

Choose to believe



Starting at Saint Kentigern
College in Year 7



Saint Kentigern

Their future begins at Year 7

At Saint Kentigern, your child can expect the very best education taught by a dedicated teaching staff who inspire and support students of all abilities to achieve personal success.

Our boys and girls in Year 7 come together from a wide variety of schools and consequently a key focus at the start of the year is the successful integration of our new students into College life. We focus on ensuring they quickly settle into new routines together and establish friendship groups.

Our Year 7 students are taught in a homeroom with a dedicated classroom teacher. Specialist teachers work with the classroom teacher and contribute to the programme.

During Year 7, students will experience 'taster' blocks in languages and Arts and Technology. These courses provide student insight into possible course options in later years.

Christian values are an intrinsic part of the special character of Saint Kentigern College. The Year 7 course provides students with a foundational understanding of the Christian faith.

In addition to internal assessment, students may participate in ICAS (University of NSW) assessments in English, Spelling, Writing, Science, Mathematics and Computer Skills. Selected students may also compete in the Otago University Mathematics Problem Challenge. The College also enters teams for the regional Mathex competition.

The students participate in and represent the College in a choice of 30 different sports codes and are also encouraged to be involved in cultural, musical and service programmes. These include orchestra, choirs, productions, wearable arts, environmental group, robotics, theatre sports and fundraising for World Vision.



12 Reasons to join at Year 7



1

LIMITED CLASS SIZES

Classes of around 25 students ensure personalised attention, active engagement, and meaningful support for every student.



2

HIGHLY QUALIFIED, PRIMARY-TRAINED HOMEROOM TEACHERS

Exceptional teachers support students to reach their fullest academic potential.



3

PARALLEL EDUCATION

A successful model of teaching the students in single gender classes in Year 7-10 and co-ed classes from Years 11-13.



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A SMOOTH TRANSITION FROM YEAR 7 TO YEAR 9

Year 7 students have one main teacher. Year 8 students have a different teacher for each subject but as much as possible staying in the Year 7 and 8 environment.



8

SPORT, CULTURE, MUSIC, SERVICE

Our youngest students have access to extensive opportunities and facilities and the expertise of specialist teachers.



9

HIGH STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

Guided by our Values we instil good learning practice, a strong moral code, and character development.



4

THE BEST PREPARATION FOR SENIOR SCHOOL

A four-year Middle School curriculum prepares students for IB and NCEA. Good work habits, research and assessment techniques are embedded.



5

A STRONG PASTORAL CARE SYSTEM AND A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

The Elizabeth Macfarlan Centre is an area of the College set aside for our youngest students to work and play in.



6

SPECIALIST TEACHERS, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Year 7 students have access to an exceptional range of subject choices and specialist teachers.



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ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS START 'NEW'

There is no breaking into an established group. Proven programmes help students settle and make friends.



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AN EXCELLENT TIME TO TRANSITION

They have outgrown their full primary school, but they do not need the disruption of another move after intermediate school.



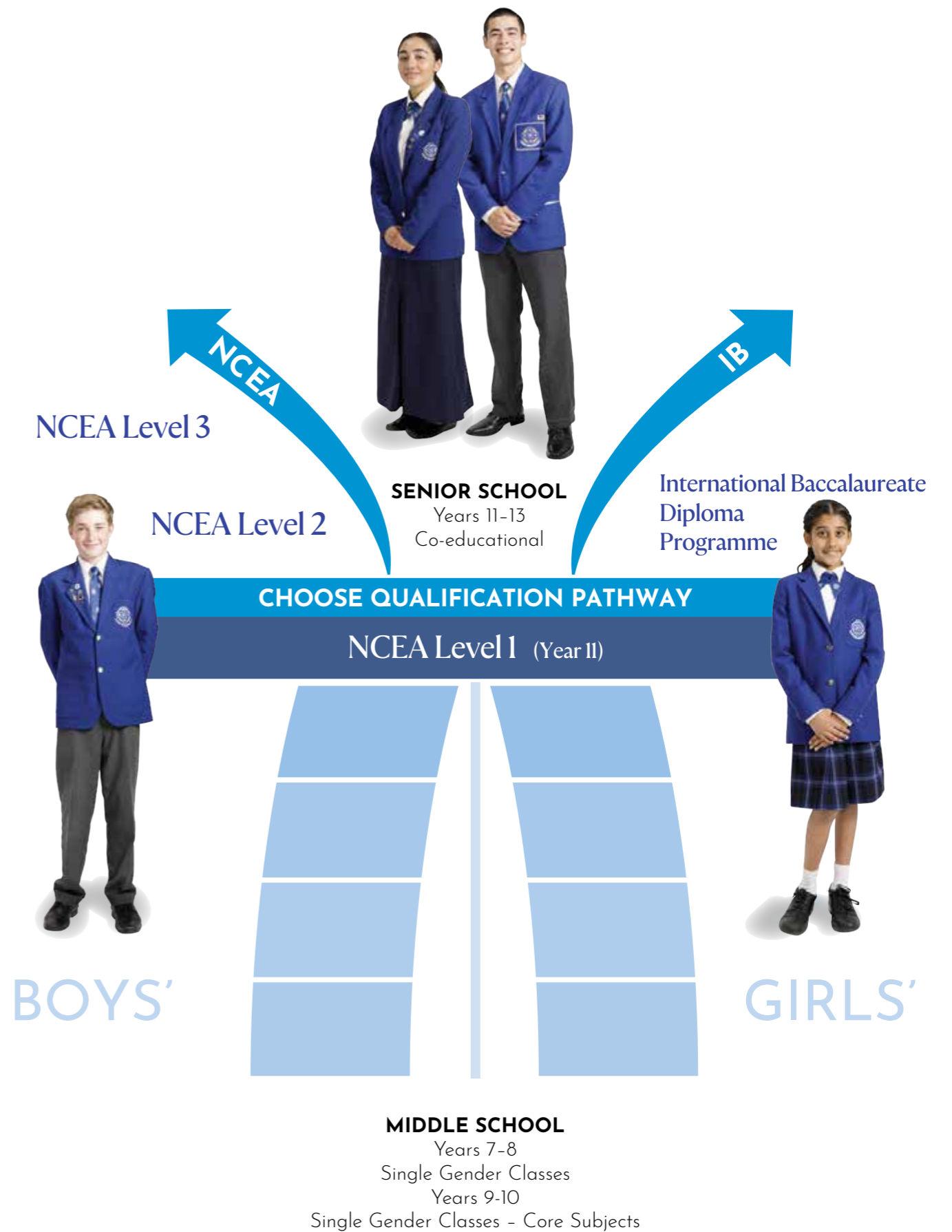
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YEAR 7; THE MOST OPPORTUNE TIME TO ENROL

Year 7 provides an earlier start to life at the College, allowing students to establish strong foundations ahead of the more competitive Year 9 intake, where places may be more limited.



Academic Pathways



Unique to Saint Kentigern

Saint Kentigern is noted for its 'parallel education' structure that offers the best of both worlds to students during their College years. In recognition that boys and girls learn differently in their early teens, and often achieve better outcomes in single-gender classrooms, our boys and girls in Years 7-10 are taught separately for all core curriculum subjects. This model allows these younger students to learn in an environment best suited to their different development needs during those crucial, early teenage years.

Following their Middle School years, students enter the Senior School (Years 11-13), where our young men and women work together in a co-educational setting, developing teamwork and collaborative skills.

Students in Year 7 and 8 have their Form teacher as their Tutor. These groups are single gender and meet every morning and again prior to lunch three days a week. On the other two days, they go to Chapel or Middle School Assembly as a group.

Both within and outside the classroom, Saint Kentigern provides opportunities for its younger students to participate in programmes that promote academic rigour and creativity within a supportive and engaging learning environment. Identification of gifted students is inclusive and on-going, using a multi-method approach.



Saint Kentigern

Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence and Love

Values education has long been synonymous with The Saint Kentigern Way, a code of care and respect that all our students and staff are encouraged to adopt in every facet of their daily lives, both during the school day and at home. These core values provide a starting point for our students to explore many other essential values such as compassion, courage, determination, loyalty, justice and tolerance that are discussed and practised during the year.

Across all our schools, the well established Christian Education programmes, Chapel Services and assemblies provide key opportunities for students (Preschool to Year 13) to unpack each school value and explore how they relate to the daily lives of themselves and others. This helps students answer the big questions of who we are, and who we would like to be.

Enrolment enquiries

Our Admissions team are the first point of contact for all families interested in a Saint Kentigern College education for their children and would love to answer your questions and help you discover what makes Saint Kentigern special.

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