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College Prospectus



VICTORY COLLEGE
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Welcome to Victory College, where we purposefully create a learning environment that enables all students to 'be in their element'.

Every day at Victory College we see students growing, learning, excelling, playing and serving. All in their element.

Students are happy at Victory College. They love the quality-learning environment we provide – from spacious well-maintained grounds, to modern facilities, and supportive, caring teachers. Our challenging academic program and overall values-based educational approach allows every child to be comfortable and find their place.

Enrolling your child at Victory College will give them a wonderful place to undertake their academic journey. Our students are

valued as individuals and given the right foundations to succeed beyond school. They are encouraged to think, to develop good character, to be resilient and to learn how to serve others.

They also understand the importance of self-discipline and maintaining the high standards set by our staff. Your child will leave Victory College as a good citizen, ready to lead purposeful lives, and as parents, you will be proud of them and their achievements.

Victory College is the independent co-educational school of choice for Kindy to Year 12 in Gympie, Queensland. Located on 26 scenic acres, the College was founded in 1980 by Victory Church.





Schools today are rapidly changing to cater for the needs of the 21st century learner. Victory College has a reputation for responding to that change and providing a quality learning environment. Our growing facilities assist students to find their passion, in wide and diverse learning opportunities such as our beautiful Equestrian Centre, modern Science Centre, industry standard Hospitality Centre and Music rooms with a recording studio.

Victory College is not just a school but a community; a place where we encourage every staff member, volunteer, student leader and parent to assist all students to 'excel in their element', so that they can reach their full potential and find their purpose in life.

"My work is to help our students find their passions
and be in their element now and into the future".



As Principal, I am honoured to be part of this caring community where students enjoy coming to school, where they have a sense of belonging, and are motivated to grow academically, socially, and spiritually in a spirit of excellence.

We are proud of our quality, spacious College, our challenging curriculum and caring staff, but more importantly, we are proud of our students who continue to grow into young men and women that serve and honour others in our community.

We welcome your child to be in their element at Victory College where they may reach their full potential. We look forward to working with your child today and in years to come.

Brett Costin
Principal





It is a privilege to guide the team at
Victory College and see positive young children
being respectful, earnest and leading by example.





Learn
in your element



Throughout the College, clean, well-maintained grounds, bright gardens and ample shaded areas provide a delightful environment for students to relax and spend time.

The College features three ovals, a large indoor sports stadium, a multi-purpose auditorium and a lecture theatre. We have specific learning precincts such as manual arts and home-economics rooms, a music lab, MAC computer labs, a library, science centre and a new hospitality hub for children who have a passion for cooking and nutrition. All of this is capped off with our equestrian centre – the only one of its kind in the Gympie region.

The distinctive feature of the College is our wonderful campus environment. Our landscaped grounds and modern facilities provide – in today's world – a rare and enjoyable space for students to play and study.

As a College that caters for Kindy to Year 12 it is important that we ensure safety and respectfulness for each of our student cohorts, and as such have specific zones for Kindy, Prep, Primary and Secondary students. The Kindy, Prep and Primary zones include their own playgrounds and undercover areas for lunch breaks, with the Kindy and Prep zones being enclosed in their own safe and secure precinct.

The College provides challenging and stimulating learning opportunities that enable all students to explore their interests and pursue their talents. We aim to personalise learning to meet the diverse needs of each student.

The College has modern teaching facilities and provides all students with appropriate access to technology. Interactive whiteboards are in most classrooms and all students are given opportunities to work with suitable programs on Windows and Apple based computers including iPads.

High standards are something that Victory College has a reputation for – from our uniform expectations, to respect of others, to the way students are encouraged to give their best. Students are also taught the skills to develop self-discipline, grit, a growth mindset and gratitude.

We focus on guiding students to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that enable them to become constructive and active members of the community. All students are exposed to valuable life skills such as respecting diversity, developing tolerance and empathy, being respectful in relationships and the importance of caring for and serving others. It is within this total, quality-learning environment that our students are prepared for life beyond school.





Your child's schooling is one of the greatest gifts that can be bestowed upon them. Learning enables the development of knowledge, skills, pursuits and passions. Attending a school is more than just an education, it is the formation of values, life skills, friendships and beliefs that will shape a child's character and judgments. It is the foundation upon which their life journey is built. In acknowledging this, Victory College endeavours to provide a holistic approach to 21st century learning.

Choosing the right school for your child's education – and the community they will be part of – is a big decision for you and for them.

Curriculum

Victory College offers a balanced curriculum where we focus on developing the whole child – physically, spiritually, emotionally, academically and morally. We follow the Australian Curriculum framework and our College ethos is based on a Christian worldview with our teachers guiding students educationally and spiritually. In addition to the normal curriculum courses outlined for Primary and Secondary, a complimentary after-school tuition program is made available for those students requiring extra assistance. A vocational education program is also available for those students in the Senior Years who choose an alternative non-OP pathway.

Teaching staff

The teachers at Victory College are experienced and dedicated specialist teachers. They participate in weekly professional learning team meetings and are expected to uphold our Code of Conduct at all times. All staff continue to gain professional development and experience throughout the year to foster greater knowledge and skills in curriculum development and delivery. They care about our students and endeavour to be real, relevant and relational.

Christian Studies

As a Christian College we seek to embed traditional values drawn from our Australian Christian heritage within our learning environment. Our committed Christian teachers model these values through relationships, conduct, presentation and work ethic. All students undertake Christian Studies and attend chapel weekly. The Christian Studies curriculum has been designed to give students the opportunity to explore the Bible, reflect on life issues from a Christian point of view and develop their faith in God. The College also benefits from strong pastoral care through our Church pastoral staff.

Chaplaincy

The College has on staff a Chaplain who provides pastoral care to all students and their families.





Excel in your element

What do parents of our students say about Victory College?

We wanted our children to be in a school that had high standards and accountability and have found that at Victory College. We are so impressed with the facilities, the room for children to play and the after-school curriculum on offer. We see pride, respect, learning, love, a supportive environment and acknowledgment of their small and large accomplishments ... **we just love it!**



Grow in your element

What does the wider community say about Victory College?

The Victory College campus has a lovely atmosphere with landscaped gardens and is always clean and tidy. It's great to see a school take pride in its surrounds. I think most people, when they enter the College, are surprised at the extensive facilities. Students are always well dressed and friendly. They speak respectfully to each other and the staff. The College has a good reputation within the community.



Our Primary College is for students in Prep to Year 6 and consists of two areas – a purpose-built Prep zone and an area for Years 1-6.

Our education program for primary is designed to nurture creativity, inspire curiosity and encourage a love of learning. Scholastic rigour is introduced with a strong focus on numeracy and literacy as well as teaching of the Australian Curriculum and the Queensland Essential Learnings Curriculum Framework. There is a strong Christian foundation to our values-based teaching and behaviour management is core to our approach as well.

Throughout Primary College we aim to nurture persistence, confidence, resilience, organisation and getting along with others, to ensure our students can be successful in all areas of their lives.

Core learning is covered in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, PE, Music and Japanese. Other subjects include the Arts (Drama, Media & Art), ICT, Technology, Christian Studies and Chapel.

Our primary curriculum is designed to help students extend their strengths and develop areas of weakness. We give students the capacity to strive for excellence in every area of their learning.

Prep at Victory

Caring and supportive early learning teachers guide our Prep students with a values-based education enabling them to explore, play and learn the fundamentals.

We believe children learn through a balance of hands-on activities, investigations and group sessions. All of our Prep students are given the opportunity to learn and explore the fundamentals of literacy and numeracy. They are also introduced to Music, Science, History, Geography, Physical Education, Technology and Japanese. Students

learn at their own pace, whilst being exposed to challenges that allow them to grow and expand. They will also be exposed to iPads with the Reading Eggs program.

Prep students also have access to the wonderful facilities of Victory College and benefit from all the services, extensive grounds and friendly community of the College.





Our Secondary College aims to develop a student's personal responsibility and spiritual growth, to advance their learning and to help them set life goals.

In Secondary, each student belongs to a Pastoral Care class with a teacher assigned to that class to oversee student wellbeing and to help them create a nurturing and stable environment for their academic journey.

Victory College prepares students to lead a purposeful life beyond school.

Our curriculum is designed to see students reach their full potential and focuses as much as possible on giving students practical and real learning experience.



In Years 7-10, students study core subjects such as English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Christian Studies, Health and Physical Education and a choice of electives. Some of these subjects include; Japanese, Art, Agriculture, Equine Studies, Dance, Music, Food Technology, Design and Technology.

Students in Years 11 and 12 (Senior College) can choose from the OP Stream or the Vocational Education Stream. The OP Stream gives students the opportunity to study Queensland Studies Authority subjects with OP Credits. Vocational students have the option to find a traineeship with class time being made available to accommodate this.

Students participate in extra-curricular experiences such as sport, chapel, camps, academic competitions, music programs as well as choosing to be part of the Student Representative Council or College leadership programs. In Years 10-12, students also have the opportunity to do work experience.

For students in Senior College who are about to graduate, we focus on helping them with their post-school decision-making, and how to think and make valuable choices.

For more information on year level subjects and extra-curricular experiences please see our website.





Lead in your element

What do our students say about Victory College?

I love the wonderful facilities. I like the way they always acknowledge you for your hard work and achievements. I like that the College teaches you about good morals and how important it is to present yourself well. The thing I like most is there are sports you can try out. I like that the teachers will help me out when I need it and there are after school lessons to help you with what you didn't understand in class.



A teacher is smiling in a classroom. She is wearing a black sleeveless top and has her hands raised. The background shows a whiteboard with the text 'the we' and 'Can we talk? What can I see? What do I see?'. There is also a blue map of Australia on the wall. The teacher's name tag says 'VICTORY COLLEGE'.



Serve
in your element

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Victory College provides a number of value-added services to students to help them foster interest in extra-curricular programs and to aid their academic retention and progress. Initiatives such as:

- Extra-curricular sport and music programs
- Learning support; and
- A subsidised bus travel service

all go towards providing important value for families whose children attend Victory College.

A college that offers more for students represents good value. Victory College aspires to deliver extra services and programs so that students and families benefit.

Camps

Outdoor education and year level camps are a core part of the Victory College curriculum from Year 1 to 12. The main focus of this program is to develop emotional resilience, team skills and leadership qualities in students. Students participate as follows:

Year 1-2: One night supervised camp-over at the College

Year 3-4: One night residential camp to various outdoor education campsites

Year 5: Two night residential camp to various outdoor education campsites

Year 6: Two night city camping experience to Brisbane

Year 7: Four night trip to Canberra

Year 8, 9 & 11: Two night activity outdoor camp with backpacking

Year 10: Two night Emu Gully Leadership program

Year 12: Retreat to prepare for transition into life after school

After school tuition

Victory College provides a learning support program named 'tute time' for students who

require additional tuition support and want to excel in an area of study at no extra cost to parents. Primary students from Year 2 can attend tute time every Tuesday from 3-4pm under the guidance of teachers and teacher aides. Secondary students make individual appointments with their own teachers and can meet them on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm in the wonderful learning environment of our library.

Scholarships

General scholarships are offered to students wishing to attend Victory College. Students must demonstrate exemplary character, the values of the College, integrity, care and compassion for others, personal responsibility and exhibit the following:

- Exemplary conduct
- Excellent work ethic
- Consistent satisfactory academic performance
- Active participation in sporting, cultural and co-curricular activities
- Active involvement at college functions and events

For more information on Scholarships see our website.





The College offers coaching and development in a selection of popular sports provided at no extra cost to parents. The program enables our students to try a number of sports or specialise in a chosen sport, and helps equip our competitive players with vital teamwork and sport specific skills necessary to succeed in their chosen pursuit. This excellent program is run by our Head of Physical Education and other teachers.

One of the advantages of attending Victory College is the after-school sports program.

One of the main outcomes of our after-school sport program is to enhance our students' desire to be active and part of a community. Sports are known to help kids develop empathy, determination, leadership skills and resilience.

Extra-curricular sports are available for all students from Prep to Year 12 and usually run twice a week directly after school. All students (regardless of gender) are able to participate in their chosen sport.

Current sports within our roster include:

- Cricket
- Rugby Union
- Touch Football
- Futsal
- Netball
- Chess Club (Terms 1-3)
- Gardening Club (Terms 1-3)
- Active Kids for Prep-Year 2, a general sporting development program for younger students (Terms 1-3)



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Play in your element

Built in 2015 the Victory College equestrian centre provides a unique offering for passionate equestrian students from Prep to Year 12. Novice, recreational and competitive riders are invited to participate in the program and are nurtured to achieve their equestrian goals with confidence and support. The equestrian team is a wonderful community of students, family, staff and coaches who all enjoy the benefits of horseriding and the camaraderie it provides.

The equestrian centre at Victory College is the only one of its kind in the region.

Victory College provides equestrian tuition and training to students who join the Victory College Equestrian Team. All students are welcome to join the team and need to provide their own horse, tack and transportation. As part of their commitment, students are required to wear the Victory College equestrian uniform when competing in team events. Training is undertaken after school and all team members are expected to participate.

The equestrian team are trained by our on-staff equestrian coach. The team currently competes in two annual competitions with more events planned.

In the near future our equestrian centre will be further upgraded to include a covered area and will provide a sought-after equestrian facility for the wider community.

Why such a strong focus on horses?

Learning to care for and ride a horse profoundly benefits a child's development. Horsemanship skills develop life skills in these ways:

- Develops confidence and courage
- Is good physical exercise

- Improves balance and coordination
- Increases a child's focus and intensity: they have to be present when on horseback.
- Teaches children responsibility and prepares them for caring for others
- Is fun and provides a sense of freedom, particularly in later years when study hours increase
- Is a healthy, wholesome and fulfilling pastime.
- Helps children to think on their feet and develop self-reliance.
- Helps children realise how their choices, attitudes, and behaviors affect other living creatures around them, as horses respond to how they are treated. In this way children learn respect, patience, level-headedness, empathy, kindness, and self-discipline. And they learn to accept responsibility for their actions.
- Teaches children to prepare, and to muster the courage to compete in showing events. They learn to set goals, take risks, enjoy rewards, and deal with disappointments.
- Develops communion with animals, which for some people is an essential part of their being, allowing them to discover their element and be in their element.





Shine
in your element



Music is an integral part of the College's fabric, with all students in Prep to Year 6 participating in weekly music lessons. Music can also be chosen as an elective subject for Years 7-10.

The College offers a music course for Year 11 and 12 students with five lessons a week. Students will perform their chosen instrument or voice, rehearse as a member of an ensemble and compose and record music as part of the learning program.

Students at Victory College are encouraged to follow their passions in cultural studies as it contributes to their overall development and achievement.



More information on our music program can be found on the Victory College website.

Performing Arts is also

Dance

- elective subject in Years 7-10
- performance opportunities at college events

Drama

- elective subject in Years 7-10
- primary and secondary production every second year
- primary speech choir (verse speaking in groups)
- weekly primary chapel services where students perform on stage

There is also a strong extra-curricular music program on offer at the College where students can join our award-winning:

- Choirs
- Chapel Band
- Percussion Group
- Jazz Ensemble

Students can also participate in the instrumental program with qualified music teachers giving weekly individual or small group instruction. Instruments include piano, guitar, percussion, strings, brass and woodwind.

Theatre

- Debating

Media Studies

- students learn how to operate a live sound desk, program light shows, take and edit videos into media productions

What about Visual arts and Creative arts?

- Specialist visual art teacher starting from Year 4
- Art exhibitions in school and in the community
- Selection of art works featured in Gympie Regional Library



If you live in the surrounding districts of Gympie, your child may be able to access Victory College's subsidised bus service.

This service offers parents peace of mind knowing their children can travel with their peers, to and from College on modern air-conditioned buses, driven by trustworthy, careful bus-drivers.

Our subsidised bus service provides safe and secure access for students to travel to Victory College.

Buses arrive at the College at 8.45am and depart by 3.05pm. Presently the bus fleet consists of 8 buses servicing the following destinations*:

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| • Amamoor | • Glenwood | • Kilkivan | • Tin Can Bay |
| • Chatsworth | • Goomboorian | • Lower Wonga | • Traveston |
| • Cooloola Cove | • Goomeri | • Pinbarren | • Tuckekoi |
| • Cooran | • Gunalda | • Pomona | • Widgee |
| • Cooroy | • Imbil | • Rainbow Beach | • Woolooga |
| • Curra | • Jones Hill | • Southside | |

Our buses stop at multiple designated stops along each route with set pick-up and drop-off times to ensure College times are met.

Bus behaviour management plans, seating plans and CCTV cameras are in place on all buses to ensure safety and security is a priority. Fees for the bus service are outlined on our website.

*Routes vary depending on student need



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For many families, strong life-long friendships and supportive networks are formed within the College community that their children attend. This is the case with Victory College. Our community is vibrant, participatory and caring towards all who come onto the College campus.

We are a welcoming and friendly College with a strong sense of community. We invite you to come and be a part of it.

We take pride in ensuring our students and their families are treated with respect and share in everyone's achievements. The key to this is living by our values and ensuring great communication with our students, their families, our staff and the wider community.

We believe communication with parents is vital to maintaining positive student relationships and progress. Victory College communicates regularly with families through email, Facebook, emailed newsletters and Parent-Teacher interviews.

Throughout the year the College welcomes families

onto the campus to experience events with their children including:

- Prep Orientation Day
- Sports Carnivals
- Musical Showcase
- Awards Ceremonies
- Information Nights
- Fundraising Events
- Grandparents Day
- Chapels and Assemblies
- Under 8s Day
- College Café

Victory Church welcomes all families to our services and events.



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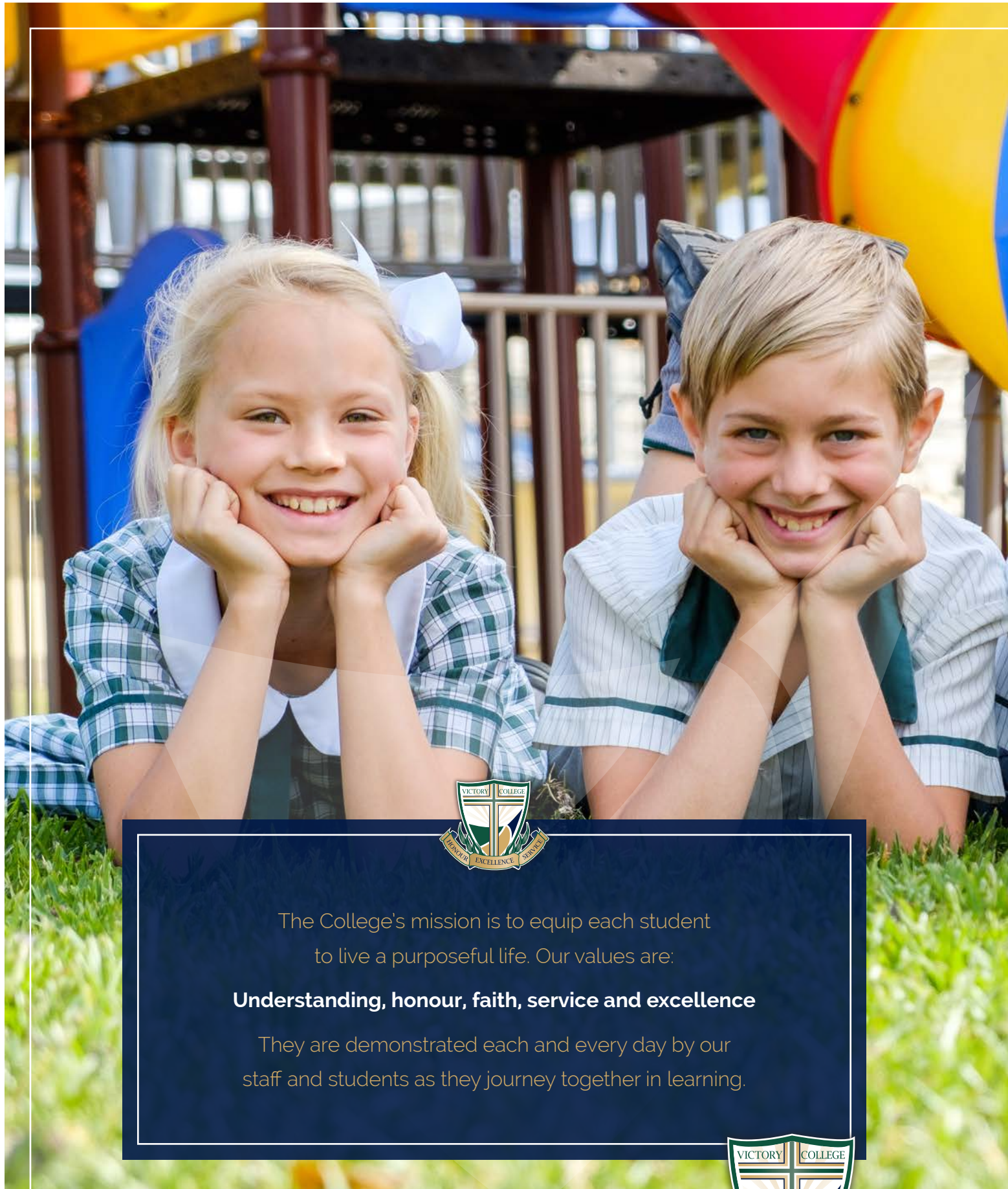


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What do teachers say about Victory College?

Victory College has a caring environment which focuses on honour, service and excellence and with these in mind each staff member is encouraged to achieve to their best of their ability. The leadership has an integral role throughout the College to uplift and support all staff and students. I believe the teachers do their best for their students and want them to succeed.





The College's mission is to equip each student
to live a purposeful life. Our values are:

Understanding, honour, faith, service and excellence

They are demonstrated each and every day by our
staff and students as they journey together in learning.



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