



**Enrolment and
Information Pack**



**CENTRAL
COAST
SPORTS
COLLEGE**

At Central Coast Sports College 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 care and passion. Our dedicated team delivers an exceptional education; one that 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, and are proud of our holistic approach.

Our goal is to inspire our students to be the best they can be. They are encouraged to pursue active and healthy lifestyles to create elevated levels of concentration, interest and focus when learning. To facilitate this we seek out and embrace innovative and progressive academic and sporting initiatives, which are fundamental to our future growth and ongoing success.

Walker Learning

One of our key differences is the Walker Learning methodology, an evidence-based framework developed by renowned early childhood educator, Kathy Walker.

Successfully implemented at numerous schools in Australia and internationally, this methodology has been in place at the college since June 2018. Walker Learning is a developmentally and culturally appropriate teaching methodology for K-12 children. It places an emphasis on relationships between teacher, coach, child and family, enabling our teaching staff to identify important priorities for students. The method views the child holistically and values emotional and social development as highly as academics.



“ I am definitely a strong supporter of the Walker Learning approach as it provides us with the framework to develop children, not rank them. Educating through student interest is extremely powerful. ”

Damian Mitchell - Head of Junior College.

The 'Big Picture'

Another key academic initiative is the 'Big Picture' - a model that personalizes learning to prepare students for opportunities beyond school.

With an emphasis on relevance and real-world learning, our students combine academic work with internships, enabling them to explore their world and plan their own pathways to future employment, study or enterprise.

Healthy bodies healthy minds

While it may be an old adage, it's one we embrace.

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 tennis, football, rugby league, netball and rugby union.

Our multisport program offers a sampling of a range of sports including gymnastics, martial arts, swimming, dance, cricket, AFL and more.

It's all about balance

Our balanced approach to education carries through to everything we do.

It's not just about academics and it's not just about sport. We feel strongly about the development of the whole person, 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 the momentum we are focused on the following:

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

Value

It's not easy to compare the college as our specialised offerings set us 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 progressive teaching/ coaching tools and techniques, as well as keeping abreast of innovative educational and coaching related products available globally. After all, we are preparing our students for success in a dynamic world and for careers that may not yet even exist.

Our fee structure includes:

- A comprehensive academic and sports program for K-12 students
- College-run bus routes covering a range of locations across the Central Coast
- Balanced nutritious meals, prepared daily by our in-house chefs.
- Uniforms, including tracksuit and school bag
- Google Chromebook (Years 3-12) or access to an iPad or Chromebook (K-2) as required
- Majority of college excursions
- Annual college camp (Years 3-12)
- Much more



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do you offer the same curriculum as other colleges/schools 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 syllabus as every other registered school in NSW. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), (previously BOSTES) is responsible for developing the syllabus to be taught in NSW from Kindergarten to Year 12. All our teachers are fully accredited with NESA.

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 method and offer a range of subjects to suit students in those years. For a full list of HSC subjects please contact the college.

What electives do you offer?

Electives include **Study and Personal Skills, Creativity and Science** as well as **Health and Wellbeing**. 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**. Kathy has completed extensive research into the science behind how young people grow and develop. The methodology is evidence-based and revolutionary in its approach to learning within the context of traditional schools.

Do students at the college learn exclusively through PBL?

No. Project Based Learning (PBL) is a concept pioneered in the USA many years ago. Put simply, it's about developing students' skills through projects that bring to life real-world skills that are transferable to multiple contexts, e.g. creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking and more. At Central Coast Sports College some aspects of our learning are made available to students using PBL, however we have evolved over the years to ensure our staff take the time to understand our students and bring the learning to them in a way that suits their needs.

SPORT

What sports do you offer?

All our K-2 students start in our multisport program where they experience a range of over 20 sporting activities throughout the year, from swimming through to AFL, football, gymnastics and more. As our students mature they can choose to move to an individual program where they can continue to sample a range of sports with an individual schedule or take part in a specialist sports program. Currently the college offers specialist sports programs in football, tennis, netball, rugby league and rugby union.

Each sports program is underpinned by our athletic development program. Our athletic development coaches work with our students to build a strong athletic base. Pre-screening protocols, physiotherapy recovery routines, performance training in nutrition, mental toughness and athletic body management are key focus areas for our athletic development team.

Are your coaches fully qualified?

Yes.

Which sports are held on/off site?

Most of our sports programs are hosted on site, however, at times, to access sport specific equipment or facilities, students may travel off site (via private college buses).

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

Yes, the college 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 how our classes operate, 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 years with a current enrolment of approximately 400 students. The college expects and looks forward to continued growth.

What are the gender ratios?

We are co-ed, with mixed classes across the entire college. Female enrolments are continuing to increase (whole college 25%), with some classes having a 40% female representation.

Do you have an anti-bullying policy?

Yes, and we take it very seriously.

What are the college hours of operation?

Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8am to 4:30pm. Classes begin at 9:05am and finish at 4pm.

Does the college assign homework?

The college does not formally assign homework. Extensive research suggests there is no correlation between academic performance and assigning homework. 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.



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