

OPEN DAY – TOUR GUIDE INFORMATION – 22 Aug 2024

- Please visit each of the areas listed below but feel free to do it in a different order. However, you need to start and finish in the main foyer of the new building.
- You will meet the visiting families initially near the enrolments stall in the main foyer of the new building (close to MS Student Services).
- When you arrive in each area of the tour, go into the room, explain to the visitors where they are and what happens in that space.
- Stay in each area for several minutes – allow the parents opportunities to look around and ask questions. Please extend on the provided scrip with your own experiences at school.

1. Room: Middle School Student Services Area

This is heart of our brand-new, state-of-the-art school building. It is only in use since the start of this year and was officially opened in March. It boasts 12 modern general learning areas and connects to the other building via a bridge. On one side we have student services where students can get help with all sorts of things, big and small. Behind it is our first aid station, counselling rooms and number of other administration offices.

2. Room: Diverse Learning Centre

This is our Diverse Learning Centre, where students with specific learning needs get extra support and have a quite space to withdraw to. Of course, there is also a number Education Support Officers who work one-on-one with students in classes where they need a little extra help. Allied Health support like speech pathology or OT services work with some of our students.

Walk up the secondary staircase at the back of the building

3. Room: M7 (upstairs)

This is an example of one of our modern teaching spaces. It has floor to ceiling to maximise natural light and high ceilings for optimal air flow. All rooms have interactive Clevertouch digital whiteboards that allow for seamless connectivity. You might have noticed that there is no teacher's desk – our staff are encouraged to walk around the classrooms and sit with students when they work with them.

4. Room: M11 – MakerSpace (upstairs)

This is one of two MakerSpaces. These are flexible learning spaces that are designed for hands-on learning. Note the linoleum floor – we expect it get dirty because that what happens when students get creative. Some classes are scheduled into here but all teachers have the opportunity to book these spaces with their classes too.

Walk across the bridge, then right towards M13 – M17

5. Room: M13 – M17 Modern Multi-Use Learning Spaces

We have five modern classrooms in this area. The learning spaces are integrated and partitions can be opened to create larger spaces and allow for projects across classes. They were designed with a maximum of transparency and interactivity in mind.

The 'breakout' area we are standing in serves as a multi-functional learning space for our students.

6. Room: Music Suite and through to Auditorium

The College has a number of bands and ensembles made up of students from across different year levels, including a Senior School Band, a Middle School Band and a Choir.

In our Music Centre we have state-of-the-art, 21st century keyboard laboratory using integrated technology for students to compose and record their own music. The area also includes performance spaces for classes as well as smaller rooms for students to undertake private instrumental and voice lessons.

7. Room: Auditorium

Our Auditorium is used extensively as a multi-purpose space, with activities such as exams, musical rehearsals and staff meetings held here.

8. Room: Kitchens Food and Hospitality

Our Food and Hospitality facilities are equipped to industry standards as well as a typical Middle School kitchen which models kitchen facilities in a typical home. Students learn a range of skills and prepare foods from cakes to canapés. Senior School students also develop hospitality skills, catering for a variety of events from children's parties to restaurant style staff functions. Let's have a look if we try something they have cooked up this morning.

9. Room: Science Labs Science

There are seven laboratories for Science at St Columba, one in the Junior School, four here in the Middle School and two in the Senior School. And the next building will another two state-of-the-art Science labs – there is a display in Room M1 about our plans for that building. We have a focus on STEM; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics which is taught in an integrated way across the subjects of Mathematics and Science.

10. Rooms: 6.1 – 6.4 Year 6

This is the Year 6 area. We have four Year 6 Classes where we transition students into Middle School with the majority of subjects being taught by one teacher. All Year 6 students have access to specialist teachers in Indonesian, Science, STEM, Physical Education and semester subjects including Visual Art, Drama, Music and Digital Technology.

11. Rooms: Design Tech Lab Design and Technology

Design and Technology is offered as a subject to students in Years 8 -12.

The College has modern technology facilities offering subjects in metal, wood, computer-aided design, electronic and plastic products and advanced manufacturing. Students use a range of manufacturing technologies, including tools, machines, equipment, and /or systems to design and make products with resistant materials.

Using industry software and hardware, students develop skills and knowledge in CAD drawing, 3D manipulation techniques, 3D printing and laser engraving.

12. **Rooms: Languages Spaces for Indonesian & French**

Students from R-Year 8 learn Indonesian or French (from Year 7), and enjoy mastering the language and understanding other cultural aspects such as food, music and dress. There is the option to student Indonesian or French beyond Year 8 and up to Year 12, for those students who elect to do so.

13. **Room: Art Room** **Visual Art & Drama**

On the left we have two Art studios. Students develop their skills in drawing, painting, screen printing and sculpture in Visual Art which is offered from Year 6 to 12.

Art provides students with the opportunity to learn how to create, design, represent, communicate their ideas, emotions, observations and experiences.

14. **Room: Library**

Our Library is a place that operates both as a traditional library, and as a modern resource centre. Here students can receive IT support, borrow books, study independently and, after school 4 nights a week, access additional help with their work from Old Collegians and staff.

15. **Room: Chapel** **Chapel**

Students from across all three schools of the College will visit the Chapel to participate in liturgical celebrations from both our Anglican and Catholic traditions throughout the year. It is also a place students can use for quiet reflection.

16. **Room: Lakes Arts Theatre**

Our Lakes Arts Theatre has been newly renovated, and now offers professional grades lighting and audio facilities for our Drama students. Drama is a popular subject in Middle and Senior Schools, with public performances of plays in Years 10, 11 and 12. The Theatre is used as both a performance and classroom space.

17. **Room: Blue Courts**

Here are our new under cover courts which are used for PE lessons, netball and basketball. Beyond this, you can also see one of our two school ovals, which will soon be developed into a state-of-the-art soccer pitch, including change rooms and spectator facilities.

18. **Room: M1**

Please direct the families to the prefect and the screen showing information on the new Senior School building to be built on the soccer pitch. It is planned to turn earth on the site in November with an anticipated finish date of early 2026. It will house 16 classrooms including two state-of-the-art Science labs.

19. **Room: Back to Enrolments Stall adjacent to carpark and new building**

We thank you for taking the tour with us.

There is still a coffee van here if you would like a refreshment.

And we have a bus going which can take you over to our Junior School – the bus is leaving from the kiss & drop lane outside the new building.