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"Choosing the right school for your son is one of your family's most significant decisions. It is a choice that shapes his education, his character, and the opportunities that will guide him into the future."



From the **Principal**

At St Joseph's Nudgee College, we are more than just a school - we are a community built on faith, learning, and a commitment to excellence.



Since Br Ambrose Treacy founded the College in 1891, we have remained steadfast in our mission to provide a holistic education that nurtures the whole person. Br Treacy's vision was for Nudgee College to offer young men the gifts of "faith, formation, and opportunity" - a philosophy that continues to guide and inspire our students today.

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, we foster an inclusive and supportive environment where every student is known, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Our holistic approach to education empowers students to excel academically, grow spiritually, and forge lifelong friendships through sport, culture and service.

At Nudgee College, we aim to develop young men of big hearts and good character who are determined to live out our College motto, Signum Fidei, to be a 'Sign of Faith' to all.

I invite you to discover what makes Nudgee College a place of belonging and opportunity for your son. We look forward to welcoming your family into our community.

Mr Scott Thomson

College Principal



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About Our College

More than 1,700 students from Years 5 to 12 proudly call St Joseph's Nudgee College their school.

Of these, 320 boarders call the College their home away from home.

As one of Australia's oldest continuing Catholic boys' boarding schools, Nudgee College has built a strong and enduring reputation as a place where boys grow into exceptional young men.

Our school culture is grounded in our Catholic faith, guided by clear values, and driven by high expectations. At Nudgee College, students are encouraged to embrace their learning with enthusiasm, build character through service and community, and be courageous when faced with opportunity.

As a member school of the Great Public Schools Association of Queensland (GPS), our students have access to a diverse range of sporting and cultural programs. These experiences foster teamwork, discipline, and resilience, and open the door to competition at the highest levels for many.

Nudgee College sits on a 136-hectare campus, just 16 kilometres from Brisbane's CBD and a quick 14-minute drive from Brisbane Airport.

It is an environment where boys thrive.





Mission and Identity

In the realm of education, the mission of instilling values of faith, social justice, and community engagement holds significant importance.

At Nudgee College, this mission is not just a statement but a lived reality, exemplified through various student engagement programs.

As a proud Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, our students are inspired to build a better world for all through spiritual formation programs, community liturgical events, service learning, advocacy, and social justice initiatives. Our mission as an Edmund Rice Education Australia school is to offer a liberating education based on a gospel spirituality within an inclusive community committed to justice and solidarity. These initiatives encourage proactive involvement in addressing societal issues among the student body and the broader community.

We want our students to be good global citizens, to learn outside of the classroom, to broaden their horizons, and to gain a worldly perspective. This is evident through our communities gathering regularly for prayer, liturgies, and masses, students attending year-specific retreats, and participating in local and international Immersion programs. They also volunteer their time through social justice and sustainability programs such as cooking for the homeless, planting trees, visiting and reading to the elderly, and supporting special needs schools. We nurture students where empathy and compassion drive action, where students are not just passive recipients of knowledge but active agents of positive change.



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Culture of Learning

At Nudgee College, our academic program is built to liberate the hearts and minds of future leaders.



Our learning culture is underpinned by a broad curriculum delivered using evidence-based practice to strengthen student engagement, enhance learning outcomes, and open up extensive pathway options beyond school.

Enthusiastic and highly skilled teachers shape the academic life of Nudgee College and are committed to bringing out the best in all their students. This, combined with the rich diversity of subject offerings - the broadest curriculum in Queensland, innovative use of technology, and state-of-the-art facilities creates an exceptional learning environment where all boys can grow, be challenged, and thrive. With two pathways, university and industry, on offer, our students can mould their academic journey with subjects and experiences that align with their future aspirations.

"Studying is about steadily building your understanding, connecting ideas over time, and seeing how everything fits together until you become a master. Staying consistent and focused while balancing study time with your social life, sport, and work ensures that you are in the best physical and mental state to succeed at your highest potential."

Alex Patti

2024 Academic First

"Routine is so important; by regularly setting specific periods of time to study and sticking to this plan daily, it ensures that studying doesn't become a strenuous chore, it becomes an effortless habit. I live by these words: you don't rise to the level of your goals, you fall to the level of your habits."

Oscar Roati

2024 College Captain and Academic First





Student **Wellbeing**



The Student Formation program is designed to move well beyond pastoral care.

It champions the wellbeing of all students through curriculum content focused on men's health, digital citizenship, positive relationships, leadership, and tools for success.

Through a formal and informal student formation program, Nudgee College strives to provide a school where students feel cared for, valued, and happy.

The House system and House Dean structure are also our way of making a big school feel small. Through this, the College can create a welcoming atmosphere where every boy is treated as an individual and can engage in partnerships where they feel engaged and empowered.

At its core, student formation strives to develop the Signum Fidei graduate - a young man who, through his actions, is a '*Sign of Faith*' to the world.





Co-Curricular Opportunities



A typical week at the College could see your son refining his sound with an instrument, kicking a goal on Ross Oval, herding cattle in our cattle yards, writing a novel with Writers' Circle, or taking the stage to debate an important worldly topic.

Our activities program is designed to give your son infinite opportunities to explore his passions and nurture his talents. We encourage boys to try everything and anything.

Our extensive on-site facilities allow our students to move from the stage to the field, to the cattle yards, and back without leaving the College.

You can see a full list of our co-curricular offerings below:



SPORT

- Basketball
- Cattle Club
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Football
- Rowing
- Rugby Union
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

PERFORMING ARTS

- Chess
- Debating
- Drama
- Esports
- Music
- Musical
- Oratory
- Technical Production
- Theatresports
- Writers' Circle





"Our son feels safe, valued and known. This is an amazing feat to accomplish with so many boarders. He feels a genuine connection to the school, its staff and students. We feel so blessed to be a part of the Nudgee Family."

Boarding

A home away from home.

For more than 130 years, boarding has been the beating heart of Nudgee College, shaping the culture and spirit of our school. Today, our boarding program remains a proud and thriving community, providing boys with a true home away from home - where they are cared for, challenged, and inspired to grow.

Nudgee College Boarding caters for 320 boys from regional, rural, and remote communities across Australia and overseas, including Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands, Asia, the Middle East, and the United Kingdom.

Guided by the values of *Faith, Family, Courage, and Trust*, our boarding program fosters personal growth and challenges boys to be the best version of themselves.

From the deep bonds of friendship among the boys to the care and guidance of House Mums and Supervisors, our extensive network of care supports every student in all aspects of daily life.

Our boarding family extends beyond the gates of the Bathersby Boarding Village, as we ensure that parents, siblings, and friends feel connected and included in all that we do.





In 2024, Nudgee College Boarding won the Australian Boarding Schools Association (ABSA) Boarding School of the Year Award at the Australian Education Awards.





Junior School

The Junior School is a hub where students come to learn, play, and grow.

While structured and tailored, the day-to-day lives of our Year 5 and 6 students offer opportunities to ask questions, learn, take risks, laugh, and build genuine friendships.

It boasts a unique pastoral system anchored by the pivotal role played by our House System and the meaningful contributions of Year 12 Big Brothers. At the heart of this system lies dedicated teaching and support staff committed to fostering a sense of community, mentorship, and identity within the school.

Our aim for our youngest Nudgee College students is to instill a sense of independence, responsibility, and consideration of others that will prepare them well for Senior School.

The core subjects in the Junior School include Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), and Science. Specialist subjects in Health and Physical Education, Japanese, Technologies, and the Arts (Music and Visual Arts) are also offered.



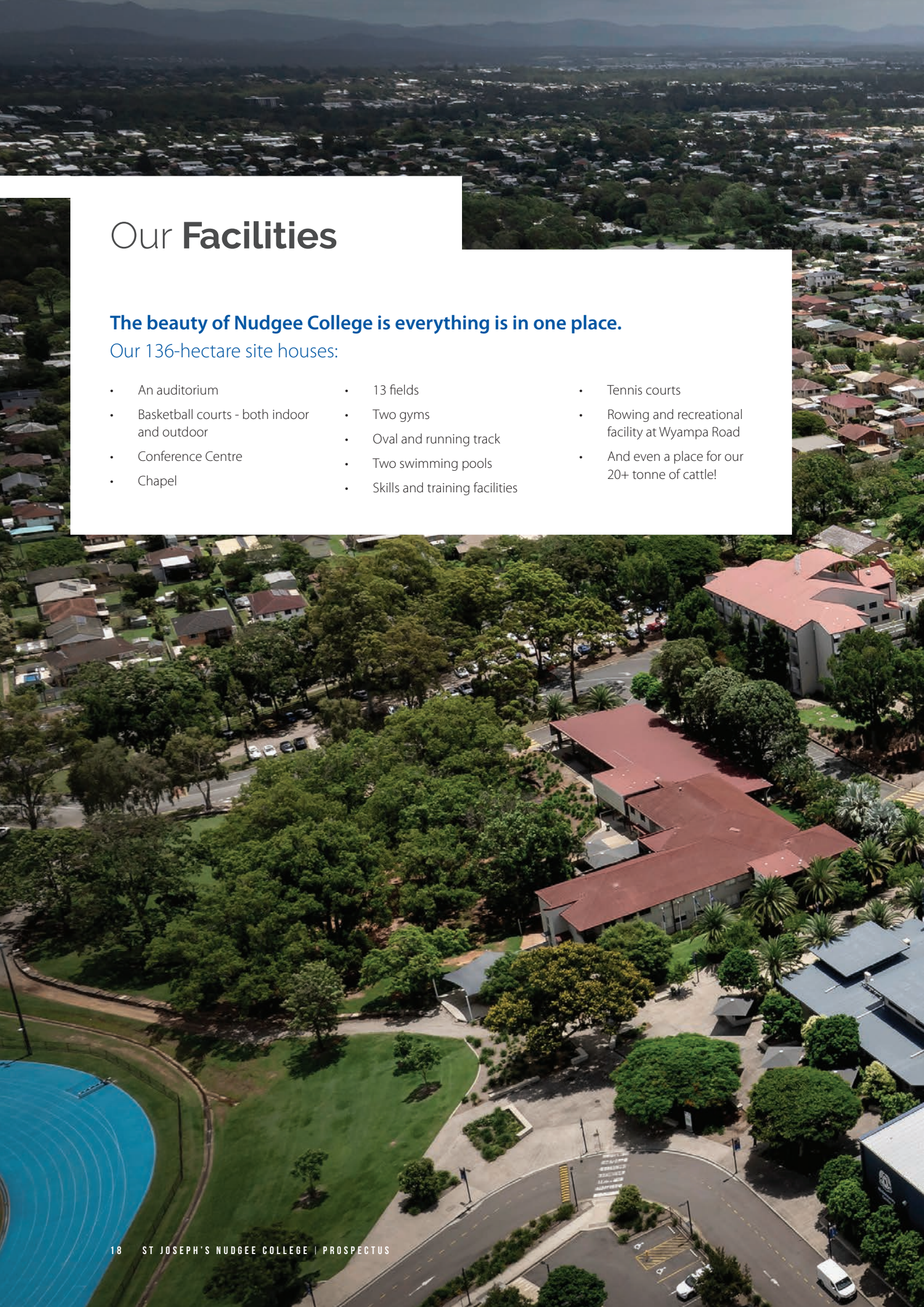




Nudgee **Spirit**

"You'll hear the term, 'Nudgee Spirit' spoken or referred to around the College. This is often spoken about as the lifeblood or the thread that weaves through every student, staff, and community member. It's the driving force behind everything at the College. It's the idea that Nudgee Spirit never sleeps, that there is more that can be done, more that can be achieved, more time and effort put in to exceed expectations, and it's about more than just cheering loudly in the grandstand. It is what makes the College unique, but it also influences the important code of conduct that is expected of our students, helps define who they are, and guides them in all they do."

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Our Facilities

The beauty of Nudgee College is everything is in one place.

Our 136-hectare site houses:

- An auditorium
- Basketball courts - both indoor and outdoor
- Conference Centre
- Chapel
- 13 fields
- Two gyms
- Oval and running track
- Two swimming pools
- Skills and training facilities
- Tennis courts
- Rowing and recreational facility at Wyampa Road
- And even a place for our 20+ tonne of cattle!



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10,000 Brothers

For every boy who steps into Nudgee College, 10,000 brothers are waiting to welcome him at the end of his school journey.

The College is known for its strong sense of community, and graduates leave with bonds that last a lifetime. With the backing of a strong alumni base, the networks Nudgee College students make are invaluable. The Nudgee College Old Boys Association (NCOBA) is instrumental in helping our boys with career opportunities and mentorship as they embark on life after school.



Alma Mater

There is a place for everyone in our community.

The Nudgee College Alma Mater (NCAM) is a place for our community to stay connected to the College after their sons leave the College gates. NCAM is open to all past members of the community, including past staff, past students, their partners, past parents/carers, grandparents, and siblings who wish to be involved.



A Culture of Giving

The Nudgee College Foundation has always fostered a culture of giving.

The community's enduring support has been a cornerstone, sustaining the College, its buildings and the boys' education over many decades. It makes Nudgee a unique and special place, and everyone is welcome.



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