Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. A good school will make all the difference between a child thriving and growing to become a responsible adult or a child struggling to reach their full potential.

As a parent, I want the best possible education for my children and I am sure you do also.

At GCCC children are nurtured in a warm and friendly environment while encouraged to pursue their own academic, cultural, and sporting personal best.

Our whole educational experience at GCCC is underpinned by biblical values rooted in a desire to follow the example of Jesus Christ and to assist students to grow in their Christian understanding.

Blessed to be in the beautiful Sunshine Coast hinterland, our College offers affordable, quality Christian education from Prep to Year 12 on one campus. This means students follow a clear, well planned pathway with smooth transitions at every stage of their education journey.

Our teachers are committed Christians dedicated to providing the very best education for the students in their care.

GCCC’s air-conditioned classrooms employ innovative technology to enhance the learning journey, compliment traditional teaching methods and prepare students for the future.

We have a small community feel where personal relationships can flourish. This also results in fewer discipline problems and students enjoying a strong sense of belonging.

I invite you to learn more about our College and find out why GCCC is the best choice for your child.

Mike Curtis
Principal
Prep provides the foundations needed to succeed at school and is a firm foundation for a life-long love of learning.

Prep helps children by developing a positive approach to learning with early literacy and numeracy as foundation skills. Children are taught independence, confidence, language skills and problem solving abilities.

A play approach to learning includes activities to develop physical abilities such as gross and fine motor skills. Children learn to explore and their curiosity is encouraged through a well rounded specialist curriculum including French, Music and Physical Education.

Group work and individual attention help children learn sharing, persistence and character.

Our Prep teachers’ experience is fully backed up with extensive teacher aide time to provide a nurturing environment, family atmosphere and a sense of community where children can thrive.

Modern, purpose built facilities incorporate the latest technology such as interactive digital whiteboards, computers and iPads.

At GCCC we believe that Prep is essential for success in Year 1 and is the entry point to be assured of a place at the College. Enrolments are encouraged to be made from birth.

GCCC’s Kitchen Garden is a wonderful patch to plate experience for the students from Prep to Year 2. Children are involved from the ground up in every part of this holistic educational journey. The students prepare the garden beds, take care of the worm farm, compost, weed, plant, harvest, cook and (the favourite part) eat the produce that they have grown themselves.

There is nothing more satisfying than watching a young child actually enjoy a roasted beetroot tart or a capsicum finger and see the look of pride on their faces knowing that they had grown and made the food themselves.

Based on the Stephanie Alexander model, GCCC’s Kitchen Garden goes a step further with it’s Farmer Friends program. Blessed to be in the fruitful hinterland of the Sunshine Coast, GCCC has an abundance of farmer friends to call upon for visits or excursions.
At GCCC, our vision for the Primary College reflects our desire to create a sense of community and facilitates a smooth transition from Prep to Year 1 and then from Primary to Middle School and onto Senior School. This provides a continuity of standards, facilities and ethos for the students as well as a sense of family between older and younger students. The added benefit for families with multiple children is having the whole educational journey on one campus.

Our focus in the Primary years (Years 1-6) is to establish foundational skills in numeracy and literacy and to create a love of learning and personal excellence. Students develop academic discipline and discover their individual strengths while learning to address weaknesses. Education is more than learning; it is about making friends and keeping it fun!

GCCC’s Smart Strings music in Year 3 and the Instrumental Band in Year 5 help students discover a love for music and enhance their learning abilities.

Developing and supporting students as individuals

We believe it is important not just to develop your child academically but also intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually. GCCC offers students exciting opportunities to develop in these areas. Our teachers and support staff excel at nurturing each child and bringing out their individual gifts and talents.

We have specialist teachers for areas such as French, Music, Physical Education and Learning Support as well as extra curricular activities such as choirs, instrumental music, singing, robotics, inter-school sport and dancing.

During Primary, our students build on their IT and computer skills learned in Prep and become confident using technology in a number of learning applications.
Middle School continues the smooth transition from Primary to Senior School and comprises of Years 7, 8 and 9.

At GCCC, we recognise that students of this age are adjusting to profound physical, social and emotional changes. As learners, they can be listless or energetic, curious or bored, maddeningly obtuse and refreshingly insightful. Middle Schoolers want to learn in different contexts and in different ways.

During Years 7 and 8, the strong pastoral care focus of Primary continues and students are exposed to new challenges. This is a foundational time where students can trial many of the elective subjects and experience the smorgasbord of options that become available.

Along with ongoing pastoral care, Year 9 students continue core subjects and choose from a variety of electives to further develop skills as they explore their academic pathways for Senior School.

Middle School Electives

In Middle School students have the opportunity to try out many electives on a rotational basis. These subject can include: Business Studies, Art, Hospitality, Music, Information Communication Technology, Interior and Fashion Design, Drama, Dance, French, Industrial Technology, Design Technology and more.

During this time of trying out new electives, core subjects continue to be the backbone of a Middle School education.

The Year 9 students undertake a program unique to GCCC which is called Ignite. This prepares students for adult life and is a journey of experiences, opportunities and information to test out what God’s purpose is for their life.

Students are involved in a project related to community service and explore their field of influence as leaders.
GCCC has a strong reputation for academic excellence with higher than average OP scores year after year. Our students enjoy excellent preparation for tertiary studies.

Our College is also a Registered Training Organisation and has a dedicated Vocational Educational Training and Future Pathways team to facilitate apprenticeships, workplace training, external and in-house certificates.

This means GCCC students have the best of both worlds with exceptional career pathways and opportunities.

Our 1:1 laptop program gives students the flexibility to learn with the latest equipment so they are conversant with new technologies as they emerge.

Pastorally, emphasis is placed on students developing leadership skills, building strong relationships and achieving maturity and independence.

Students are further supported by GCCC’s modern facilities and innovative technology that are the envy of more established schools.

The first GCCC Year 12 graduating class was in 2009.

Since then students have gone onto university and tertiary studies, completed traineeships and apprenticeships and begun working in their chosen field.

Student career pathways include: primary and secondary teaching, scientific and medical research, paramedical, pharmacy, nursing, mechanical and electrical engineering, police, air and defence force, financial planning, accountancy, commerce, IT, tourism, media, journalism, political science, fashion, psychology, sport and exercise science, building, aviation, electrical, farming and much, much more.
At GCCC, we recognise that the best education isn’t confined to the walls of a classroom. Students are given diverse opportunities to discover their gifts and talents in a supportive Christian environment.

Music, Dance and Drama performances are a highlight for students and audiences. We are blessed to have quality teachers and gifted students who show promise beyond their years.

Although a young College, GCCC is already making a name for itself in sporting competitions. Our Primary students are district champions in cross country and athletics with several representing Queensland in individual and team sports. Primary teams have also won netball, soccer, touch football and AFL competitions over the years.

Secondary students have enjoyed similar achievements and excelled in individual events winning state titles for hurdles, nationals for diving and much more.

Cheerleading has become popular with Primary teams gaining many placements and the Secondary team winning state championships. We look forward to continued success in a wide range of sports and recreational activities as students gain a lifelong passion for sport.

Beyond the classroom

At GCCC, learning is not confined to the classroom and students have a multitude of opportunities to explore and extend their gifts in Music, Dance, Drama and Sport through performances and competitions on and off campus.

Students are nurtured so they grow in independence and responsibility in order to achieve their own personal bests and make valuable contributions to society.

An extensive camping program develops students’ teamwork, independence, fitness, environmental appreciation and, most of all, fun! These camps form the foundation of many fond memories for years to come.

Community

GCCC encourages students to form a love of service and community, not just within the College but within the wider community and even overseas.

Students have many opportunities to stretch themselves spiritually and emotionally by participating in:

- ANZAC Day services and parades
- performances at the local nursing homes
- overseas mission trips
- eisteddfods and in-house performances for community groups
- chapel services
- a wealth of leadership opportunities
- extra curricular clubs and groups

---

“‘They who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up with wings of eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.’

Isaiah 40:31

the sky is the limit
Growing in Christ
on wings like eagles

As a Christian College, GCCC sees the need to provide spiritual input and emotional support for students as they face a wide range of challenges.

GCCC has a team of dedicated chaplains who provide a listening ear, a caring presence and a message of hope for any students who may need someone to talk to.

Our chaplains are set aside to listen to students' problems and help them work through issues such as volatile friendships, self-esteem issues, family problems, bereavement, peer pressure and stress. If the issue is serious, our chaplains have the experience and contacts to find extra help for the students where needed.

GCCC chaplains build relationships with students by running positive, fun activities and being on hand for casual chats and friendly, caring conversations.

The ultimate difference a chappy can make in a student’s life is to show them the love of God in action and word.

Glasshouse Country Christian College is a ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church which began the school with 16 students in 2000.
Growing in faith and knowledge