

# PROSPECTUS QUALITY K-12 EDUCATION



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It's a great school in a beautiful tree filled setting in the Perth Foothills. Everyone really seems to enjoy the atmosphere here.

The Principal, Stephen Lamont, has a positive and infectious attitude, and I got that feeling across the whole campus at HillSide.

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A MINISTRY OF Hillside Church Hillside.org.au

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HillSide Christian College is a ministry of HillSide Church.

The Church resides on the same campus as the College, and can be accessed via 45 Berkshire Road, Forrestfield.

HillSide Church is over 75 years old and was founded as Forrestfield Bible Fellowship. HillSide has a number of ministries on campus, including Walridge Country Estate, Gracie's Cafe, Tabor College Perth and our school, HillSide Christian College.

The Church vision is "Committed to Transformation in Jesus' name" and carries out this vision through a mission of 'Faith, Hope and Love'. We encourage you to visit our Church and look forward to hosting you. Our Church service takes place on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

For more information on HillSide Church, please visit our website: www.hillside.org.au



# WELCOME TO HILLSIDE

Hello and welcome to HillSide Christian College. Thank you for your interest in our school. Since 1977, HillSide has been home to students, who have looked to develop, learn and excel. We offer excellent education from Kindergarten to Year 12.

This prospectus will enable you to develop a feel for our College and our ethos. HillSide thrives on its sense of community and togetherness, and we would love you to be a part of this.

Our College is a ministry of HillSide Church, and provides a caring, friendly and peaceful Christian environment for young people to advance in. We very much believe in partnering with the Church, our teachers, students and parents in setting the right atmosphere at the College.

We believe that students learn best when they are encouraged and challenged in their academic, spiritual, social and physical pursuits, and at HillSide we have a campus that allows just that.

We ask that every student does their best, acts in a caring and considerate manner. and to be all that God wants them to be. If you're looking for a supportive learning environment, then you're in the right place!

Our teachers share our values and goals, and are fully committed to seeing each young person reach their potential. From Kindergarten through to Year 12, you can be sure that our students are provided with excellent academic and pastoral care as they learn. Throughout their time at HillSide, they will also learn in accordance with our motto: to knowledge, add wisdom.

HillSide is a community defined according to its future rather than its past. It is, therefore, a forward-thinking College that has captured the strengths of its past in shaping the culture and ethos for its future.

As you read through this Prospectus, we hope that it will enable you to make the right choice for your child. You will find details of our vision and mission, as well as information regarding enrolment and the process involved.

If you have any questions, or would like to visit our school, please call on (08) 9453 2644. We would love to show you all that HillSide has to offer, and give you an experience of the campus and community.

Thank you again for your interest in HillSide. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

God bless.

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Stephen Lamont Principal









# GET TO KNOW US

We would love for you to know us better. Below are some of our key details that outline the basis of the College.

### Our History

The College was established in 1977 by HillSide Church. From small beginnings, by the early 1980's, the College had grown rapidly to over 150 students, and subsequently relocated to the existing site with a view to further expansion. At the heart of the College, are principles of Christian cultural values, belief in the potential of students, excellence in learning experiences, and a forward thinking vision.

### Our Mission

The College is committed to transformation in Jesus' name. We outwork this through enabling students to discover Christ, His purpose in their lives, and how best they can use their God-given gifts and talents. In doing so, we partner with parents, staff and the community according to the values and beliefs of the Christian faith. The College aims to equip students with life long learning skills that suit an ever changing world.

## Our Motto

The College aims to provide a Godly approach to learning and therefore adopts a motto of 'to knowledge, add wisdom' in reference to this.

### Our Goals and Objectives

We aim to provide a Christian environment for each student to recognise God and form relationship with Him; to develop each young person's spiritual, physical, emotional, academic and gifts of service to complement and reinforce positive and ethical instruction; to encourage respect, self-control and contentment. Positive input for the future is developed.

# Our Beliefs

HillSide is an evangelical Christian College, and our beliefs are consistent with a Biblical world view with Jesus Christ as Lord and King. A full doctrinal statement is available via our website.

# Our Values

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### The Organisation

HillSide Christian College is governed by the College Board both practically and spiritually. The HillSide Association oversees the whole HillSide Campus, including the College.

# Applications & Enrolment

HillSide welcomes applications from a broad range of families. Enrolment is a selective process which aims to match family and school values. We offer a Christian education, which is generally accessible and open. We look to enrol church-based families who are supportive to our belief system and also welcome applications from non-church based families, who support the College in providing Christian education to their child. Application packs are available upon request. School tours can also be arranged via appointment.

We would love to share more about our College, so if you would like further information or have any specific queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We'll be happy to help!

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Starting school is a vital time for every child. We want your child to learn and grow in a safe and supportive environment. Why not join us on a journey where we partner together to assist your child to achieve their best?

#### Beginning with God

At HillSide, we believe that children can achieve success when the right foundations are in place. In our "Beginning with God" programme, we introduce children to Jesus Christ, and teach core Christian themes.

In the early years, we implement a sequential Christian curriculum, while providing opportunities for meaningful praise and worship.

#### Great Learning

We implement the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) contained within the WA K-10 syllabus as our blueprint for successful learning. This centres on three key learning domains: • **Being** – feeling safe, and developing new skills academically, socially, physically within our Christian educational framework;

• **Belonging** – feeling part of the HillSide community. Recognising and appreciating the role of family in our lives. Having our own unique identity, and having a sense of the greater context of our environment, both at school and in the wider world;

• **Beginning** – helping each child to make a good start to their education. Literacy and numeracy skills that will provide a sure platform for learning. Each student should develop a love of learning.

#### Quality Teaching

Our friendly and professional staff is always looking for improvement and quality. Our ECE team is committed to meeting National Quality Standards. We work as a team to deliver quality curriculum and programmes. Our staff implements a variety of research-based approaches, including the Inquiry Model.

#### Time for Play

Students learn best when they are engaged in a vibrant learning environment. Our brand new Nature Play and Outdoor Education area provides the perfect location for learning. Children enquire and interact with other peers to explore interesting ideas. Whether they choose the cubby house, ropes system, water play, the "river", or climb through tunnels, children at HillSide will be motivated to explore learning opportunities in role play situations.

#### Safe and Secure

Our ECE area, which includes our Nature Play, is a beautiful learning environment. Children feel safe and supported with both staff, and the physical environment, working to facilitate learning. Our ECE facilities are excellent, the grounds picturesque, but our core investment is in people. Our staff provide personalized pastoral care, and engage with our community to develop a partnership with students, parents and the school community.



At HillSide, our standards are high because we want to deliver quality education and develop quality relationships.

Our primary school is a vibrant learning environment for all children.

It is our pleasure to help, support and train your children to grow into balanced individuals.

We look to partner with parents and families in enhancing your child's educational journey and delivery of quality learning outcomes.

In considering HillSide Christian College, you can be sure that the College will provide the best for your child with great pathways into secondary education readily available.

#### Safety and Identity

With Pastoral Care as a key platform, children are accepted into a safe, supportive environment where they are able to demonstrate their gifts.

#### Christian at the Core

Christian education at HillSide is taught every day, in every primary school classroom. Our students learn about Jesus Christ, and their relationship to Him. We encourage students in the Christian faith. Using the "Connect" Christian curriculum, students learn about the Bible with meaningful opportunities for worship.

### Systematic and Effective Curriculum

Students engage in vibrant learning experiences, which reflect the full scope of the WA K-10 Syllabus. Our staff plan together, to provide specific learning programmes that ensure every student develops his or her learning. We are committed to providing quality education to every child.

#### Effective Transition to High School

At HillSide we have the advantage of one campus with K-12 curriculum delivery. This affords better transition between early childhood, primary and secondary education. That means less anxiety and "down time" adjusting to key changes in education or moving to a different environment. Our staff discuss and plan between the different sectors, affording better assistance to students.

#### The Personal Touch

We know our students by name. We are large enough to offer a broad range of events and learning experiences and our staff has great working relationships with the students and parents. There are genuine positive interactions on a daily basis.

#### High Standards

All of our students are expected to do their best. We ask that they behave in a positive and respectful manner. The whole school community is modelled on respect: respect for God; respect for others; and respect of self. Our purpose is to practise this model, in behaviour and culture, while on campus. At HillSide, our standards are high because we want to deliver quality education and develop quality relationships.

#### Partnering Together

We want every family to feel part of a vibrant and caring community. Parents, students, staff and the wider community are invited to join us on the journey as we work for the good of the school community. We want to be together on the journey.

Our students are successful young people with social, academic and spiritual skills enabling them to reach the next level.

HillSide Christian College offers a unique high school proposition for students and families looking for a boutique Year 7-12 learning environment.

#### The Personal Approach

Smaller class sizes, awareness and respect for individual circumstances, ensures that the high school continues to thrive where students are all known by name.

#### **Competitive Academics**

Students have different learning styles and abilities, and we aim to support them to achieve their best.

We tailor education to improve learning outcomes. In Years 7-10, students engage extensively in the four core subjects (English, Mathematics, HASS and Science). There is also a broad choice of options available, which increase in complexity, and choice as students approach Years 11 and 12.

We believe in academic excellence and strive to attain the best outcomes from all students.

Students will be challenged in their learning, exposed to all dimensions of the K-10 and WACE syllabus. Homework is expected of all students.

HillSide provides academic pathways that match student ability and talent. The College often streams Years 7-10 to enable effective curriculum delivery. Students engage in a robust programme that reports student performance unequivocally. In conjunction with NAPLAN, OLNA and WACE, parents can be sure of learning levels. Our teachers work with families to improve results.

Year 11 & 12 students have a range of options to suit their future aspirations. Students, intending to sit for WACE accreditation, will have quality teaching to assist their achievement. Student future destinations are achieved through personalised goal setting and tracking achievements to meet the goal.

Students intending to enter University will be supported to achieve the best possible ATAR score. Our teachers are experienced in providing education that produces positive results. For those students intending to enter a trade or TAFE pathway, either WACE or VET courses are tailored to the students' needs. We educate your child to be employable after they leave the College.

#### A Positive Environment

HillSide is a safe and secure learning environment. Visitors to HillSide often remark about the positive and nurturing school culture. We believe in encouraging and reinforcing positive interactions that enable our students to develop and grow within the HillSide Campus. Behaviour standards are high, and student learning is the focus.

#### **Exciting Opportunities**

We have a creative and holistic approach to learning that helps our students to add wisdom to the knowledge that they are retaining. Our students are successful young people with social, academic and spiritual skills enabling them to reach the next level. HillSide offers a rewardstyle outing at the end of each term, and overseas partnerships that take our students to Cambodia on outreach projects.

#### Choose Quality Education

Our College continues to go from strength to strength, so why not choose quality secondary education in the beautiful surroundings of the HillSide Christian College. We look forward to partnering with you and engaging in providing a top class learning environment for your child.

# **CHOOSE HILLSIDE** For quality K-12 Education

