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At St Joseph's Nudgees College, there are two main entry points for enrolment - Year 5 and Year 7.

At Nudgees College, students are educated, nurtured and inspired by teachers who want to bring out the best in all their students. This, combined with the rich diversity of subject offerings, innovative use of technology and state of the art facilities creates an exceptional learning environment where all boys are able to grow, be challenged and thrive.

Here is an overview to help you understand the differences between Year 5 and Year 7.

Year 5

Year 5 entry at the Junior School provides students with an invaluable introduction to the Nudgees College culture and academic processes, in a nurturing environment that meets the specific needs of Year 5 and 6 students. Every boy in the Junior School is supported by dedicated teaching and support staff, as well as Year 12 Big Brothers who mentor our youngest members of the College.

Year 7

Year 7 is the first year of high school and the beginning of an exciting new chapter in your son's education journey. At Nudgees College, this transition is supported by a model that allows students to be introduced to high school curriculum within a core classroom environment for the majority of the time with timetabled speciality subjects.

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Number of students	144 students • Six classes of 24 students • While these are mostly day students, all boarding applications are most welcome.	220 students • Nine classes of 24-25 students • House based • 45 students would be day students • 35 students would be boarding students.
Main location at Nudgee College	Year 5 and 6 operate as a Junior School within Nudgee College. The Junior School has its own office, sickbay and runs similar to a standard primary school.	Year 7 is located in the senior school. All nine classes have their core classroom located on the top level of the Learning Centre. They spend 75% of their lessons in their core classrooms.
Teachers	One core teacher for the year with specialised subject teachers.	Two core teachers for the year with specialised subject teachers.
Subjects	Core subjects include: • Religious Education • English • Mathematics • Science • Humanities In addition to specialist subjects: • Literacy • Physical Education • Japanese • Music • Visual Arts	Core subjects include: • Religious Education • English • Mathematics • Science • Humanities In addition to specialist subjects: • Literacy • Physical Education • Japanese • Music • Visual Art • Drama • Design and Technologies
Homework	2-3 hours per week	1 hour per day
Big Brother program and Pastoral Care	One to two Year 12 Big Brothers for a Pastoral Care class of 16 students with Year 5 and 6 students.	One Year 12 Big Brother is appointed to every student from their Pastoral Care class. The Pastoral Care class consists of 18-22 students from Years 7 to 12.
Classroom/s	One classroom for the year with the exception of specialist classes.	Multiple classrooms with a dedicated core classroom on the top level of the Learning Centre.
Equipment (e.g., stationery and textbooks)	Stays in the classroom.	Every student is allocated a locker. Students need to carry equipment with them. Lockers are located in the same building as all core classrooms.

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Camps	The focus of this program is on students feeling comfortable and confident away from home. The program aims to develop confidence through enjoyable experiences and expand friendships and social skills. What to expect: • Overnight camp (three days/two nights) • Mid ropes and flying fox • Mountain biking • Rock climbing • Canoeing • Raft building • Archery • Fishing • Orienteering • Night activities, such as campfire and games	The focus of this program is on developing positive relationships through: • Providing an environment that enables the students to physically and emotionally rely on and support each other • Enjoying the benefits of an outdoor experience that will encourage both teamwork and independence • Fostering positive relationships between students in house cohorts and further connect Year 7s with their House Dean and Core Teachers What to expect: • Overnight camp (three days/two nights) • Team building problem-solving initiatives • Mountain biking • Hiking and navigation • Orienteering • Raft building
Retreats	Building on the Year 7 Religious Education Program students discuss what it means to be Signum Fidei - a '<i>Sign of Faith</i>' within the Nudgee College community and how the story and charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and the Touchstones of the Charter of Edmund Rice Schools can guide us to be Signum Fidei.	Students reflect upon the journey of Jesus and answer the call to be a disciple and how Edmund Rice answered the call in his life to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Student Formation	• History of Nudgee College • Digital licence course • Sexuality education • Developing friendships.	• Positive foundations unit • Succeeding in high school • Digital citizenship • Inter-house events and preparation • Introduction to drug and alcohol education • Things are changing - puberty and male development • Gratitude and mindfulness • Study skills and NAPLAN preparation • Goal setting in high school
Religious Experiences	Students participate in the liturgical and prayer life of the College community, which include daily prayer, whole school liturgical celebrations of major events and feasts, and House Masses.	Students participate in the liturgical and prayer life of the College community, which include daily prayer, whole school liturgical celebrations of major events and feasts, and House Masses.



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Social Justice Program	Junior Social Justice league	Introduction to Nudgee's Social Justice program (e.g. Scrabble and Chat with aged care facility).
Co-Curricular	• Audio Visual Crew • Basketball • Cattle Club & Show Team • Chess • Cricket • Cross Country • Debating • Football • Instrumental Music tuition • Music Ensembles (bands, orchestras, choirs, drumline) • Musical Theatre production • Rugby • STEAM and Robotics • Swimming • Tennis • Track and Field	• Audio Visual Crew • Basketball • Cattle Club & Show Team • Chess • Cricket • Cross Country • Debating • Football • Instrumental Music tuition • Music Ensembles (bands, orchestras, choirs, drumline) • Musical Theatre production • Rowing • Rugby • Swimming • Tennis • Theatre Sports • Tournament of the Minds • Track and Field • Volleyball

Academic life at Nudgee College is shaped by enthusiastic and highly-skilled teachers who are at the forefront of innovation. 'Flipped learning' is a commonly used practice at the College to increase student engagement. This refers to teachers providing video explanations of different concepts for students to view in their own time; class time can then be used to ask questions and apply their learning.

A guide to changing schools

No matter what year level of entry you may choose, here are some tips to assist with changing schools:

- Involve your son/s in discussions and decisions about moving, and this may help ease any fears or concerns they have.
- If you are moving from another state, be aware that Year 6 is the final year of primary school in Queensland.
- Discuss the upcoming move with your current school and collect documentation outlining your son's achievement levels and education history and provide all documentation to Nudgee College's Admissions office. This will assist in preparing a list of your son's particular needs, e.g. preferred subjects, sporting and other interests, transport needs, extracurricular activities.
- Consider subject choices, special education provisions, transport to and from school, vocational education programs, and cultural and sporting opportunities.

One of the common questions most families have when choosing between Year 5 or Year 7 is, **"will Nudgee College contribute to helping my son grow up healthy, happy, having choices in life, be prepared and set up to succeed in those choices?"** Whichever year level you choose, Nudgee College will ultimately strive to develop the 'Signum Fidei graduate' - a young man who, through his actions, is a Sign of Faith to the world.

We are delighted that you are considering St Joseph's Nudgee College as a future school for your son. We understand the importance of this decision.

All Admissions information for Nudgee College can be found on the Admissions page on the College website **www.nudgee.com/admissions**

- The extensive **Learning and Teaching** of the College
- Submitting **Application for Enrolment**
- View the **Boarding Prospectus** and **College Prospectus**
- Register for our **Open Days**, along with **Regional Tours**
- You can also request a personalised **College tour** to explore Nudgee College's extensive campus
- The latest enrolment update is also located on the Admissions page **www.nudgee.com/admissions**

To ask any questions, please contact the **Admissions Office** on **admissions@nudgee.qld.edu.au** or **07 3865 0422**.

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