



**AMBROSE TREACY
COLLEGE**

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Important Dates

- ATC Information Night for current Year 5 NJC Parents - **Thursday 27 Feb**
- Closing Date for continuing NJC Year 5 Enrolments Year 7 2016 - **Monday 3 March**
- First Round Interviews for Year 7 2016 - **Week March 17-21**
- First Round Interviews for Year 4 & 5 2015 - **Week May 19-23.**

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An exciting story unfolds

Welcome to our first edition of the Ambrose Treacy College Developments newsletter. With the countdown on for the College opening on 28 January 2015 we will be sending out a fortnightly newsletter to keep you up to date with our planning.

The establishment of a Catholic College for boys in Years 4 to 12 has created a great deal of interest and demand for places in both the first year and future years has been very encouraging. The demand has been so strong that we have now opened enrolments for a sixth stream in our initial Year 7 intake for 2015.

Ambrose Treacy College is proudly a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. Combining the energy and excitement of a new school beginning and the rich tradition of 76 years providing quality boys' education

through Nudgee Junior College, Ambrose Treacy College will guide boys through their important formation years into manhood.

The story behind this exciting new development comes from the amazing story of a courageous Christian Brother who journeyed out from Ire-



A new exciting day uniform has been finalized and is in production now

land to give the young Catholic boys of Australia an education that was liberating and purposeful. Br Patrick Ambrose Treacy was a remarkable pioneer of education in our early years of settlement.

Personally responsible for establishing 29 schools across Australia and New Zealand, Br Treacy was a resourceful, innovative and determined man. Faced with enormous challenges he looked past these often daunting hurdles to cast his eye on the educational needs of the young men he encountered. These opportunities he created gave these young men the means of not only dreaming of a future not previously available to them, but also the means to achieve these dreams through a liberating education.

Ambrose Treacy College strives to continue this remarkable story today for the young men in the western suburbs of Brisbane. Our aim is to allow all our young men to dream, set goals and reach their potential. We seek to have students learning today and leading tomorrow.

Our Vision

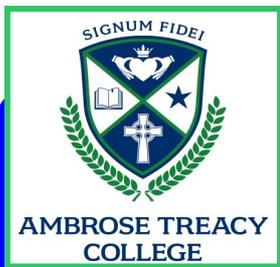
As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are called to be authentic to the Charter of Edmund Rice Education. We aspire to be faithful to the four touchstones of The Charter: *Liberating Education; Gospel Spirituality; Inclusive Community; Justice and Solidarity*. The integration of the touchstones reflects our mission and helps inform the authentic development of the

Edmund Rice charism within our community.

Through a community consultation, a new vision statement for Ambrose Treacy College was developed. This vision statement hopes to capture the essence of what we as a College stands for. Our vision is built around our desire to help educate and prepare young men for a world that is desperately calling out for our future leaders

to be young men of character who will help shape the direction of our future communities.

"Ambrose Treacy College aims to be an authentic Catholic community in the Edmund Rice tradition that promotes excellence in learning, leadership and service in order to challenge its members to make a prophetic difference for our world."



Story behind our new crest

The College Crest is a powerful touchstone that symbolises our proud traditions and aspirations.

Signum Fidei

Our college motto is the Latin phrase 'Signum Fidei' meaning 'Sign of Faith' and is a direct link to our Christian Brothers and St Joseph's Nudgee Junior College traditions. Its conviction inspires our members to live and grow as powerful signs of faith for others who make compassion and justice an active reality.

The Claddagh

The Claddagh is an Irish symbol of loyalty, love and friendship. These qualities ensure the authentic provision of a Catholic

education in the Edmund Rice tradition that promotes holistic excellence in learning (head), leadership (heart) and service (hands).

The Open Book

The Open Book is a symbol of learning. It reflects our quest for knowledge, understanding and wisdom. The book is open so that we may be open always on the journey towards truth.

The Star

The Star is a symbol of leadership. It reflects our conviction to radiate the light of God through the leadership our community demonstrates to make a prophetic difference for our world. The

Star is a reminder that "Those who instruct many unto justice shall shine like stars for all eternity" (Daniel: 12.3).

The Celtic Cross

The Celtic Cross is a symbol of service. It reflects our Irish heritage that is based on the story of Jesus, Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers whose prophetic service we animate.

The Laurel Wreath

The Laurel Wreath is a symbol of excellence. It reflects our respect for the dignity of the person by celebrating and supporting the holistic pursuit of their full spiritual, academic and co-curricular potential.

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Three Schools - One College

Ambrose Treacy College will be structured to three separate learning and pastoral environments within the overall College structure. This structure comprises three schools, the Junior School, catering for boys in Years 4 to 6, the Middle School for students in Years 7 to 9 and the Senior School, for Years 10 to 12.

Each school within the College has its own specialised

approach - as appropriate to the developmental stage of the students' learning journey. While each school within the College has its own distinct character, it remains one College in the Edmund Rice tradition.

We focus entirely on the unique needs of boys and celebrate their strengths and abilities. With over 75 years of experience in teaching boys, we understand what makes them

tick and knowing boys means we teach them the way boys learn best.

In each of our stages of schooling we encourage the successful completion of the developmental tasks that boys must negotiate at each stage in their academic lives. In everything we do, we aim to inspire excellence; a personal excellence that sees all boys reach their potential.

Stage 1 Building News

Work is well under way at the College for our January 2015 start. Part of a detailed Master Building Plan development by the College through our architects, Fulton Trotter Architects, this first stage will provide state of the art facilities for our Year 7 and 8 students. In a renovation of our old boarding facilities this stage will realise 7 new

classrooms, a new learning enrichment area, a new art room, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) laboratory and a design technology space as well as a new administration that will see a new reception and offices. This \$4,000,000 renovation project has also seen the existing uniform shop and tuckshop refurbished. We

are delighted with the work of Sommer and Staff Builders and we looked forward to unveiling these new facilities in September this year. In the meantime planning is also well underway for our Stage 2 development that will begin early next year for Year 9 and 10 facilities in 2016.

