Toongabbie Christian School

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Course No. 003819K
Junior Secondary Course
(Years 7 – 10)

Course No. 005157E
Senior Secondary Course
(Years 11 – 12)

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Toongabbie Christian School is a non denominational, co-educational, Kindergarten to Year 12 school that teaches from a Christian world-view and is staffed by fully qualified Christian teachers.

The school was established in 1981 as ministry of Toongabbie Baptist Church and has grown to an enrolment of over 900 students. Pastoral care is an important element, with each student being placed in a single-sex pastoral care (family) group for Years 9 to 12. Years 7 and 8 classes have home-room teachers. Further pastoral care is provided by School Counsellors and Heads of Stages, 4, 5 & 6. There is a high standard of uniform and a firm but caring discipline system.

The school is located in Toongabbie, which is 26 kilometres from Sydney City and 5 kilometres from Parramatta City, New South Wales, Australia. The school is 10-15 minutes walk from Toongabbie Railway Station and access to the school can be gained from most parts of the city. Two local bus companies run buses to the school.

Facilities include a Multi Purpose Centre (auditorium with mezzanine/lecture area), Physics, Chemistry and Biology Laboratories, Computer Rooms, Music Rooms, Creative Arts Rooms, Technics Room, Textiles and Design Room, Food Technology Room and a well resourced Library.

The school is a day school, 8:25am-3:00pm (Yrs 7-10) and 8:25am-4:00pm (Yrs 11 & 12).

The school is fully registered and accredited with the NSW Board of Studies and, as a result, offers courses leading to the award of the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) (at the end of Yr 10) and Higher School Certificate (at the end of Yr 12). TCS is a member of Christian Schools Australia (see http://www.csa.edu.au/).

Our Mission
To be a caring Christian community that supports families by providing a quality Christ-centered education which develops the whole person for life & eternity.

Toongabbie is an Aboriginal word meaning “a place near water” or “meeting of the waters”.

Toongabbie is noted for being the third mainland settlement (after Sydney and Parramatta) set up after the British occupation of Australia began in 1788.
The Nature and Unity of the Godhead
We believe there is one God who is eternal personal Spirit. He is infinite in power, wisdom, holiness and love. God is Triune in essential being and revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who of His own sovereign will created the heavens, the earth and all that is contained within the universe.

The Deity and Humanity of Christ
We believe that Jesus Christ as the second Person of the Godhead is eternally one with God the Father of whose person and glory Jesus is the accurate expression. To become human He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, so that two whole and perfect natures, the nature of God and human nature, were united in one Person; truly God and truly human.

The Holy Spirit
We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity is eternally one with the Father and the Son yet He is sent by Them to achieve the divine purpose in the world and the church.

The Divine Inspiration of the Scriptures
We believe that the Scriptures, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, are the infallible Word of God. They were written by holy people of God inspired by the Holy Spirit and have supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

The Sinfulness of People
We believe that people were made in the image of God and for fellowship with God. By transgression of God’s command humankind fell from fellowship with God and their nature was corrupted. As a consequence all people are spiritually dead under Satan’s dominion and control and subject to God’s wrath and condemnation. Therefore, apart from God’s grace, people are helpless and hopeless.

Christ’s Atonement for the Sin of Man
We believe in order to redeem people from the guilt, penalty and power of sin; Jesus Christ became human and died a sacrificial death as our representative substitute. By His resurrection, God’s acceptance of His atoning death was demonstrated. This atonement is sufficient for the whole world, but effective only in those who received it. The sinner is justified and reconciled to God, not through any personal merit, but solely on the basis of God’s gracious gift of salvation in Jesus Christ received through faith.

The Work of the Holy Spirit in Salvation
We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is necessary for the acceptance of God’s provision of salvation. The Holy Spirit convinces sinners of their sinfulness, leads them to personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and so brings them to spiritual birth as God’s children and to fellowship in Christ. Working within the life of believers the Holy Spirit makes real the presence of Christ, witnesses to their relationship with God, leads into all truth, bestows gifts for effective services and produces graces for holy living.

The Church
We believe the Church is the body of people whom God has separated from the world through faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. All regenerate persons are members of the universal Church of God, which takes local form wherever groups of believers unite for worship, fellowship and service in accordance with scriptural principles. All believers are called to a priestly ministry in the offering of spiritual sacrifices and sent into the worlds to be witnesses. God calls individuals to positions of oversight and leadership or to special ministries. The Church recognises such by ordaining pastors, commissioning missionaries, appointing deacons and other leaders, following New Testament practice.

* The Baptism of Believers only by Immersion
We believe that Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a public declaration of a person’s faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. In accordance with New Testament Scripture it should be administered only by total immersion, which symbolises the believer’s identification with Christ in death, burial and resurrection, the remission of sins and the believer’s dedication to God to live and walk in newness of life.

* The Communion
We believe that the Lord’s Supper is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus Christ instituted by Him to be celebrated with the elements of bread and wine by believers in Christ until the end of the age. It commemorates and declares our thanks for the Lord’s substitutionary death. The celebration of the ordinance expresses our fellowship with and in the Lord Jesus Christ as members of the Body of which He is the Head.

The Resurrection of the Dead
We believe at the end of this age, according to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in His glory to the earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom of God awaits His return.

Rewards and Punishments in a Future State
We believe God has appointed a day of final judgment for the world. At that time Jesus Christ will judge every person and each will receive reward or punishment according to their deeds. Those judged righteous, in their resurrected and glorified bodies, will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment.

* Variations to these clauses will be accepted to allow for different convictions about these two beliefs.
Rationale

Toongabbie Christian School is a ministry to primarily Christian families. We believe that it is parents who are given the responsibility of raising their children but in so doing they enlist the support of Christian educational institutions to assist them in this task. TCS reflects the values and beliefs that the Christian home promotes. The School is a Christ-centered learning community where teachers and families serve together in partnership to assist students to grow up into Christ. TCS seeks to provide a high quality Christian education that reflects the Biblical worldview and the way of life that it inspires which is consistent with our mission statement.

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Operation

Enrolment is available to students who meet the criteria that they have at least one parent who is a Christian and part of a local Church, or, in exceptional circumstances, where only the child shows a Christian commitment. Children who have special learning difficulties or a physical disability will be accepted for enrolment providing they meet the criteria for enrolment, and do not cause unjustifiable hardship upon the school community. Parents are required to disclose these details during the application process and provide all necessary documentation and professional reports at their own cost. The School will use this additional information to outline what it can realistically provide in each case. Upon acceptance of enrolment, families must indicate their support of the stated purpose of the school, its ethos and policies by signing the enrolment conditions.

In keeping within this framework, the following categories show the priority order in which we accept students:

Primary Enrolments

- Siblings of children already enrolled in the school.
- Children of established families of Toongabbie Baptist Church.
- Children transferring from other Christian schools (based on our criteria).
- Children involved in the life of Toongabbie Baptist Church (Youth, etc.)
- Children with at least one parent actively involved in a Protestant church other than T.B.C.
- Other children, at the Principal’s discretion (Board to be notified).

Secondary Enrolments

- Children from our Primary Department.
- Siblings of children already enrolled in the school.
- Children of established families of Toongabbie Baptist Church.
- Children transferring from other Christian schools (based on our criteria).
- Children involved in the life of Toongabbie Baptist Church (Youth, etc.).
- Children with at least one parent involved in a Protestant church other than T.B.C.
- Other children, at the Principal’s discretion (Board to be notified).

Kindergarten Starting Age

As a general rule, prospective students enrolling in Kindergarten must turn five years old on or before 30th April in the year of commencement. Individual cases, where parents would like consideration to enrol a child at a younger age will be considered at the discretion of the Principal.
Enrolment Documents Required

- One Enrolment Application form for each child.
  
  *Parents/Guardians: It is important for you to disclose any known disability. In doing so this will assist the School to adequately prepare for your child’s education.*

- One Pastor’s Reference for each family.

- A copy of each child’s Birth Certificate or Passport.

- A copy of any current visa.

- A copy of the student’s latest school report, if applicable.

- A copy of the student’s latest NAPLAN report.

- Prior to enrolment we require a copy of the child’s Immunisation Certificate.

- A signed Cybersafety Use Agreement form for each child.

Interviews

- On receipt of (all) these documents, each family is contacted in order to organise an interview date/time with the Principal.

- Interviews are held approximately each fortnight, over an afternoon and evening, although morning interviews are available on some days. Interviews usually take 30-45 minutes.

- If possible, please bring your children to the interview: the Principal prefers to meet each child for whom an application is made.

Letter of Offer / Acceptance

Following the interview, parents will be advised, either -

- Students meet the enrolment criteria, a position is available, and an offer of enrolment made for the grade / year applied for.
  
  These families are asked to sign an Acceptance Form, and to pay an Enrolment Acceptance Fee of $750 within approximately 3-4 weeks of the letter of offer. That amount is non-refundable and is deducted from the child’s first term fees.

  - A Bond of $800* per family is also required, and this is due in November for new year commencement, or just prior to the day of commencement if starting mid-year. The Bond amount is refunded at the end of the last child’s schooling, providing there are no outstanding payments. (*Bond = half one term’s fees)

- Students meet the enrolment criteria but at the time of interview there is no position available in the grade / year applied for. Students are then placed in a “waiting pool”, and offered places as soon as they become available.

- Students do not meet the enrolment criteria and are advised in writing that they will be not offered a position.

Screening Interviews

- KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN
  
  Children who have been offered a place in Kindergarten are invited to a Screening Interview in August/September prior to commencement. Parents and child meet with the Head of Stage 1 & Early Stage 1, who spends about 20 minutes with the child, going through some simple exercises.

- STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-6

  These children are invited to an interview with the Assistant Principal, prior to commencement at TCS. This interview and tour of the school takes about 30 minutes, and gives the Assistant Principal the opportunity to get to know the child, and determine the best class placement for them. Following the time spent with the child, the Assistant Principal also spends some time with the parent.

- STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-12

  These students are invited to an interview with their Head of Stage, prior to commencement at TCS. This interview and tour of the school takes about 30 minutes. During this time, subjects/electives are chosen and issues relevant to Secondary students are discussed.

Commencement

Parents are notified about the date and time of commencement, and given details about uniform shop opening dates, textbook or other requirements, and a Primary or Secondary Information Booklet.

Late Enrolments

Please note that the enrolment process is the same for families who submit their applications during school vacation periods. Students cannot commence until all documents have been provided, families have had their interview with the Principal, and students have had their pre-commencement interview with their Head of Stage/Assistant Principal. Due to the possible unavailability of staff during the vacation period, students may not be able to commence on the first day/s of the new school term.
Years 7 & 8*
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Personal Development, Health & Physical Exercise (PDHPE)
- Creative Arts
- Biblical Studies
- History
- Geography
- German
- Technology & Applied Studies

*Students study all these subjects in Years 7 & 8

Years 9 & 10*
Compulsory -
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- PDHPE
- Biblical Studies
Electives -
- Computing Skills
- Advanced PE
- Applied Technology Subjects
- Christian Leadership
- Commerce
- Dance
- Desktop Publishing
- Drama
- Food Services & Catering
- Food Technology
- German
- Graphics
- Horticulture
- IT Timber
- Music
- Photography
- Textiles & Design
- Visual Arts

*Students study all compulsory subjects plus up to 3 electives in Years 9 & 10.

Years 11 & 12*
Compulsory—
- Standard English
- Advanced English
- Extension English (Years 11 & 12)
- Extension English (Year 12)
- Studies of Religion (Students at TCS study either Studies of Religion or Introduction to Biblical Theology in Year 11)
Electives -
- General Mathematics
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Extension 1
- Mathematics Extension 2
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Senior Science
- German Beginners
- Modern History
- Ancient History
- Extension History
- Community & Family Studies (CAFS)
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- Engineering Studies
- Geography
- Industrial Technology
- Information Processes & Technology
- Legal Studies
- Music 1
- PD / Health / PE
- Software Design & Development
- Sports, Lifestyle & Recreation (SLR)
- Visual Arts

*Students study English and Studies of Religion or Introduction to Biblical Theology plus up to 5 elective subjects in Years 11 & 12.

For more information -
There are parent and subject / course handbooks for each stage:
- Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8)
- Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10)
- Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12)

Please note that subjects change each year.
Permanent Residents

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**ENROLMENT DEPOSIT**
- Family $750
- Sibling (enrolled at a later date) $400
- This amount is paid on acceptance of the offer of enrolment, and is deducted from the first term's fees.
- This amount is non-refundable if the student does not start at the School.

**BOND** $800 per family
- This amount is paid prior to commencement, and is returned at the end of the last child's enrolment, provided all fees and expenses have been paid.

**Please Note**
- A late payment fee of $50 applies per term per family unless a special payment plan has been arranged with the Business Manager.
- Bpay is the preferred payment method. Your individual BPAY reference details are on the fee statement.
- Visa, Mastercard, EFTPOS, cheque or cash payments can be made at the Office during opening hours, 8am to 4pm.