

# Prospectus



**St Brendan-Shaw College**  
*By faith & deed*

# Our Vision

Our vision for St Brendan-Shaw College is to be a **vibrant centre of learning** as a **Catholic community** seeking **justice, hope** and **truth** through **faith and deed, light and knowledge**.





# Welcome

## from the Principal

St Brendan-Shaw College is a Catholic, co-educational secondary school that welcomes students from the Northwest of Tasmania, including Devonport and the surrounding regions.

As a school that caters for Year 7 through to Year 12 studies we are able to provide a seamless academic transition across the full spectrum of secondary education while encouraging social and leadership development.

Together with local Catholic Primary Schools, Our Lady of Lourdes Devonport, Sacred Heart Ulverstone, St Patrick's Latrobe, and Our Lady of Mercy Deloraine, we offer a K-12 Catholic education.

We are proud of our record of academic success and the qualities our graduates display. Our Alumni include many outstanding citizens and leaders in their chosen careers.

We have a well-supported Vocational Education and Training program offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

We are a vibrant centre of learning focused on the holistic development of the person. Our motivation is encapsulated by the gospel message that "Christ has come so that we may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).

We look to work in partnership with families to achieve positive outcomes for our College Community.

**Mr Stuart Ralph**  
Principal





# Our History

Devonport was one of the fastest-growing areas in the State in the early 1950s, and in 1956, Fr John Griffin was appointed Parish Priest with the specific task of finding and purchasing suitable land on which to establish a Secondary College for boys, to be run by the Christian Brothers.

Seventeen acres of prime real estate (previously a market garden) were purchased from Mr and Mrs Dalton Smith. Mr Garth Haslock was employed to design the school, and a tender of 60,000 pounds was let to Mr Terry Matthews (a local builder and parishioner), with the St Brendan's College for boys opening for school on Tuesday 2nd February 1960.

By the mid-1960s the pressure on the Parish school became so great that Fr Griffin requested permission to develop a regional secondary college for girls.

In 1969 Shaw College was opened. It was staffed by the Sisters of St Joseph, and Sr Francis Mary was appointed to Our Lady of Lourdes to direct the establishment of the College and to be its first Principal.

In 1972, by agreement with the Archdiocese, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St Joseph appointed one Board of Management (Devonport Regional Catholic College Board of Management), and in 1981, the schools amalgamated to become St Brendan-Shaw College.

In 1990 Year 11 and 12 classes were introduced.



# Our Crest & Motto

The College crest combines St Brendan's College and Shaw College elements.

The barque of St Brendan symbolises missionary endeavour, while the 12-pointed star on the sail is taken from the Shaw crest, representing Light from Knowledge.

The open book on top of the red disc is the source of that illumination and knowledge, while the open book also symbolises scripture and education.

The Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) are featured on the book's pages – the first and last letters from the Greek alphabet, in which the *New Testament* was written. In the book of *Revelations*, God says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," meaning that God remains from the beginning to the end of time.

The motto is 'by faith and deed', or 'fide et factis'. As St James teaches us in his letter, faith without good deeds is no real faith at all. To be truly Christian, our faith must be accompanied by action.



# Caritas Reception





# Our College Structure

## **Student Leadership**

All students are encouraged to be actively involved in the life of the College and to take on leadership positions where possible.

Student Leaders help to strengthen and develop a positive, wholesome school spirit and strive to encourage all students to live out the ideals expressed in the College Vision statement.

## **Student Representative Council (SRC)**

Members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) are provided with opportunities to display and further develop their leadership qualities through various events during the year.

They may be asked to represent the College in an official capacity, act as an ambassador, organise and facilitate awareness and fundraising activities, school assemblies, etc.

The SRC comprises four students from Years 7, 8, 9, and 10.

The SRC Executive leads the SRC and is formed mainly by Year 12 students.

## **SRC Executive**

Two College Captains

Two College Vice Captains

Four House Captains

Four Vice House Captains (Year 11 students)

A Student Representative Council Coordinator supports the SRC

## **Leadership Groups**

Students in Year 10 have the opportunity to be selected to form the Sports Leaders team and assist the College and its Catholic primary schools in running their carnivals. Other groups also provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills.



# Houses

## Founders

The names of the four Houses indicate the respect associated with our founders and their ongoing influence.

**Mackillop** (Gold) honours St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph and the first Australian-born saint.

**Lyons** (Red) is named after Sir Joseph Lyons, Australia's only Tasmanian Prime Minister and his wife, Dame Enid Lyons, the first woman elected to the House of Representatives and the first woman to serve in the Federal Cabinet.

**Dillon** (Green) is named after Br Patrick Dillon, the first Principal of St Brendan's College in 1960.

**Griffin** (Blue) takes its name from Fr Griffin, Parish Priest of Devonport in 1960. Fr Griffin's Irish parish was called St Brendan's, hence the first part of the College's name.

## Homerooms

Each of our students is under the specific care of a Homeroom teacher.

There are six Homerooms in each of the four College Houses, and each group consists of students from Years 7 to 12. This style of Homeroom allows students from Year 7 to meet and interact with students from other year levels, giving them ample opportunity to relate closely with students of all age groups.

Each House has a dedicated House Head who coordinates the activities of each House and works closely with the teachers and students. They are always available to both students and their parents.







**Mrs Debra Bonde**

Deputy Principal: Wellbeing & Administration

**Mrs Karen Chugg**

Business & Operations Manager

**Mr Stuart Ralph**  
Principal

**Mr Gerry Peters**

Deputy Principal: Teaching & Learning

## Key Roles

**The Deputy Principal – Wellbeing & Administration** assumes responsibility for the wellbeing of the students and works closely with the House Heads and College Counsellor.

**The Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning** assumes responsibility for the academic program that the College offers and works closely with the Teaching and Learning Leaders (TaLLs).

**Teaching & Learning Leaders** support quality student learning outcomes in their designated subject areas by ensuring the provision of learning programs that are relevant, valid and regularly evaluated and reviewed.

**House Heads** organise the activities of each House and work closely with the teachers and students.

**The Senior School Coordinator** provides students support in being prepared for the rigour and expectations of Year 10, 11 and 12 studies and guides them through the Academic Integrity Policy based upon TASC demands.

**The Transitions Coordinator (Years 7 and 8)** enables the smooth transition of students from Primary to Secondary School.

**Careers Advisor** assists students with careers advice, work experience programs and course counselling.





# Pastoral Care

Pastoral care refers to the promotion and enhancement of students' social and emotional wellbeing.

The Pastoral Care team aims to provide effective networks of care. Everyone in the school community has the right to be safe in the school environment and has the responsibility to be involved in pastoral care.

## Learning Enhancement

The Learning Enhancement Team works with the Teaching and Learning Team, Pastoral Care Team, College Social Worker and external providers to support students to access the curriculum at their level, enabling them to do their best.

## Social & Emotional Learning

The College focuses on Social and Emotional Learning as we recognise the significant impact this has on the lives of our students during their secondary schooling and, as a result, on their capacity to learn.

We believe that in order for students to meet the challenges that they will face in society, their development of Social and Emotional skills is of utmost importance. This includes self-discipline and a sense of individual responsibility.

We are committed to creating a safe and caring environment.



# Curricular

We offer a safe, supportive learning and working environment centred on the dignity and integral growth of the whole person.

Our curriculum is implemented with the needs of the student at its centre. To support good learning, Year 10 students are provided with support in being prepared for the rigour and expectations of Year 11 and 12 studies.

They follow an Academic Integrity Policy based upon what TASC demands of Year 11 and 12 students.

We are committed to maximising the outcomes for every student and preparing them for success, not only in Year 11 and 12, but beyond. Our teachers guide, support and challenge students in order for them to strive for excellence and achieve their full potential.

Year 10 students undertake courses in Financial Literacy, have the opportunity to gain qualifications to work in hospitality and can participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, all of which contribute to attaining the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.





# Cocurricular

We provide a rounded education, with a rich variety of activities, assisting students to develop their spiritual, social and cultural potential.

The College provides a broad range of opportunities to participate in a wide range of cultural and sports cocurricular activities allowing students to broaden their learning beyond the classroom into areas they may not otherwise try.

Students have opportunities to participate in a range of cultural activities and clubs, such as leadership, public speaking, Chess, Z Club, Just Act (Vinnies group), and Poultry Club.

Each year level also gets to experience a camp and cultural day, further deepening their relationships, connection with their community and importantly respect for the cultures and traditions, and heritage of the country on which we live.

Exploring our global village is seen as a worthwhile pursuit and the language trips to either France or Japan are always in high-demand.

Each year level has a camp experience and there are special opportunities for our Year 11 and 12s to experience an annual trip to a ski resort or an international trip.







# The Arts

The Arts is an integral part in the life of students at St Brendan-Shaw College. Participation in The Arts not only develops technical skills but builds self-confidence and community.

A highlight for our community is the biennial musical production. The College has gained a reputation for presenting high-quality professional performances that showcase the talents of our students that reflect the talent in our region.

Each year ends with a relaxed evening of performances showcasing students' talents and learning.

The College supports the student's journey within The Arts with a broad range of courses including:

- Drama
- Visual Arts
- Media Arts
- Dance & Choreography
- Production (biennial)
- Music
- UTAS Music Connections Program







# Sports

Physical activity is encouraged to promote a healthy lifestyle, develop teamwork, social skills, academic success and a positive, inclusive school environment.

Our sports programs allow students the opportunity to engage in a wide range of sports.

Students can take pride in representing their House through participation in our major school carnivals - Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country.

As well as participating in competitions with schools across the sectors in the local area and statewide, the College is a member of SATIS (The Sports Association of Tasmanian Independent Schools) which conducts sporting competitions for member schools, and NSATIS, the Northern branch. Featured carnivals are Swimming, Athletics, Rowing and Cross Country.

Representative sports opportunities are available both individually or as part of a team. We have a number of cocurricular sports that students of both genders can participate in on a social and competitive level, including Equestrian, Netball, Soccer, Rowing, AFL, Basketball, Touch Football, Rugby Union, Futsal, Mountain Bike Riding and Surf Living Saving.









The Nazareth Centre caters for Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Badminton and Futsal and offers a multi-purpose space with seating for 800. A fitness room with weights is adjacent to the gym.

Outside facilities include two plexipave netball/basketball/futsal courts, a combined cricket/football oval, a soccer oval, two practice cricket nets and long jump pits.

The Hairdressing Trade Training Centre provides hairdressing and makeup facilities in a salon-style space.

The Westcourt Centre houses a Year 7 learning centre, and a recently upgraded Year 8 area.

The Senior Secondary Study Area is a dedicated space for Year 11 and 12 students to study or engage with their peers in a comfortable environment.

The Gavin O'Dea Library provides access to physical and electronic resources, Librarian support, and quiet places to read or study.





# A Message

from the  
**Mersey Leven  
Catholic Parish**



St Brendan-Shaw College is a part of the Mersey Leven Catholic Parish Community.

The College regularly celebrates as a prayerful community and you can be assured that we all work together to bring alive the Vision and Mission of the College.

As a Parish, Mersey Leven provides a family-centred parish-based and school-supported preparation program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. St Brendan-Shaw College students and families can certainly be part of this program should they so desire. We are also supportive of families who are considering Baptism for their children and a Christian Initiation process is offered as an opportunity for adults to learn about, and share in, the Catholic faith.

We commend you on your desire to enrol your child at St Brendan-Shaw College and invite you to contact us if you want further information on any area of our parish community life.

## Contact

Parish Priests: Fr Jaison Kuzhiyil and  
Fr Chathura Ranmuni Silva  
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Email: [merseyleven@oohtos.org.au](mailto:merseyleven@oohtos.org.au)





# Fees

The Federal Government determines a capacity-to-pay for every non-Government school; this allows St Brendan-Shaw College to set fees that provide a quality education that is affordable for all.

The College sets a single fee that covers almost all tuition costs (including local excursions etc.)

The fees are invoiced in February of each school year and can be paid in full or over a 10 month period. Families are surprised that such a quality education at the College is available for less than \$80 per week.

Family discounts apply and Fee Assistance is available.

VET Courses on offer are heavily subsidised by the College.

Please contact the College Business Manager for any information regarding fees.





Wearing a uniform brings a sense of belonging; contributes to school unity and pride; removes competitive dressing; and ensures students are wearing clothing that is appropriate for their learning experiences.

The Midford company manages our on-site Uniform Shop. Uniform items can be purchased online at [www.midford.com.au](http://www.midford.com.au) with a Click and Collect option available, or by visiting our onsite the shop.

Normal trading hours are currently:

Tuesday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Hours are subject to change during holiday periods.

Phone: 03 6415 7811

Please see the College website for full details and a current price list.





# Further Information

We invite you to visit and experience St Brendan-Shaw College for yourself.

Please contact the Enrolments Registrar at the College to book a tour or to receive further information.

Email [enrolments@sbsc.tas.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@sbsc.tas.edu.au) or phone on (03) 6424 7622

The Caritas Office is located at 127 James Street Devonport, with free parking at the front.

Our website and Social Media accounts are used to keep our community informed.

## **Website**

[www.sbsc.tas.edu.au](http://www.sbsc.tas.edu.au)

## **Social Media**

[www.facebook.com/stbrendanshawcollege](https://www.facebook.com/stbrendanshawcollege)

[www.instagram.com/stbrendanshawcollege](https://www.instagram.com/stbrendanshawcollege)









# Devonport, Tasmania

St Brendan-Shaw College has many vistas from its seven hectare campus including ocean views, cityscape, farmland, estuaries and highlands. North of the plateau on which the College stands is Bass Strait. To the west is the estuary of the Don River, one of the first sites of European settlement on the NorthWest Coast. To the east is the Mersey River and a view of the northern coastline. The southern outlook is of the central highlands, including Mt Roland and Black Bluff.

The campus is a 25-minute walk from the central city area of Devonport, the North-West Coast's major city. The College can be reached by the local school bus service. The College's Jubilee Chapel occupies the highest point on the campus which is 50 metres above sea level.





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