christian College in 2003) opened its doors to be the only independent school in Emerald. But this was the culmination of many, many hours of work to get the approval from the Office of Non State

Schooling to open a school. It was a huge process with curriculum to be written and work programs planned. June Drysdale and Lorraine Grierson were just two of the people involved at this stage as they were the teachers in the supporting church of Christian Covenant Community, Emerald. But even prior to this, God had given a vision to some Christians in 3CI to build a school. This vision was given approximately 25 years before the school was finally built. The original vision was for one generation of children of the church but it ended up being for their children. But the vision was held on to and when all was in place it came to fruition.

We continue to be a College that is a thriving academic community with over 200 students and great potential for growth. God has good things in store for all our students and we are in the business of making those plans happen.

## EMERALD CHRISTIAN COLLEGE VALUES:

**G - God**- His truth, His purposes, His character

**E - Excellence**- In every thought, word and action

**M - Members**- Of the college – relationship, attitude and commitment

**S - Service**- To God, family and community

**The core values, which are the heart of the College ethos, are ‘Gems’.**

When these **‘GEMS’** are established in the heart of an individual, the individual students develop **‘FACETS’** which cause them to shine with brilliance and beauty in the world around them.

**F - Friendly**

**A - Appreciative**

**C - Compassionate E -**

**Encouraging**

**T - Truthful**

**S - Self- Controlled**

## Year Level Camps

Years	Experience	Proposed Time	Location	Term	Length
Yr 4	Sleep-over and Day Camp	Week 9	ECC and Camp Fairbairn	2	2
Yr 5	Year Level Camp	Week 3	Capricorn Caves	2	2 nights/3 days
Yrs 6-7	Year Level Camp - Canberra Trip (biennial – odd years)	2019	Sydney & Canberra	3	1 week
Yrs 8-9	Year Level Camp (biennial – odd years)	Week 6	Emu Gully	3	4 nights/5 days
Yrs 10-11	Snow Trip (biennial - even years)	Week 6	New Zealand	3	7 days

## Expeditions

Years	Experience	Date	Location	Term	Length
Year 5 & 6	Junior Expedition	Week 10	Springsure	3	1 night
Year 7 & 8	Bridge Expedition	Week 10	Blackdown Tablelands	2	3 nights
Year 9 & 10	Bronze Expedition	Week 10	Carnarvon Gorge	2	4 nights
Years 11 & 12	Silver Expedition	Week 10	Girraween National Park	1	7 nights
	Gold Expedition	TBA	TBA	TBA	

# COMMUNICATION

## **Communicate, don't wait to be told, find out!**

At ECC we want you to be well informed and here are some of the ways you can do just that!

**Teachers** are happy to chat with students. Students are welcome to let teachers know if they don't understand something or feel uncomfortable about something in class. Now of course learning can be uncomfortable and learning involves hard work and even some stress, however teachers are always there to guide and assist students as needed.

**The Office** is the place to go if you need information, help, support, first aid appointments.

**Regular e-mails** are sent out to families with important information.

**ECC What's Up** check our weekly calendar for upcoming events. Follow us on Facebook for current events, up to date information on trips/camps away

**The ECC Website** [www.ecc.qld.edu.au](http://www.ecc.qld.edu.au) is regularly updated with dates, upcoming events, information and how we do things at ECC.

**Follow us** on Facebook for upcoming events.

**Phone and e-mail** are always there to ask questions, pass on concerns, offer assistance or pass on a compliment!

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## PERSONAL GROWTH

**Mobile phones and other electronic devices.** These items are not to be used during school hours or on school property. Students who must bring a mobile phone may leave it at the office during the school day. Inappropriate use (See I.T. Policy) will result in action by the College. If confiscated, they will be stored in a secure location by the Principal or Senior Staff for collection at a later time.

### **Riding your bike to school**

Staying fit is a great idea so the College expects all bike riders to:

1. Keep your bike in good safe working order
2. It is compulsory to wear a helmet properly, sunglasses are also a good idea
3. Obey the road rules and use bike paths where available
4. Give way to all pedestrians
5. Walk your bike when in the school grounds
6. Use the bike racks provided

**Bus Conduct** of ECC students is expected to be of the highest standard. This includes conduct, uniform standard and rubbish disposal. This also applies to students travelling to and from College on foot, riding or in cars. The College standard applies from when you leave home to when you return there in the afternoon.

**Students driving to and from school** require permission from the College. They are in a high risk group and need a written permission for each passenger, from the

College, their own parents and the parents of the intended passengers. Permission for non-relatives is unlikely to be given. Students cannot normally drive to school events. Students cannot visit their car during the school day, as the car park is out of bounds. Students must hand in their keys to the office during the school day. A high standard of road behaviour is expected. The privilege of driving to and from the College can be removed by the College.

**Personal and moral boundaries** are important. We always treat each other with respect in conversation and how we touch each other. School is not a place to conduct a romance or experiment with personal relationships. This applies to before and after school, school trips and of course, break times.

**Property boundaries** are vital. Students shall remain within the areas of the College as instructed. Areas out of sight, such as behind buildings, are out of bounds. You must remain at school during school hours. Please stay out of classrooms at break times unless with a staff member. Staff areas are for staff.

**Make up and jewellery.** Don't.

**Sunsafe** is our policy and habit, at school, to and from school, on camps and school events. Be familiar with what to do in the sun and wear a broad brimmed hat.

**I have a complaint!** (or I am worried about something)

If you have a disagreement with a teacher, wait till after class and ask to talk about it. Teachers want school life to be good too, so they will let you know how to make class time better for you and them.

If you are not getting on with another student, again, ask for help. There is no problem too big or small that can't be talked about and a solution found.

Now, we all know nothing is perfect and sometimes things go wrong. If students do not know who to talk to, talk to the Child Protection Officer - Mrs Grierson or pop into the office and ask for help. Write down what went wrong so it's easier to remember. We want school to be a good place, even if it's not perfect all the time.

The Principal can refer students who require the services of a student counsellor to our school counsellor.

## AWARDS NIGHT PRIZES

Emerald Christian College has a number of unique prizes that recognise the stand out efforts of a number of our students:

1. Years P - Year 4 in each class we recognise the most improved and most consistent.
2. The badge journey begins in Year 4 with the GEMS badge. Students need to complete four sections to earn this badge as explained by their teacher.
3. Years 5 -6 – Academic Excellence, Academic Commendation, Merit of Integrity
4. Excellence in the Arts (Secondary and Primary) Classroom Music P-5
5. Ross Grierson Senior Memorial Sports Trophy - Junior & Senior (Primary & Secondary)
6. Pilgrims Progress Award - Junior & Senior (Primary)
7. Servant Leader Award (Secondary)
8. College Dux (Year 12) and Dux Proximus
9. Academic Excellence (GPA of "A")
10. Academic Commendation (GPA of "B")
11. College Colours
12. Integrity Award (working to capacity)
13. Central Highlands Regional Council Community Spirit Award
14. Pierre de Coubertin Award
15. ADF Long Tan Leadership Awards (Yr 10 & 12)

### **Conquering Challenge - Co-curricular, give it a go!**

"It's too hard!" is a good thing to hear from an athlete, student or child if they are able to face up to and overcome the challenge at hand. Adult life and work is full of challenges, especially for those who want to make something of their lives. School is a good place to learn the skills needed to overcome difficulties while the children are under the protection of their parents and teachers. At ECC some challenges are set in course work, some are personal as students mature into young adults, some are more practical such as learning a musical instrument, public speaking, a three day expedition or representing the College in sport.

The person to beat in all this is yourself, achieving your personal best, time and again, so that growth and improvement become a way of life. No one can make you a mature person, however, we do know that doing something difficult helps make you a better, stronger, more resilient person.

At Emerald Christian College students participate with passion in both curriculum and co-curricular activities. Quality work in curriculum is rewarded with a quality report and recognition of excellence where students perform well above the norm.

Students from Years 4 to 12 who actively participate in the co-curricular activities of the college can earn College Colours in a variety of areas. These awards are criteria based, that means that any student who chooses to meet the set criteria and successfully apply for the award has the potential of earning it.

# SELF DISCIPLINE AND BULLYING

## Building resilience - learning self discipline

Not all stress is bad. Positive stress helps us build strong character and clear vision in life. Successful people complete work on time to a high standard, keep appointments on time and make life work in the real world. Astronauts in space lose muscle mass without the weight (stress) imposed by gravity. Students can successfully manage stress by having realistic expectations, being organised and maintaining a good routine. This includes adequate sleep, nutrition and exercise. It means having good people around you to advise and guide you. You know when you are demonstrating self control when adults stop telling you what to do. They stop because you are telling yourself and they don't need to anymore!



## Bullying

At ECC we want a safe and exciting place where our students like who they are and look after the students around them. We want staff, parents and students to be aware of how we can work together on bullying. Bullying has no place at ECC.

According to Education Queensland, bullying is defined as verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. There are various forms that teachers and parents need to look out for:

6. **Verbal** – using words to hurt put down or damage another person's reputation.
7. **Physical** – hitting, tripping, punching or otherwise physically hurting another person. This includes overdoing physical contact in a game or sport.
8. **Emotional** – using clever ways to exclude someone or make them feel unimportant. This includes teasing, ignoring or excluding others to increase your self-importance.
9. **Cyber** – Using social media, internet and mobile phones to hurt another person, damage their reputation or social standing.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- Mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- One-off acts of meanness or spite
- Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or even violence. However,

these conflicts still need to be addressed or resolved.

There are many ways to reduce bullying at school. Firstly, we need to make sure we are not doing the wrong thing ourselves and quickly repair any damage we do, whether it was on purpose or by accident.

We encourage students to take charge with instances of bullying and let teachers and parents help resolve instances of bullying, build resilience and assist in recovery after bullying has happened.

They are:

1. **Ignore the behaviour, just walk away.** In early stages of minor bullying this can be an effective tool and rob the bully of their reward of seeing another student upset or left out.
2. **Challenge the behaviour.** Stand up and calmly say "I don't like what you are doing, please stop".
3. **Tell someone who can help.** Speak to an adult at school or your parents. We will listen, help write down what happened and help people change.
4. **Break the cycle.** Bullies rely on you being hurt or upset when they bully you. They need an audience. You can help yourself, your fellow students, and the school by not accepting bullying. It even helps the bully change their ways.

# COLLEGE UNIFORM STANDARDS

Students are required to wear the correct uniform, as directed, to a high standard.

The uniform is designed to be simple, uphold gender equity and dignity, health and safety and sun protection. The uniform is to be worn correctly from and to home. Dress uniform is to be worn most days with sports uniform optional on designated days. These days may change with seasons. Incorrect uniform will be followed up and the College appreciates a quick resolution to these requests. The Principal makes the final decision in these matters.

**Sunscreen** is available at the College and should be used by students when spending time in the sun. The full Sunsafe Policy is available.

## Jewellery and Hair

1. No visible necklaces, bracelets or anklets are to be worn.
2. Girls may only have up to two piercings in each ear lobe, with plain studs or sleepers.
3. Students may wear one dress ring.
4. Students are encouraged to wear a simple watch.
5. Medical bracelets or medical necklaces are permitted.
6. No makeup (medical exemptions allowed) or nail polish is permitted.
7. Boys' hair is to be neat, short, above the collar, over half the ear and the eyebrows, evenly layered with no extreme styles or colouring. Boys to be clean shaven each day.
8. Girls' hair is to be neat, simple, above the eyebrows, evenly layered with no extreme styles or colouring. Shoulder length hair is to be drawn back off the face in ponytails or plaits. Hair ribbons, ties or braids must be simple, black, white or in school colours. (Functional rather than decorative)
9. Boys ear piercing – Boys will remove an earring during school time and replace with a clear stud.
10. It is best to check with the Principal before changing your child's hairstyle. When instructing the hairdresser, use words like "boring", "private school", and "regulation".

## Dress Shoes

Year P - 6 Black plain closed in runners or leather shoes.

Year 7 - 12 Plain black, polishable, leather, low heel, lace up shoes in good condition.

## Sports Shoes (7 - 12)

Low cut sports shoes designed to minimise impact and injury in field and court sports.

## Prep and Primary Uniform (P - 6)

11. Dress uniform - Navy school shorts/skorts, College polo shirt, wide brimmed navy hat, short black socks.
12. Winter uniform - Navy track suit pants and College jacket, worn over dress uniform. A plain navy pullover is also acceptable.
13. The polo shirt is a "wear out" shirt, not to be tucked in.

## Girls Middle School Uniform (7 - 10)

14. Summer uniform - Navy school skirt, College blue blouse, girl's tie, College panama hat with band, short navy socks. A plain white t-shirt may be worn under the uniform. Small navy crossover tie worn all year round with badge.
15. Winter uniform - Navy College jacket, dark blue tights at formal occasions and in winter is an option.
16. Sport uniform - ECC polo shirt, ECC navy sport shorts, short white sports socks and College jackets.

## **Boys Middle School Uniform (7 - 10)**

- Summer uniform - Navy school shorts, College blue shirt, College hat with band, school socks. A plain white t-shirt may be worn under the uniform. No tie.
- Winter uniform - Shorts or long black trousers and red/yellow tie in Terms 2 and 3. College jacket.
- Sport uniform - ECC polo shirt, ECC navy sport shorts, short white socks and College jacket.

## **Girls Senior School Uniform (11/12)**

- Summer uniform - Navy school skirt, College blue blouse, navy tie worn all year round (worn shorter than boys), College panama hat with band, short black socks. A plain white t-shirt may be worn under the uniform.
- Winter uniform - College blazer, black tights or stockings at formal occasions and in winter is an option.
- Sport uniform - ECC polo shirt, ECC navy sport shorts and College jackets.

## **Boys Senior School Uniform (11/12)**

- Summer uniform - Navy school shorts, College blue shirt, College hat with band, school socks. A plain white t-shirt may be worn under the uniform, no tie in summer.
- Winter uniform - College blazer, black school trousers, navy school shorts (optional), black socks, navy tie in Terms 2 and 3 and formal occasions.
- Sports uniform - ECC polo shirt, ECC navy sports shorts, short white socks and college jackets.

## **Non-uniform days and Sports Carnivals**

These events are designed to be fun and even a little crazy, however college standards still apply.

- Sunsafe hat and sunscreen, always remember, no hat, no play!
- Hair can be different and even very interesting and should reflect the theme of the non-uniform day or sporting event. Temporary hair dye (i.e. house colours) is acceptable but not for Swimming Carnival.
- Your clothing needs to be safe and modest, especially if you are in the science room, workshop, Home Ec room or playing sport. Inappropriate messages on shirts, and/or immodest clothing are not acceptable.
- Theme related outfits at sports days, mascot style outfits are OK.
- Swimmers must be modest and for girls this means one piece.
- Shoes need to be safe, covered and socks are to be worn.

## **Camp and Excursion Clothes (eg to camps and trips)**

- Students will be advised whether Formal, Sports or Free Dress regulations apply.
- None of the standard uniform guidelines will be lifted unless specifically instructed.

### **Please note:**

- Winter uniform is worn during Terms 2 and 3.
- Unlabelled clothing, particularly jackets and blazers, can go missing easily. Clothing items stored in lost property after a term may be redistributed to other students in need.
- The uniform shop provides most uniform items and advice on where to source other items.

### **Sport Uniform Variations:**

- Students may wear any ECC sports shirt (Eg; Ecc Racing, CH rep', Musical t-shirt or senior polo) during sport days at school (usually Fridays). However when representing the College, the ECC polo shirt must be worn.
- Girls may wear dark coloured leggings or sports tights (or similar) under, but not instead of, their sports shorts for comfort as they see fit.