



**VICTORY COLLEGE**

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Kindy to Year 12

# College Prospectus





Welcome to Victory College, where we purposefully create a learning environment that unlocks the potential within each individual student.



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 28 scenic acres, the College was founded in 1980 by Victory Church.**





Society is in a rapid state of evolution that puts high demands on the learner, parents as well as teaching staff. Victory College has a reputation for responding to that change by providing a quality-learning environment. To fulfil these requirements the growing facilities at Victory College assist students to find their place in a wide and diverse learning environment. We offer extracurricular opportunities and a supporting environment that enables students to develop character, cultivate passions and exposure to the world outside the classroom.

Victory College is not just a school but also a community; a safe place where our caring staff assist students in their quest to unlock their potential. A good education is only possible with the collaboration of students, parents and staff. We at Victory College value the importance of partnering with families to guide your children through these important educational developmental years.

As an educator, my purpose is to help students to take educational risks that will assist them in developing the resilience to pursue their passions, and equip them to become leaders in all spheres of life".




As Head of College, I am honoured to be a 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.

We are proud of our well-kept and well-equipped spacious College, our challenging curriculum and capable 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.

The memories we build in school are carried with us for the rest of our lives. We welcome your child to discover all they can be at Victory College and we look forward to working with your child today and in the years to come.

Alwyn Prinsloo  
Head of College



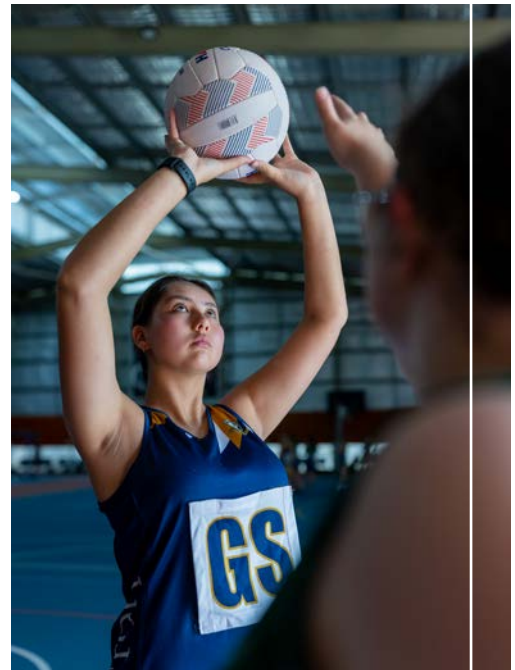


**"It is a privilege to guide the team at Victory College and see positive young children being respectful, earnest and leading by example."**

**Alwyn Prinsloo - Head of College**









Throughout Victory College, well-maintained grounds, bright gardens and ample shaded areas create an atmosphere where students can learn in a relaxing environment.

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 a brand new Art and STEM building, manual arts and home-economics rooms, a music lab with recording studio, Apple iMac computer labs, a library, science centre and a 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 Queensland.

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.

Victory College has modern, state of the art teaching facilities, providing all students with excellent access to technology. Interactive screen are in all classrooms, and Wi-Fi covers the whole campus. Students are also given opportunities to work with the latest software on Windows and Apple based computers and tablets.

At Victory College, 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. Valuable life skills are instilled in all students; respecting diversity, developing tolerance and empathy, being respectful in relationships and the importance of caring for and serving others. It is within this 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. 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 adhere to 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-ATAR 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 two Chaplains on staff who provide pastoral care to all students and their families. They are here to listen to, support and encourage our students in any area of need.







# Shaping Champions

## 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 - we 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!**"



# Unlocking Potential

## 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 separate playground areas for Prep, Years 1-3 and Years 4-6.

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 by incorporating the Australian Curriculum and the Queensland Essential Learnings Curriculum Framework. There is a strong Christian foundation to our values-based teaching and behaviour management. 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.

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.

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

Children learn at their own pace whilst being exposed to challenges that allow them to grow and expand. We provide a balance of hands-on activities, investigations and group sessions. Our Prep students are given the opportunity to learn through many pathways.

One of the pathways used is technology, with the introduction of iPads incorporating the Reading Eggs program, English and Math Apps and an interactive Library program.

Prep students have access to all the resources Victory College has to offer, taking part in weekly Lower Primary Chapel, combined sports events, and participating in Music, Science, History, Geography, Physical Education and Japanese. 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 education should be fun for our little learners.





Our Secondary College aims to develop a student's personal responsibility and spiritual growth, to advance their learning and to help them set and accomplish 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 accompanied by a choice of electives. Some of these subjects include; Japanese, Art, Agriculture, Equine Studies, Music, Food Technology, Design and Media Studies.

Students in Years 11 and 12 (Senior College) can choose from the ATAR Stream or the Vocational Education Stream. The ATAR Stream gives students the opportunity to study Queensland Studies Authority subjects with ATAR 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 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 visit our website; [victorycollege.com.au](http://victorycollege.com.au)





## tomorrow's Leaders

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







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; and
- Learning support

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 [www.victorycollege.com.au](http://www.victorycollege.com.au)





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
- Run Club







Unlocking  
**Potential**



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 horse riding 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 instructors overseen by our on-staff Equestrian Coordinator. The team competes in competitions, including our very own Show Jumping competition, held in the Equestrian Centre.

### 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 relationships with animals, which for some people is an essential part of their being.











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.

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.

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

### **Drama**

- Elective subject in Years 7-10
- Primary speech choir (verse speaking in groups)
- Weekly primary chapel services where students perform on stage
- Elements of Dance are also explored

### **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 5
- 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 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 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 3.00pm. Presently the bus fleet consists of 8 buses servicing the following destinations\*:

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| • Amamoor       | • Cooroy      | • Jones Hill    | • Southside   |
| • Belli Creek   | • Curra       | • Kandanga      | • The Palms   |
| • Bells Bridge  | • Glastonbury | • Kilkivan      | • Tin Can Bay |
| • Carters Ridge | • Glenwood    | • Kybong        | • Veteran     |
| • Cedar Pocket  | • Goomboorian | • Lower Wonga   | • Widgee      |
| • Chatsworth    | • Goomeri     | • Pomona        | • Wolvi       |
| • Cooloola Cove | • Gunalda     | • Rainbow Beach | • Woolooga    |
| • Cooran        | • Imbil       |                 |               |

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





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

**Victory Church welcomes all families to our services and events.**





A smiling female teacher with blonde hair tied back, wearing a black polo shirt with a 'VICTORY COLLEGE' tag. She is in a classroom with students in blue and white uniforms working at tables in the background.

### 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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