



Enrolment and Information Pack



CENTRAL
COAST
SPORTS
COLLEGE

Learning more... actively



Learning through intentional play

At the Central Coast Sports College (formerly known as the International Football and Tennis School) we blend academics with sport, to create the optimal environment for balanced learning.

“We are a proudly progressive K-12 college, committed to teaching with competency, care and passion. Our dedicated team delivers an exceptional education, one which promotes health and wellbeing. Our students are encouraged to be active learners, to stimulate confidence and a deeper engagement in learning. Come and join us to experience first-hand our innovative and forward thinking approach to education.”

Paul Chapman, Principal and CEO



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

We are recognised for our holistic approach. Our goal is to inspire our students to be the best they can be. Students are encouraged to pursue active and healthy lifestyles to create elevated levels of concentration, interest and focus when learning. To facilitate this, we embrace and seek out innovative and progressive initiatives in respect to our academic and sporting offering, which is fundamental to our future growth and on-going success.

WALKER LEARNING

One of our key differentiators is, the Walker Learning methodology. An evidenced-based framework developed by renowned Early Childhood Educator Kathy Walker, which has been successfully implemented at

numerous schools in Australia and internationally. The methodology has been in place at the college since June 2018. Walker Learning is a developmentally and culturally appropriate teaching methodology for children from K-12. It places an emphasis upon relationships between teacher, child and family; and informs our teaching staff on important priorities for students. This method views the child holistically and values emotional and social development as importantly as the academic.

“I am definitely a strong advocate of the Walker Learning approach as it provides us with the framework to develop children, not rank them. The power of educating through student interest is awe-inspiring.”
Damian Mitchell – Head of Junior College

HOMEWORK?

The college does not formally assign its students homework. Extensive research suggests there is no correlation between academic performance and assigning homework. Similarly, there is no research that links homework with good study habits or character building. In fact, the negative effects of homework and their impact on families are well known. It is important to note, however, that while our teachers do not formally issue homework, we support learning at home as and when necessary. Students are encouraged to apply themselves to the best of their ability, which may require extra preparation and revision outside normal college hours.

HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS

While it may be an old adage, it's one we believe in. Students should be given the opportunity to experience a wide variety of sporting activities as their bodies and minds grow and develop.

Our students participate in regular physical activity across our sports programs daily.

The current programs, delivered by highly qualified and dedicated coaches, include: **gymnastics, martial arts, football, tennis, netball, swimming, dance, cricket, AFL and more.** If the sport or activity of your choice isn't listed, ask us whether it can be incorporated.



**Healthy bodies,
healthy minds**

IT'S ALL ABOUT BALANCE

Our balanced approach to education carries through everything we do. It's not just about academics and it's not just about sport. At the college we feel strongly about the development of the whole student – from the healthy food in our café, to the general rhythm and positive atmosphere of the college – we take your child's health and wellbeing seriously.

SUCCESS BREEDS SUCCESS

To ensure we continue to build on our success, the college has assembled a strong board and management team driving a solid business plan and growth strategy.

To maintain this momentum, we are focused on the following:

- Recruiting and retaining highly qualified educators, coaches and staff
- Adopting cutting edge technologies, systems and methodologies
- Providing students with inspiring and creative learning spaces, as-well-as high quality sports equipment and modern training facilities.

VALUE

It's not easy to compare the college, as our specialised offering is set apart from other schools in the region. However, what we deliver in terms of a learning experience goes well beyond the comprehensive list of inclusions within our fee structure.

We aim to maximise value for our students and families through the implementation of cutting-edge teaching tools and techniques, as-well-as keeping abreast of innovative educational products available globally. After all, we are preparing our students for careers that may not even exist yet and to succeed in a dynamic world.



OUR FEE STRUCTURE INCLUDES:

- A comprehensive academic and sport program for K-12
- A range of school run bus routes covering a range of locations across the coast
- Balanced meals, prepared daily by our in-house Chefs in our cafe to ensure our active students receive the nutrition they need
- Uniforms and school bag
- Tracksuit
- Google ChromeBook (years 3-12) or access to an iPad or ChromeBook (K-2) as required
- Majority of school excursions
- Annual school camp (Years 3-12)
- Plus much more.

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ACADEMIC

Do you offer the same curriculum as other colleges in NSW?

Yes. Our college is a fully registered and accredited non-government college in NSW. We are required to teach our students the same syllabuses as every other registered school in NSW. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), previously BOSTES, is responsible for developing the syllabuses to be taught in NSW from Kindergarten through to Year 12. All our teachers are fully accredited with NESA.

Which electives do you offer?

Electives areas include; Study & Personal Skills, Creativity & Science as well as Health & Well-being. There are over 25 elective courses within these areas. For a full list of courses please contact the college.

What is the Walker Learning method?

The Walker Learning method is a teaching pedagogy (a method / practice of teaching academic subjects) developed by, Kathy Walker, from Victoria, who has completed extensive research into the science on how young people grow and develop. The methodology is evidence based and revolutionary on how to approach learning within the context of traditional schools.

What are the benefits of Project Based Learning (PBL)?

PBL is a concept pioneered in the USA many years ago. Most simply, it is about developing skills within students through projects that bring to life real-world skills that are transferrable to multiple contexts (e.g. creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking and more). At the Central Coast Sports College, some aspects of our learning are made available to students using the PBL approach, however, we have evolved over many years to ensure that our staff take the time to understand our students and bring the learning to our students in ways that best suit their needs.

Do you follow the standard HSC program?

Yes. We offer HSC for students in years 11 and 12. We deliver the course via a compressed delivery method and offer a range of subjects to suit students in those years, predominately driven by their collective interests and the goals and aspiration that they set during years 9-10.

SPORT

Which sports do you cover?

All our junior students start in our multi-sport program, whereby they experience a range of over 20 sporting activities throughout the year from swimming through to AFL, football, tennis, gymnastics and more. As our students mature, they can choose to move to an individual program whereby they can continue to sample a range of sports with an individual schedule or take part in a specialist sports program. Currently the school offers specialist sport programs in football, tennis, netball with many more sports coming soon.

Are your coaches fully qualified?

Yes

Which sports are held on/off site?

Most of our sport programs are hosted on site, however, at times to access specific facilities students may travel off site (via the school private buses) to take advantage of sport specific equipment. This varies depending on students' schedules.

If my daughter or son enjoys sport but isn't a superstar, can they still attend CCSC ?

Yes. The school caters for a range of abilities, all we ask is that each and every student wants to grow and develop and is willing to put in their best effort, every day.

GENERAL

What is the average class size?

Due to our unique approach to education, class sizes will vary depending on the class, time of day and student needs. Generally, however, a 1:20 staff to student ratio is maintained. To gain a better idea of class sizes, we would recommend attending a tour to see the college in action

How many students are at the College

The college has grown substantially over the past six years with a current student enrolment of around 400 students. The school expects to continue to grow over the coming years.

What are the gender ratios?

We are co-ed, with mixed classes across the whole college. We have seen a dramatic increase in female enrolments over the past few years with some classes almost at 40% female and 60% male.

Do you have an anti-bullying policy?

Yes and we take it very seriously.

Do many of the teaching staff and sports coaches' children attend the college?

Yes. Most staff who have school aged children enrol them at our college.

What are the college hours of supervision

8am - 4.15pm



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