



# PROSPECTUS



Kindergarten  
- Year 12

**Bethel Christian School Limited**

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## PROFILE

The school commenced nearly 40 years ago and provides education for students between Kindergarten and Year 12. The school is a ministry in association with Foursquare Church, Westmead. The school is fully registered and accredited. The school has deliberately remained small so that a family atmosphere can be maintained amongst members of the school community.

The word Bethel in the school's name has special significance for it is taken from the Bible. Bethel was the name of a place where God made Himself known to a number of people in the Old Testament, one of them being Jacob. At Bethel Christian School we want our students to get to know God and His Son, Jesus Christ. We want our students to grow more like Jesus each day and live out the example that He taught in the Bible.

The school tries to model the Christian life by seeking to develop loving caring relationships amongst all members of the school community. We also encourage students to live out their Christian faith. This means that we study the Bible to find out how God wants us to live out our lives in the 21st century. To help in this process we seek to teach all subjects from a Christian viewpoint.

In addition to the normal school subjects the school curriculum includes a Christian Studies program and weekly chapel services. The school also engages in inter school sporting activities.

Our school has an enrolment policy that means we accept children whose parents accept our Statement of Beliefs which is written in the school's application form and want their children to be taught according to the beliefs and values. A condition of enrolment is that students participate in all school activities appropriate to their age and abilities.

Facilities at Bethel Christian School include a science laboratory, visual arts room, computer labs and fully equipped food technology room. Our multipurpose hall, includes a canteen, high school lockers and student amenities.

If you would like to find out more about our school, do not hesitate to phone the school to arrange a visit or ask for an enrolment form to be sent to you.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### LOCATION:

106 - 114 Mount Druitt Road, Mount Druitt.

Only fifteen minutes walk from Mount Druitt railway station. A bus runs from the station to and from the school. Buses also run from Bidwell, Blackett, Emerton, Hebersham, Lethbridge Park, Shalvey, Whalan, Minchinbury, Old Mt Druitt, Erskine Park and St Clair.

### POSTAL ADDRESS:

Bethel Christian School

P.O. Box 3080

Mount Druitt Village N.S.W. 2770

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 3.30pm

### ENROLMENT PROCEDURE:

Upon request a School Prospectus and application form is made available. Once the application form has been completed and returned to the school with the \$40 application fee, the school Principal or appointed member of staff will then interview families. Upon acceptance families are contacted by mail and given the opportunity to accept the placement offered. Payment of an enrolment fee is required to secure the place.

Documentary evidence of date of birth, immunization, custody papers, recent school reports and NAPLAN results will need to be provided along with the application form.

## INTERVIEWS:

Parent interviews for new applicants will be arranged through the office (96254949) and will be held with the Principal, Business Manager and/or delegated person. Normally the interview will take 30 minutes and parents must come with the prospective student, equipped with any information that may assist in assessment of the application. This includes reports, special awards, samples of work, external professional assessments (where appropriate) and any other certificates that the child has gained. The purpose of the interview is for the school to get to know the family and give us the opportunity to understand the particular needs of the applicant.

## SCHOOL TIMES

### **Primary: Kindergarten – Year 6: 8:45am to 2:55pm.**

Children should be on the premises no later than 8:40am allowing them time to hang up their school bags and be ready for assembly at 8:45am. Assembly is an important time as this is when daily announcements about timetable changes, special events and prayer needs are made. We ask you to help us foster a respect for punctuality in your children by ensuring that they are on time, each morning. Late arrival is disruptive to school routine and not conducive to self-discipline. We welcome parents to stay for morning assembly.

### **High School: Year 7 – Year 10: 8:30am to 3:10pm.**

Students should be on the premises by 8:20am ready for the commencement of the first class at 8.30am.

### **Senior High School: Year 11 – Year 12: 8:00am to 3:10pm.**

## Dropping off and Picking up Students

In the interests of safety, we insist that parents *do not* use the staff car park or Ropes Creek Road as a pick up/drop off point, as the school buses use this street both in the mornings and afternoons. Parents should drop children on the school side of Mount Druitt Road, or alternatively, meet children in the school grounds and personally escort them to vehicles.

## Hours of Supervision

Playground supervision commences at 8:05am for High School and 8.25am for Primary School each morning, Final supervision concludes at 3:15pm.

## Out of Hours School Care

Before and After School are available onsite from 7.30am – 8.15am (8.05 HS). Students will be signed into Before and After School Care and participate in a range of activities. Further information about Before and After School Care can be collected from the office.

## CURRICULUM

New South Wales joined with the Australian Government and all other states and territories to develop an Australian curriculum. Through 2011 and 2012 the Board of Studies NSW, now the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES), developed new K–10 syllabuses for English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K–6) as well as History and Geography that incorporate agreed Australian curriculum content.

In K–6 the syllabuses are designed to be taught within the BOSTES' recommended percentages of time for each key learning area in a typical school week. In Years 7–10 they are designed to be taught within the existing NSW indicative time requirements.

## **PRIMARY:**

Subjects are organised into six Key Learning Areas:

English, Mathematics, Human Society & Its Environment (History and Geography), Science (TAS), Creative and Practical Arts, Personal Development/Health/Physical Education.

## **HIGH SCHOOL:**

### **Stage 4**

English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Personal Development/ Health/ Physical Education, Visual Art, Music and Language (Chinese Yr 7)

### **Stage 5**

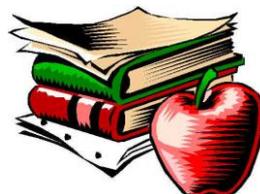
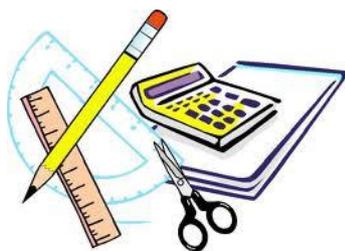
English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Personal Development/ Health/ Physical Education,

Years Nine and Ten are able to select elective subjects from the following:

Food Technology, Information Skills Technology, Commerce, Music, Drama, Textiles, Visual Arts, PASS and Graphics.

### **Stage 6**

English is mandatory, other subjects will be selected by students.



## **OTHER CURRICULUM AREAS:**

### **Christian Studies:**

Bethel offers Christian Studies to students in all grades.

### **Library:**

The School Library is an active and vital part of the school. It is not merely for the storage of books and audiovisual hardware and software and other resources, but it is a centre of learning. All students have access to the Library for borrowing and research. Each Primary class has a planned lesson each week in the Library.

### **TECHNOLOGY:**

The school has two specialist computer laboratories. One laboratory benefits programs that interface directly with hardware, such as music and video software.

The main laboratory has thirty-two environmentally friendly Thin Clients and LCD screens, and data projector. It facilitates the teaching of the fundamental skills of computing from Years K-12 in clear, simple steps. Every class accesses these laboratories at least once a week in the Primary and more often in the High School. The second laboratory has twenty-six environmentally friendly Workstations and LCD screens designed specifically to enhance the learning process in the Arts and Design & Technology subjects offered at Bethel.

The school has a fully equipped Food Technology room. Boasting four fully-equipped and well-maintained cooking stations, with ovens and microwaves, the Food Technology Room caters for twenty students. A classroom adjoining the practical area ideally caters for the teaching of theoretical components.

## **SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES**

If your child has been diagnosed with a learning difficulty and will need specialist support, please make an appointment with our Learning Support Supervisor. Our Learning support supervisor will liaise with you, the classroom teacher and specialist to facilitate communication and action plans to assist your child.

# HOMWORK POLICY

Homework is an important part the learning process. It enables students to revise what they have learned in class and so facilitates the reinforcement of learning. Homework should also be a time for preparation of summaries in readiness for examinations.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework will usually be completed on Monday to Thursday nights, as follows:

**Kindergarten:** Sight words for 5 minutes. As appropriate and in accordance with the student's readiness, the reading of home readers will be gradually introduced during the year.

**Year 1 – 2:** 20 minutes recommended, including 10 minutes home reading.

**Years 3 – 4:** 35 minutes recommended, including 15 minutes home reading.

**Years 5 – 6:** 45 minutes recommended, including 20 minutes home reading.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### STAGE 4 (YEARS 7 – 8)

Students should set aside 1 hour and 15 minutes total per night. A homework timetable is provided for students to follow with allocated times given to each subject area.

### Stage 5 (Years 9 – 10)

Student should set aside 1 hour and 40 minutes total per night. A homework timetable is provided for students to follow with allocated times given to each subject areas.

**Note:** These times need to be extended as examinations and assessment tasks approach.

### Stage 6 (Years 11 – 12)

Students will be required to set aside time to complete all homework, assignments and study.

## 2018 FEE SCHEDULE

Application fee: \$40 (payment to accompany application form)

Enrolment fee: \$300 per student (non-refundable)

### Infants/Primary

	First Student	Second Student		Third Student		Subsequent Children
		Extra.	Cumult.	Extra.	Cumult.	
Annual	\$3400	\$2400	\$5800	\$1400	\$7200	Nil
Per Term	\$850	\$600	\$1450	\$350	\$1800	Nil
Per Fortnight	\$170	\$120	\$290	\$70	\$360	Nil

### Secondary (Year 7 to Year 10)

	First Student	Second Student		Third Student		Subsequent Children
		Extra.	Cumult.	Extra.	Cumult.	
Annual	\$3820	\$2520	\$6340	\$1520	\$7860	Nil
Per Term	\$955	\$630	\$1585	\$380	\$1965	Nil
Per Fortnight	\$191	\$126	\$317	\$76	\$393	Nil

### Secondary (Years 11 and 12)

	First Student	Second Student	
		Extra.	Cumult.
Annual	\$2500	\$2500	\$5000
Per Term	\$625	\$625	\$1250
Per Fortnight	\$125	\$125	\$250

A service fee of \$25 per term for Primary and \$50 per term for High School will be charged to cover textbooks and excursions. Year 11 and Year 12 students are required to purchase additional textbooks.

Students from Year 9 - 12 who select Textiles/Food Technology as their elective subject/s will incur a subject levy of \$50 per year per subject.

A Building Fund contribution of \$30 per family per term is requested and these donations are tax deductible.

School Fees do not include camp.

\* Additional books may need to be purchased, see equipment list for details.

Students on temporary or student visas, will need to contact the Business Manager to discuss fee structure.

[Fees are reviewed in Term 3 for the ensuing year]

# UNIFORM

Term One	-	Summer Uniform
Term Two	-	Summer/Winter Uniform as advised
Term Three	-	Winter Uniform
Term Four	-	Summer Uniform

Parents and students will be advised of the changeover dates.

All students are to wear a school hat year round. Navy legionnaires hat (years K-2) and Navy 'baseball' cap with 'B' (years 3-12)

**All uniform is available at Lowes, Please visit website on <https://lowes.com.au/>**

## **Uniform – Infants & Primary**

### **Girls:**

#### **Summer Uniform**

- school check dress with white Peter Pan collar
- black lace up shoes (polishable)
- white socks – ankle length

#### **Winter Uniform**

- winter tunic and tie
- long sleeved sky blue blouse with Peter Pan collar
- navy tights/white socks - ankle length
- black lace up shoes (polishable)
- navy sloppy-joe or jacket (school crested)

### **Boys:**

#### **Summer Uniform**

- sky blue short-sleeved shirt
- grey shorts with full elastic waist
- grey socks – ankle length
- black lace-up shoes (polishable)

#### **Winter Uniform**

- sky blue long sleeved shirt
- long grey pants
- navy sloppy-joe or jacket (school crested)
- grey socks - ankle length
- black school shoes (polishable)
- school tie

### **Sport Uniform – boys and girls**

- navy shorts – long leg knit variety
- gold crested polo shirt
- navy sloppy-joe or jacket (school crested)
- plain white sports socks - ankle length
- sports shoes – preferably white

### **High School**

#### **Girls:**

#### **Summer Uniform**

- white shirt with Peter Pan collar
- tartan knee length skirt
- navy sloppy joe
- white socks – ankle length
- black lace-up shoes (polishable)

#### **Winter Uniform**

- same as summer
- black stockings or tights/white ankle length socks
- navy sloppy-joe or jacket (school crested)

#### **Boys:**

#### **Summer Uniform**

- white shirt
- grey pants (long or short)
- navy sloppy joe
- black lace-up shoes (polishable)

#### **Winter Uniform**

- same as summer
- tie (available from school)
- navy sloppy-joe or jacket (school crested)

### **Sports Uniform – boys and girls**

- navy shorts (long leg knit variety)
- gold crested polo shirt
- white ankle length socks
- sports shoes, preferably white
- tracksuit

## **Grooming**

### **Girls:**

1. Hair should be clean and neat and where necessary tied back so it does not fall in the face when leaning forward. Hair clips, ribbons or decorations must be yellow or blue. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up in an approved style for tidiness and health reasons. Styles of hair should be conservative and not bring undue attention to the individual or be unacceptable at a reasonable job interview. Hair must not be dyed or bleached.
2. Make-up and coloured nail polish is not to be worn and fingernails are to be clean and neatly filed.
3. Jewellery is not allowed to be visible with the exception of watches, simple signet rings and medical ID bracelets etc. Piercings are not permitted. A pair of ear studs or sleepers is permissible.

### **Boys:**

1. Hair should be kept clean, neat and is not to extend beyond the collar and not be styled to the excess of fashion or detract from a reasonable job interview. Hair must not be dyed or bleached.
2. Fingernails are to be kept clean and neatly trimmed.
3. Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of watches, simple signet rings and medical ID bracelets, etc. Earrings and piercings are not permitted. If parents/students are in doubt as to particular hairstyles, the Assistant Principal should be consulted BEFORE having a questionable or trendy hairstyle.

## **HEALTH:**

The NSW Department of Health reminds parents that it is important for every child to be fully immunised before starting school. The school fully supports this encouragement from the Department of Health and requires a full immunisation certificate upon enrolment.

Basic First Aid is administered when an injury occurs at school. In all cases where an injury is more than minor, we try to contact parents so further treatment can be arranged.

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