



WELLESLEY COLLEGE – Enrolment

Thank you for your enquiry about Wellesley. We are delighted that you are considering our school for your son's education. Traditionally, the main entry points into Wellesley were Years 1, 4 and 7. However, as Year 7 has become so highly sought after, a lot of parents are choosing to start their boys in Years 5 or 6 to secure a place.

When completing the application form, please include copies of your son's **Birth Certificate** and latest **School Report** along with a \$100.00 application fee. This fee can be paid by cheque or via internet banking, using your son's name as a reference to account 060501 0826230 00. As personalised learning is a focus of the school, please ensure you complete the Special Learning Requirements section of the enrolment form and include any **Specialist Reports** with your application. Boys with special learning requirements will be scheduled time with our Head of Special Learning as part of the enrolment process.

Wellesley prides itself on being focussed on boys' education. Staff are passionate about the development of each student in mind, body and spirit. Wellesley's special character includes its teaching and learning philosophy, engaging boys by providing numerous learning opportunities and wrapping the curriculum around their passions. We strive to equip boys with confidence, develop resilience and teach them to think critically about their learning. Our point of difference is in our personalisation and warm, welcoming culture. Our boys feel like they belong to a special place and are part of the Wellesley family. We encourage them to take risks, to persevere under challenging circumstances and demonstrate respect and empathy in all their interactions.

The school is blessed with an amazing learning environment. We have specialist teachers in the Art, Music, Performing Arts, STEM, Sport and PE. The boys are encouraged to engage in these opportunities, to play sport, to take part in external competitions and to stretch their thinking.

Special Character of Wellesley College

Our school prides itself on several factors;

Culture

Wellesley's culture is inclusive, warm, welcoming and acknowledges the individual. Each boy is made to feel special by being known and developing professional relationships with the community. Staff know the boys, learn about their passions and seek opportunities for them to engage and enjoy their learning.

Some examples of this are:

- The acceptance of students of all creeds, religions and ethnicity into our community
- Open and honest dialogue about student progress using a holistic view.
- Buddy systems set up between year groups, bus monitors and opportunities for leadership development.
- A House system which fosters strong family bonds as evidenced by attendance at the many House events throughout the year.
- Students are responsible for events such as assemblies and Chapel services.
- Opportunities for parents to engage with the school, such as information evenings, BBQs, Parents Association events, class reps for class functions, attendance at camps and social gatherings.

Values

We are passionate about our school values and endeavour to embed them in our daily life. Our community know and understand our values and staff relate them to the education process. Our boys are celebrated using the school's values and taught them as part of their inquiries.

Traditional blended with a future focus

The school has seen excellent leadership and has built a good reputation for being holistic and boy focussed. Staff are passionate about keeping the students at the forefront of their minds when making decisions and ensuring the impact is directly related to student development in mind, body and spirit. To that end, they are also keen to develop their skills and remain at the forefront of educational practices in primary boys' education. We are passionate about blending the wonderful culture developed over years of good work with 21st Century teaching and learning for our boys.

Recent Events

In recent years, the school undertook the development of a new Strategic Plan. This included a refreshment of the school's Vision, Mission and Values. All the while, the very special culture, character and tradition of Wellesley remained at the forefront of our minds. This year sees us looking in more detail at how we are personalising learning, implementing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, exploring our language options with some minor pilot programs being explored.

Vision, Mission and Values

Wellesley College is blessed with a unique environment and history.

Vision: Each boy has every opportunity to excel

Mission: We bring out the best in each boy; body, mind and spirit,

We do this through:

- * Empowering, personalised education in our unique environment
- * Our Anglican ethos
- * Our inclusive culture and community
- * Blending over a century of tradition with future-focused teaching and learning

Values: Respect and empathy respect and empathy for self, others and Wellesley; 'we treat others as we wish to be treated; 'we stand in the other's shoes' to understand them; we 'look out' for one another; we display fairness; we build strong relationships across the school community.

Perseverance for personal bests

Everyone strives for personal bests. Each boy has aspirations and is supported to achieve these. We build resilience for learning. Perseverance is celebrated along with success. We create diverse opportunities for leadership and personal bests.

Risk taking in learning

We are happy to be challenged and to challenge; it's fun to try new experiences. 'It is cool to try and to fail rather than not to try at all.' We are inquiring, flexible, critical thinkers and questioners. As a school community, we have passion and skills for life-long inquiry and learning.

What Success Looks Like

Each Wellesley boy leaps into their future with confidence, self-direction, resilience and empathy; he is an enterprising learner for life connected to a world of opportunities.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Warm regards

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Brendan Pitman
Principal