



**AMBROSE TREACY
COLLEGE**

ATC DEVELOPMENTS

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Important Dates

- ATC Information Night for current Year 5 NJC Parents - 6.30 pm in the Hall - **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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Achieving his personal best at ATC

At Ambrose Treacy College academic excellence is about each boy striving towards his personal best. Engaged and motivated boys achieve their personal best. The academic offerings at ATC have been designed with this in mind.

Learning in the ATC Junior School

Boys are motivated, energetic learners when they are engaged. The ATC Junior School stands on 76 years of experience in meeting the specific learning needs of boys. The Australian Curriculum is covered in a dynamic way, which reflects boys' interests and learning styles.

Learning in the ATC Middle School

A relevant curriculum is paramount in engaging the Middle School learner. The three faculties of the Middle School, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics), Humanities and The Arts, will have designed programs that relate the Australian Curriculum content to work in the real world. Projects will be designed to take the Middle School learner beyond his immediate community, where he will learn to grapple with the realities of a globalised world.

Learning in the ATC Senior School

Autonomy and the opportunity to select a career pathway for themselves is vital for

young men. To thrive they need to feel a sense of control over their future plans. This is key to motivating the Senior School learner to perform at his personal best. Learning in the ATC Senior School will focus on enabling boys to accurately assess their abilities to inform their decision for the future. Offering three viable pathways enables boys to pursue a career that will bring genuine satisfaction and success. Each of the faculties of the Senior School will offer subjects to prepare for university entrance, developing pre-trade competency or for direct entry to the workplace. The Senior School will develop young men of competence and confidence to go forward and make a contribution to the world.

A New School – A New Look



2015 will realise a new look for students with the introduction of a new school uniform for Ambrose Treacy College students. Following a consultation process with parents, staff and students, the decision was taken that ATC would start 2015 with a fresh contemporary look. At the end of last year a new day uniform was settled and will see a change from the khakis and formal suit, to a uniform that will see grey shorts / trousers, coupled with a pale blue and white pin-stripe shirt and grey socks matched with the blue, white and green school colours. The traditional navy blue suit coat with a ATC

crest will be retained, while the NJC tie will have a small makeover to see a new look emerge. Processes are underway to finalise the new College PE uniform and the wide range of ATC sporting uniforms. This will be finalised by the end of Term 1.





Projected School Fees

Ambrose Treacy College aims to provide a quality education for its students and families at the most affordable level of school fees possible. Edmund Rice Education Australia's approval for the College to expand and offer a secondary option for families in the western corridor of Brisbane was predicated on the requirement for us to aim to keep our school fees within reach of most families.

With this in mind our financial planning has been modelled on how we provide both quality and affordability in our expansion. Setting school fees is based on meeting expenses involved in running the school including salaries, day to day running costs and loan repayments and balancing this against the school's income of school tuition fees and State

and Federal Government Recurrent grants. Under current funding arrangements NJC's position in the western suburbs of Brisbane equates to us being amongst the lowest funded Catholic schools in Queensland in recurrent government grants.

From the outset in our planning we have aimed to try and keep our fee structure consistent with our existing school fees. In saying this there is an understanding that secondary education is usually more expensive than primary education – most schools would say that secondary education costs are 10 -15% more expensive than primary education costs.

School fees for next year are yet to be finalised. But as a guide to parents we would

expect our school fees for the junior school (years 4 to 6) in 2015 to be in the vicinity of \$9,480 whilst the costs for the middle school (years 7 and 8) to be approximately \$10,575. These figures would not include costs associated with a laptop program which is being considered to be introduced next year.

We hope to be in a position to finalise our 2015 tuition fee schedule by July this year. Our tuition fees will be inclusive with the exception of elective individual choices with instrumental music lessons, services provided by outside providers e.g. speech and drama, tennis or swimming lessons, or elective tours in holiday times nor do they include the College Building Fund which is tax deductible and voluntary.

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Mission Statement

As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, Ambrose Treacy College has developed a Mission Statement that describes the community we will strive to be. In our future endeavours, we strive to be an inclusive community on a journey to:

- Live and grow as a faith community based on the story of Jesus, Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers in order to make their message of compassion, justice and love an active reality.
- Demonstrate respect for the dignity of the person by celebrating and supporting the holistic pursuit of their potential.
- Engage boys in dynamic and relevant experiences and pathways that promote learning, personal growth, achievement and service.
- Develop courageous young men of character and integrity who build compassionate relationships and proudly contribute to the College, its traditions and aspirations.



Architectural image of one on the new Year 8 classrooms currently underway