



St Margaret's



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*the St Margaret's* DIFFERENCE



St Margaret's has been educating young women since 1895, when the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent founded a school in Nundah that would eventually be relocated to its present site in Ascot and take the name of Saint Margaret of Antioch.

Ahead of the times in their desire to further the educational opportunities available to girls, especially those from regional Queensland, the Sisters laid down strong foundations, which have endured for over 120 years.

Today, the school caters for girls from Pre-Prep to Year 12, with boarding from Year 5. Boys are also welcome in Pre-Prep and Prep.

The school's enviable location, in the safe enclave of leafy Ascot and perched on a hill with expansive views of Brisbane city and beyond, provides a peaceful sanctuary for both day and boarding students.

St Margaret's girls thrive within a warm, vibrant and supportive community, where they are free to express themselves, explore their passions and discover who they are.

They leave St Margaret's well prepared, ready to embrace their future and expand their horizons.

*Discover the difference a St Margaret's education can make for your daughter.*

# DISCOVER *her* GIFTS

St Margaret's personalised approach to each child's learning allows her to shine in her own way.

Our broad, balanced and flexible curriculum ensures girls can explore a range of interests and disciplines, laying a strong foundation for future success.

Teaching at St Margaret's is vibrant, progressive and innovative. Our specialist staff deliver relevant, authentic and engaging programs, using the latest technology in well-equipped facilities.

Recognising that deep learning occurs only when a girl's physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs are met, St Margaret's holistic approach to education focuses on creating an optimal learning environment.

Our strong pastoral care framework, through the Head of Year and House systems, provides the girls with a broad support network and nurtures a sense of belonging throughout their schooling. Engaging in the many extracurricular opportunities available also helps every girl find her place, and, with it, a positive sense of wellbeing.

A range of additional programs outside the classroom support the girls' progress, giving them every chance to succeed – from supervised study and mentoring, through to personal and careers counselling.

Our Flyers Program for outstanding scholars from Years 7 to 12 provides girls with opportunities to embrace intellectual challenge across a range of disciplines.

Discover how a St Margaret's education can shine a light on your daughter's gifts.



# DISCOVER *her* CREATIVITY

*Creativity is as important now in education as literacy and we should treat it with the same status.*

**Ken Robinson**

Nurturing and developing a child's creativity not only connects to the core of who they are, it also helps develop critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. St Margaret's embraces the Arts and Arts education, encouraging all students to sing, act, play, paint, create, dance and perform throughout their years at the school.

From the very early years, the opportunities for your daughter to express her creativity are boundless. Primary Arts events are a kaleidoscope of colour, song

and movement, combining all aspects of the Arts, including the chance to perform and build early confidence in front of an audience.

The extracurricular music program offers participation in traditional music ensembles and choirs, as well as contemporary rock bands. A series of concerts and recitals throughout the year helps set practice parameters, encouraging discipline and meaningful progress, as well as providing opportunities for the girls to showcase their talents to appreciative family and community members.

Each year, one of our signature events – Classics in the Cathedral – draws hundreds to the city landmark, St John's Cathedral, while touring opportunities have taken various choirs and orchestras around Australia and also to Europe to perform and compete on the world stage. The school is renowned for its auditioned ensemble choir – Éncorah – which regularly captivates audiences with its remarkable tonal warmth, expressive power and polished performances.

The school musical is held biannually and places in these professional productions are highly coveted. The musical alternates with another 'must see'

arts calendar event – the Mayo Festival – which invites prominent artists to exhibit at the school, as well as showcasing our talented Art students' work to the wider community.

The Flyers Program for outstanding visual and performing artists recognises the additional hours that are required to excel in one's craft, while also achieving academic goals.

Whether pursuing Arts as a formal study option, or participating in the many extracurricular opportunities available, the Arts provides unique experiences, develops passion unlike any other source, and enhances critical and creative thinking.



St Margaret's is passionate about its sports programs, understanding all the wonderful benefits participation can provide. From building strength, coordination and confidence, to team building, competing with grace, and learning to lead, sport will help develop countless qualities your daughter will call upon many times in her life.

With 18 sports on offer in the secondary school, including rowing, netball, gymnastics, volleyball, hockey, soccer, touch football, badminton, softball and tennis, most girls find at least one or several sports they can enjoy.

St Margaret's participates in a number of interschool competitions, providing plenty of opportunities for healthy and robust sporting contests. These include Andrews Cup (Primary School), the Queensland Girls' Secondary Schools Sporting Association (QGSSSA) and the Brisbane Schoolgirls Rowing Association (BSRA). While smaller in size to some other schools in these competitions, St Margaret's is known for its sporting prowess and often finds itself on the podium.

Beyond the joy of participation and the thrill of competition, St Margaret's has nurtured the early careers of many sporting success stories – from champion rowers to Olympic and Commonwealth gold medallists across multiple sports.

Under the Flyers Program for elite athletes, there are opportunities to meet with nutritionists and medical experts, as well as access state-of-the-art training facilities and specialist coaches. A student who is accepted into the program can also personalise her learning around sporting commitments, which might include independent study options, test rescheduling or assignment extensions, allowing her to follow her sporting dream while completing her education.

The opportunity to play sport at any level is an important part of the well-rounded education your daughter will receive at St Margaret's.



# DISCOVER

*her* STRENGTHS

*When you have a dream you have to work hard to achieve that dream. Your dreams when you are young can be the force that keeps you going.*

Evonne Goolagong-Cawley

Generations of rural, regional and remote families have chosen to send their daughter to board at St Margaret's. In fact, the first three St Margaret's students were boarders who enrolled in November 1894, in preparation for the school's opening in 1895.

Today, the 170 boarders from Years 5 to 12 who live with us each year are at the heart of our diverse community. They hail from all parts of Queensland, NSW, Northern Territory, the Pacific nations and beyond, affording

all our girls (and their families) the opportunity to connect and forge friendships with people from many different parts of the world and walks of life. The day girls embrace the boarders and open their own homes to them, while the boarders delight in reciprocating, with sleepovers in the boarding house, and holiday visits back to the farm or across the ocean.

At St Margaret's, our boarders are housed in the heart of the Ascot campus – a safe and tranquil environment surrounded by tree-lined streets, well-kept gardens and residences, and views that extend across the river and cityscape to the distant ranges.

Specialist boarding staff guide, nurture and encourage our girls through their education and provide unwavering support as they grow and mature into young women.

It's comforting to know that our Health Centre is staffed by registered nurses and forms part of the boarding house, while our experienced catering staff provide well-balanced and varied menus, preparing over 1000 restaurant quality meals every day. There is also a kitchen just for the boarders where they can try their hand at baking or cooking a favourite meal from home for their friends.

Supervised study with qualified teachers provides boarders with a high level of academic support, while a dedicated activities coordinator devises a schedule of engaging, age appropriate activities for the girls, which offer both enjoyment and opportunities for personal growth.

Living and learning in Brisbane – a sophisticated, new world city – offers a thriving, cultural and events scene, with exclusive shows, major sporting events and important international exhibits. As the home to many universities of choice, boarding in Brisbane allows the girls to lay important foundations in preparation for tertiary study, including the confidence to navigate the city, and friends with whom to continue the journey.

The St Margaret's boarding experience brings with it enduring connections, as the girls live, learn and grow together, in their home away from home.

# DISCOVER *her* HOME away from HOME



# DISCOVER

*her* FAITH

The Christian message of love through example, compassion, hope and charity is a core value of St Margaret's. For over 120 years, the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent, the founders of St Margaret's, have dedicated themselves to God, to service, and to the education of young women. It is this foundation of faith and learning from which the school draws its deep sense of community and spirit.

The school follows the teachings of the Anglican Church and the mission of the Sisters. Our students are encouraged to apply their faith to their everyday lives and to question, enquire and learn through the school's religious and values education subject, which is a core part of the curriculum.

St Margaret's is a living faith community, ministering to our students, their extended families and the wider local area. The school is proud to play a significant role in the religious lives of its students, with many Old Girls returning to the heritage chapels for weddings, christenings and confirmations.

The legacy of the Sisters, remarkable women who have focused their work on improving the lives of women and children, provides a wonderful touchstone for the girls on their faith journey.



*So we pray for grace  
and courage when we  
need to take a stand.  
We will live as Jesus'  
people in this school  
and in this land.*

St Margaret of Antioch hymn

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead

# DISCOVER *her* HUMANITY

Each semester, the student-led Philanthropy Group choose a charity to donate to and the student body is galvanised into action, through bake sales, sausage sizzles, and a great many other colourful, entrepreneurial activities.

The St Margaret's Toc H Action Group takes part in a host of volunteer projects and activities, from Easter egg drives for the children in hospital through to connecting with the elderly or underprivileged families.

The primary and secondary Oaktree Clubs also lead a number of social responsibility initiatives – providing many avenues for personal growth, leadership and life education.

Through all their service activities, the girls ensure their gaze is not only local but also global, each year contributing to a number of international causes. This has included raising money for and assembling hundreds of birthing kits, so mothers in developing countries can give birth in a cleaner, and therefore safer, environment. This work, and the realisation of lives lived so differently, has a profound effect on our young women.

Your daughter will be moved to action, and will discover she can make a difference.

Teaching and modelling the importance of kindness and service inspires a desire to make a difference in the lives of those who need our help. St Margaret's girls are encouraged to think globally and act locally through our social responsibility program, which challenges them to confront the realities of the world around them, encourages compassion for all living creatures, and inspires them to be agents of change.

The school has a long history of encouraging philanthropy, through both practical service and fundraising. In Year 7, students are given their own community service passport, where they register their hours of hands-on service during their time at the school.

*The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery.*  
Mark Van Doren

A St Margaret's education embraces the whole child. Alongside the academic curriculum are wide ranging activities designed to cultivate your daughter's curiosity, pique her interest, and inspire her creativity.

Is it the intricacies of chess... the challenge of debate... the beauty of the stars?

Does the complexity of language excite her... the magic of numbers... or the mysteries of science?

By sharing their own passions and interests, our dedicated teaching staff create diverse learning opportunities where curiosity and imagination thrive and intellect is stimulated.

A lifelong passion or career path can often be traced back to such early explorations and the inspiration of an educator.

Light the flame and discover a burning passion at St Margaret's.

# DISCOVER

*her* INSPIRATION

*It is only in adventure that  
some people succeed in knowing  
themselves - in finding themselves.*

André Gide



Bring out the daring in your daughter at St Margaret's with an education that will encourage her to welcome challenge, to be bold and courageous, to test the boundaries, to be a seeker of knowledge, adventure and solutions... and to make an impact.

From the spontaneity and physicality of play, and the adventures of the outdoor education program, through to opportunities to experience new cultures and countries, your daughter will be nurtured in an environment that allows her to confidently step outside the comfort of the known, to explore the uncharted, expand her world view and to feel unlimited in her capacity to steer her own course through life.

Whether it's standing up to give a speech in class, debating a fierce opponent, or singing and dancing in the house choral competition, these small personal challenges can lead to large opportunities for growth.

Tackling heights and conquering fears in the great outdoors build confidence, replacing timid with intrepid when the next hurdle requires a leap of faith in oneself.

The world awaits a St Margaret's girl and, here, global citizenship begins at home. With a significant boarding school community and renowned exchange program, your daughter will meet young women from rural, remote and regional areas in Australia and from around the world. St Margaret's will open her eyes to the world stage and opportunities to take to that stage are never far away.

The exchange program operates to nine different countries and more than 25 per cent of Year 10 students take up this life-changing opportunity of an overseas exchange for one term.

There are many other chances for overseas travel through language and music tours and Antipodeans expeditions; and for the intellectually adventurous, our participation in the Oxbridge Summer Study Program allows girls to be housed and educated in great and historic centres of learning while exploring new cultural surroundings.

Your daughter will learn to have the courage to have faith in herself.

# DISCOVER

*her* COURAGE

# DISCOVER *her* FUTURE

Doctor, lawyer, musician, engineer, scientist, volunteer, architect, business owner, academic, artist, athlete... you will find a Margaret's Old Girl forging a successful career across all professional, entrepreneurial and creative endeavours.

Our strong academic record gives our girls many tertiary options, while vocational education and training opens up a wide variety of study opportunities and career paths. No matter what course they chart, St Margaret's strives to equip all students with the capacity, compassion and confidence to contribute meaningfully on a local and global scale.

We count many of our Old Girls among the leaders, innovators and decision makers in their areas of expertise. They remain connected to the school and passionate about the opportunities St Margaret's has afforded them, and often return to mentor students, offering them real world insight into careers and pathways to success.

Networking opportunities can leverage our Old Girls market place connections and professional acumen, distilling invaluable advice to girls seeking a start in that particular field.

Current students meeting and learning from successful past students who once walked the same corridors and dreamt the same dreams, inspires them to believe they can walk in their footsteps, or even stand on their shoulders.

The enduring foundations of a St Margaret's education will give your daughter wings to fly.



*Per Volar Sunata - Born to Fly Upwards.*  
School motto

St Margaret's smaller size is one of its greatest strengths.

In this environment, every child is known, and every child has access to opportunities which allow her to shine in her own way. There is no mould into which your daughter is required to fit. Instead, St Margaret's offers her a chance to feel safe, allowing her to find her own direction, develop at her own pace, and, with it, the confidence to find her own voice and speak her truth.

At the same time she is developing her sense of self, your daughter will also know what it means to be part of something bigger than herself, and how to work with others, learning there is strength in unity as well as individuality and diversity.

Your daughter will discover a sense of place at St Margaret's – a place where she feels she belongs, and a community to which she will forever belong.

The connections made at St Margaret's can last a lifetime. Whether it be precious friendships that never fade, or the knowledge you are a part of the expansive community that spreads across the world, the bond is unbroken and stays with our girls as they forge their own paths as capable, compassionate, confident women in a global society.

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*herself*

DISCOVER  
*her* VOICE





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## From the Principal



Welcome to St Margaret's and thank you for considering our school for your daughter.

For 122 years St Margaret's has been a leader in providing quality education for young women and girls. At the heart of our school you will find the values and wisdom of our founders, the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent, who established St Margaret's in 1895. The Sisters undertook to empower young women and prepare them not only for tertiary admission, but most importantly to live a life imbued with good and generous character. These threads of our founders have been woven into the tapestry of the school throughout its history.

St Margaret's combines a steadfast affection for this wonderful tradition and its legacy with a commitment to future-focused innovation across all teaching and learning areas and life-long scholarship.

Today our mission is to prepare capable, compassionate, confident young women, who are able to contribute significantly to a global society.

When your daughter attends St Margaret's she will experience a broad, balanced and flexible curriculum in state of the art facilities, within a warm and nurturing environment.

The School has a strong academic record, providing extensive and personalised support, including a tailored program for high achieving scholars, athletes and performers, called The Flyer Program. All students are inspired to participate in life beyond the classroom through our comprehensive sport, music and arts programs.

St Margaret's has a proud boarding history. Generations of women from across Queensland and the world have walked through the doors of our boarding house and into the care of our committed and specialist boarding staff. St Margaret's boarders are integral to our school community and bring diversity, energy and another level of experience to all our girls.

The active and friendly parent body along with experienced and dedicated staff contribute to St Margaret's warm and welcoming community.

We would love to show you our school. Please contact our Admissions team on 3862 0777 to arrange a personal tour on any working day, or if you have any questions. We hold an Open Day and Open Morning each year and I encourage you to also join us on those occasions.

I commend our school to you and invite you to 'Discover the Difference' a St Margaret's education could make to your daughter.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Ros Curtis**  
Principal

*BA (Hons), DipEd, MLitSt, MEd (Leadership and Management),  
ASDA, FACE, FACEL, FAIM, GAICD*



SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEARS 7 - 12)

# Academic Courses

*In keeping with our philosophy of personalised learning, St Margaret's offers a broad, balanced and flexible curriculum, designed to provide an optimal learning environment for each student.*

Part of the St Margaret's difference is that we are focused on teaching our girls HOW to learn, with specialised programs based on effective learning techniques and critical and creative thinking skills. This leads to a deeper understanding of subject matter, which students can apply across their academic subjects and then transfer to alternative contexts.

Students in Years 7 to 9 are offered a wide range of subjects, providing a breadth of experience in all disciplines. In Years 10 to 12 students are able to specialise in areas of interest with a view to tertiary study and post-secondary interests.

St Margaret's is a multi-pathway school. As well as our rigorous academic program, we offer students the opportunity to include Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs in their study. This means that each individual can engage in the program which best meets her needs. The school works extensively with Queensland TAFE Colleges and registered training organisations such as Barrington College to ensure that we provide a range of opportunities, including school-based traineeships, Certificate III and Diploma level qualifications.

## Curriculum Program

### Years 7 and 8

Students study a broad core curriculum of English, Mathematics, The Arts, Science, Humanities, Health and Physical Education, Modern Languages, and Religious and Values Education.

In Year 7 the girls also study Science of Learning, which is designed to facilitate effective learning by focusing on the promotion of a positive learning mindset and productive academic behaviours.

Year 8 students are engaged in Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTs), which aims to develop creative and critical thinking skills. The development of such skills is strongly connected with academic success across a broad range of disciplines.

### Years 9 and 10

Students are able to undertake specialised subjects, but are still required to study the core curriculum subjects English, Mathematics, Science, History, Health and Physical Education, and Religious and Values Education.

Year 9 students select four elective subjects, each studied for a semester. The exceptions are Modern Languages, which are studied for a year.

Year 10 electives are chosen for a year. Electives offered include: Business, Drama, English Extension, Food and Textiles Technology, Geography, Languages, Learning Enhancement, Music, Multi Media Studies, Science Extension and Visual Art.

Year 10 students have the opportunity to participate in the school's Global Exchange Program, which allows them to spend a term at a participating school in one of eight countries.

### Years 11 and 12

Students are required to study an English (English or ESL) subject and a Mathematics (Mathematics A or B) subject. The majority of students also undertake a preparation course for the Queensland Core Skills test. They select four other subjects from: Accounting, Ancient History, Biology, Chemistry, Drama, Economics Geography, Home Economics, Information Processing & Technology (IPT), Languages (French, German, Mandarin), Legal Studies, Mathematics C, Modern History, Music, Physics or Visual Art.

#### Vocational Education Courses

There are further opportunities to study vocational subjects under the national Vocational Education and Training Program. Girls may choose to complete a Certificate II/III in Hospitality within the timetable. As well as this, there is the possibility of Diplomas in areas such as Business, Project Management and Beauty. Other study options include Certificates I, II, III and IV in wide-ranging subject areas from fashion to aged care.



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(PRE-PREP TO YEAR 6)

# Primary School

*The Primary School is a community of learners which fosters relationships with parents, students and staff. Students are encouraged to be responsible, take initiative and be active participants in their educative journey.*

## Personal Development Program

The emotional health and wellbeing of all students, staff and families are important priorities. Through a holistic approach, we aim to develop the social and emotional competencies of individuals in addition to enhancing the various relationships of students. This is developed through our school-based program; Habits, Heart, Mind and Soul.

The key components through which the personal development program is taught include: service learning, building relationships, personal safety, (cybersafety, Daniel Morcombe) and inspiring faith. This program is supported by a curriculum program You Can Do It. This program focuses on five keys to success: resilience, confidence, getting along, persistence and organisation.

## Curriculum Program

Through the Core, Cluster and Specialist Programs, students participate in a comprehensive and balanced curriculum program within the following learning areas: English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science, Health and Physical Education, Art and Music, Modern Languages, Technology, and Religious and Values Education.

Students also have the opportunity to engage in a variety of additional activities. These include year level specific curriculum programs, house meetings and activities, and weekly chapel services.

## Core Plus Cluster Program

In the Primary School, the Core Plus Cluster Program is a manifestation of our personalised learning philosophy. Highlighting the concept of teaching 'stage not age', this program acknowledges the different developmental progress of each student. It accepts individual differences and focuses on the development of the whole child as an intellectual, physical, spiritual, social and emotional being. It comprises two components. The Core Program is the year level program and dominates the timetable. In the Cluster Program, students can be grouped across the year level or in vertical groupings. These groupings are flexible and change regularly.

## Staff

Year level teachers plan and deliver programs in English and Mathematics. These programs are supported by the Primary School Mathematics Specialist teacher and Learning Enhancement teacher. Year level teachers also specialise in teaching either Science, Humanities, or Religious and Values Education and Pastoral Care, which they teach to all students in their specific year level. In addition, every year level is taught Music, Art, HPE and Modern Languages by a specialist teacher. The experience of being taught by specialist teachers across a range of subjects provides students with a level of expertise rarely experienced in a primary school.

As students progress through the primary school, they are taught by a broader range of specialist teachers in preparation for their transition to secondary school.



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# Boardings



*'St Margaret's is not a school with a boarding house attached – it is literally and figuratively at the heart of what we do.'*

St Margaret's has 122 years of experience providing boarding facilities and pastoral care for young women, as they complete their schooling away from home.

Our first three students enrolled in 1895 were boarders and, since then, St Margaret's has educated generations of women from rural, regional and remote areas across Queensland, Australia and the world.

The boarding house is located in the heart of the school grounds, nestled in the leafy suburb of Ascot, with gardens and wonderful city views. It is a busy place with a warm and friendly atmosphere, built on the values of respect, consideration and honesty.

The school welcomes boarders from Years 5 to 12, with a newly opened precinct dedicated to our youngest residents (Years 5 to 7). The majority of our housemothers are all qualified teachers, so their personalised supervision of prep-time, along with current teaching staff, provides excellent academic support for our boarders.

Our ancillary staff are also very well qualified: the on-site team of experienced chefs prepare over 1000 restaurant quality meals every day and our recently refurbished Health Centre is staffed by registered nurses.

Strong friendships are forged between day and boarding students, with many invitations exchanged for boarding house sleep overs, home visits and weekends.

Boarding at St Margaret's is all about family – yours and ours – creating a happy and safe learning environment in which your daughter will flourish and succeed.

## BOARDING HOUSE INFORMATION

Our Head of Boarding, Lesa Fowler, has spent 26 years working and teaching in Australian boarding schools. She oversees the care of the 170 girls living in the boarding house, along with 10 housemothers, and is responsible for ensuring the experience at St Margaret's is rewarding and fulfilling. Also supporting the Head of Boarding is a Deputy Head of Boarding and a Coordinator of Pastoral Care.

### Supervision

The role of all boarding house staff is to act as carers for the girls and the emphasis is on working together as a team – parents, boarders and staff – to meet the needs of boarders and their families.

Housemothers provide 24 hour supervision of the boarders, with a dedicated team sleeping over each night. They supervise study, monitor the girls' academic progress, communicate with their teachers and provide extra academic support. The housemothers are also responsible for the social, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing of all the girls.

### Study

Boarders prep is held every evening after dinner, from Monday to Thursday. Prep is supervised by St Margaret's teachers, who provide specialised tutoring for students. Most of our housemothers are qualified teachers and work alongside the teaching staff. This personal approach contributes to the longstanding history of academic success in the boarding house.

### Family involvement

At St Margaret's we always welcome family visits and understand these can happen at varying times. Parents are encouraged to share a meal with the girls in the dining room whenever they are in town.

Boarding families have always been enthusiastic members of the St Margaret's community. There are many special events, including the Boarder Parent Cocktail Party. The Boarders' Support Group was formed in 1991 and aims to promote a close relationship between boarder parents, school staff and parents of day girls.

Regular communication via email, newsletter, and phone calls keeps families connected with their daughter's achievements and progress. We also have a private Facebook group for boarding parents that allows regular, "everyday" photographs of the girls to be shared.

### Activities/Health Centre

Our Activities Coordinator regularly organises a wide range of events to keep the girls entertained and happy during non-school times. These activities also help to encourage a sense of community within the boarding house and are a chance to enhance relationships across all year levels.

The activities include movie nights, dances, socials, trips to the beach, community activities, themed dinners, treasure hunts and many more.

General medical attention is provided to all boarders at the school, in the Health Centre or at the Doctors' rooms. The Health Centre is staffed by two registered nurses and is open Monday to Friday from 6:30am - 9:00pm, and on the weekends from 4:00pm - 8:00pm, with a nurse on call all weekend.



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For more information about boarding at St Margaret's, please contact the Head of Boarding, Ms Lesa Fowler.

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# Extra-curricular activities



*At St Margaret's we believe education is more than an academic result; it is a holistic learning experience, and art, music and sport are an important part of a well-rounded education.*

Cultural, community and sporting activities promote leadership qualities, develop teamwork skills, responsibility and resilience in a fun environment. The emphasis is on participation, fair play, self regulation and initiative.

St Margaret's caters for elite athletes and exceptional performers through our Flyers Program. These students are given opportunities to follow their passion, while successfully balancing all other aspects of their schooling. This may include special dispensation to attend training, performances and events in all fields.

Our students are encouraged to develop their curiosity, find a passion and seek knowledge in all areas of life, through the many and varied extracurricular activities and clubs available at school.

## Clubs and Activities

A broad range of clubs and cultural ventures, including public speaking, art workshops and theatrical events are offered including:

- Astronomy Club
- Dance
- Debating
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Go Club
- Primary Chess
- OptiMinds
- Mooting
- smART Club
- Theatresports

Through our Social Responsibility Program, students are encouraged to “think globally and act locally” to achieve social justice and help the wider community. Groups and activities that encompass this ethos include:

- Toc H
- Philanthropy Group
- Oaktree Foundation

All groups are community orientated and encourage the development and expression of Christian principles, while championing the rights of developing communities locally, nationally and internationally.



## Sport

Both the primary and secondary schools offer comprehensive sporting programs. St Margaret's is a member of QGSSSA (Queensland Girls' Secondary Schools Sporting Association), BSRA (Brisbane Schoolgirls' Rowing Association) and Andrews Cup Associations, which allows competition in all sports.

Available sports include:

### Primary Sport

- Artistic Gymnastics
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Netball\*
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football

### Secondary Sport

- Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Football (Soccer)
- Hockey
- Life Saving
- Netball\*
- Rowing
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Volleyball
- Water Polo\*

*\*also played at Club level*

Students who excel in their competitive sports are encouraged and supported to pursue their talent in local, state and national competitions.

## Music

All students at St Margaret's are encouraged to become involved in one of the many primary or secondary music ensembles. Participating in an ensemble enhances the learning process for the student and also provides much enjoyment on a number of different levels (ie musical, social, personal etc). There are a wide variety of ensembles that cater to a very broad range of musical levels and tastes, including:

### Choral Ensembles

- Serenata
- Belle Voci
- Chorale
- Elevarsi Voices
- Encorah

### Band Ensembles

- Wind Ensemble
- Wind Symphony
- Stage Band
- Elayne Jones Percussion Ensemble
- Regale Percussion Ensemble
- Flute Ensemble
- Clarinet Ensemble
- Saxophone Ensemble
- *Highly Strung* Primary Rock Band
- Secondary Rock Band

### String Ensembles

- Tutti Strings
- Amati Strings
- Stradivari Strings
- Chamber Strings
- Beath String Quartet
- Sculthorpe String Quartet
- Brophy String Quartet

Music opportunities include performing at school events and at community functions, such as the school musical, Classics in the Cathedral, Primary Spectacular, eisteddfods and festivals, and participating in domestic and international music tours.



## Enquiries

For more information contact:

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There are many methods of transport to and from St Margaret's available for students, with train, bus and ferry from various parts of Brisbane among the popular modes of transport. The Albion train station is approximately 1km walking distance from the School, while Roma Street Transit Centre and the international and domestic airports are all 10 minutes away by car/taxi.

Travel across South-East Queensland is covered by the TransLink ticket system. You can use the same ticket for combinations of travel on bus, train and ferry services. With a TransLink ticket you are able to transfer between all services at no additional cost.

Details regarding public transport may change. Please check with the relevant authority regarding changes to schedules and timetables.

## BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL SERVICES

### Tickets

Daily tickets can be purchased from:

- Bus/ferry operators
- Queensland Rail staffed stations and vending machines

### go card

**go card** is a travel card which stores up to \$200 worth of ticket value for seamless travel on TransLink bus, train and ferry services. Savings from **20-34% off full fares** from your first trip and if used more than 10 times in a week (Monday to Sunday); a further 50% off ticket prices is applied.

To find out more and where to purchase a **go card** please visit [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au)

TransLink has standardised concessions across all services to those who carry valid concession cards, offering travel at half the adult fare to:

- Children 14 years and under
  - Full-time primary and secondary students are eligible for concession fares
  - Students 15 years and under; 19 years if wearing a school uniform or showing approved student identification card
- Special Passes – holders of special passes will continue to receive free travel under the current conditions.

TransLink concessions do not apply to Air Train services; however, child fares still apply.

### Queensland Rail Service

**QR School Travel Tickets** are available for travel between primary or secondary school in which the student is enrolled full time, on school days and for official school events on weekends or public holidays. The following ticket options for rail travel are as follows:

- Annual Rail Passes (pre-purchased) 50% of the normal adult fare
- Bi-annual Rail Passes (pre-purchased) 50% of the normal adult fare
- One way Rail Passes 50% of the price of the usual Semester or Term Pass

### Brisbane CityCat and Ferry Services

The Brisbane CityCat stops along the Brisbane River from The University of Queensland to Brett's Wharf. For detailed timetable information please go to [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au). A bus transports St Margaret's students to Racecourse Road, Hamilton Central, close to the Bretts Wharf ferry before and after school.

#### Morning Pick Up

- Racecourse Road, Hamilton Central collection at 7:55am
- Arrive at St Margaret's at approximately 8:05am

#### Afternoon Drop Off

- 3:30pm - pick up from St Margaret's
- Drop the students to Racecourse Road, Hamilton Central 3:40pm

### Timetables

Free timetables for bus, train and ferry services can be collected from:

- Council Customer Service Centres
- Queen Street Bus Station's Information Centre (Myer Centre)
- Public libraries
- Ward offices
- Many newsagencies
- Some local convenience stores
- Shopping centre information desks



Getting to St Margaret's  
TRANSPORT OPTIONS

## ST MARGARET'S DEDICATED BUS ROUTE

[www.stmargarets.qld.edu.au/OurSchool/Pages/Location-and-Transport.aspx](http://www.stmargarets.qld.edu.au/OurSchool/Pages/Location-and-Transport.aspx)

St Margaret's Anglican Girls School provides a dedicated private bus service to assist families to transport children to and from school during the school term.

St Margaret's has engaged Belbaker Bus Charter, a premier coach and charter company, to provide this service. All Belbaker coaches feature air-conditioning and 3 point seatbelts. One St Margaret's branded coach and one Belbaker coach is dedicated to these routes.

The two services provide morning and afternoon runs to the following areas:

**Bulimba Run** Bulimba, East Brisbane, New Farm and Racecourse Road (near Bretts Wharf)

**The Gap Run** The Gap, Ashgrove, Bardon, Newmarket, Wilston, Windsor, Gordon Park and Wavell Heights

## HORNIBROOK BUS LINES

[www.hornibrook.com.au](http://www.hornibrook.com.au)

**315 City Express** Stopping at Sandgate and Oriel Roads, this line services Scarborough to Brisbane CBD via **Sandgate Road, Woody Point, Sandgate, Toombul, to Brisbane CBD** – morning and afternoon, Monday - Friday

**Dedicated 999 School Run** Following the '315' the '999' runs: **North Scarborough, Redcliffe, Clontarf, Sandgate High, Nudgee College, Toombul, Sandgate/Oriel Roads**. Students are to use the 'School Run 999A and 99B' where possible.

## RED AND WHITE COACHES

[www.coachaustralia.net](http://www.coachaustralia.net)

- B Run** Taigum, Geebung, Chermside West and Wavell Heights
- G Run** Albany Creek, McDowell, Everton Park, Stafford Heights, Stafford, Grange, Lutwyche and Woolloowin
- R Run** Carseldine, Bridgeman Downs and McDowell
- Y Run** Keperra, Ferny Grove, Ferny Hills, Arana Hills, Everton Hills, McDowell and Wavell Heights
- O Run** Eatons Hill, Albany Creek, Bridgeman Downs, Aspley, Chermside West, Chermside and Wavell Heights
- P Run** Bracken Ridge, Brighton, Sandgate, Deagon, Boondall, Virginia, Northgate and Nundah

## TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE

St Margaret's	07 3862 0777
Public Transport Information	13 12 30
Rail Travel Pass enquiries	07 3235 2810
Red & White Coaches	07 3269 6466
Hornibrook Bus Lines	07 3284 1622

Please go to [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au) for further information and schedule changes to Brisbane City Council services and for a detailed journey planner to and from the School.

## St Margaret's



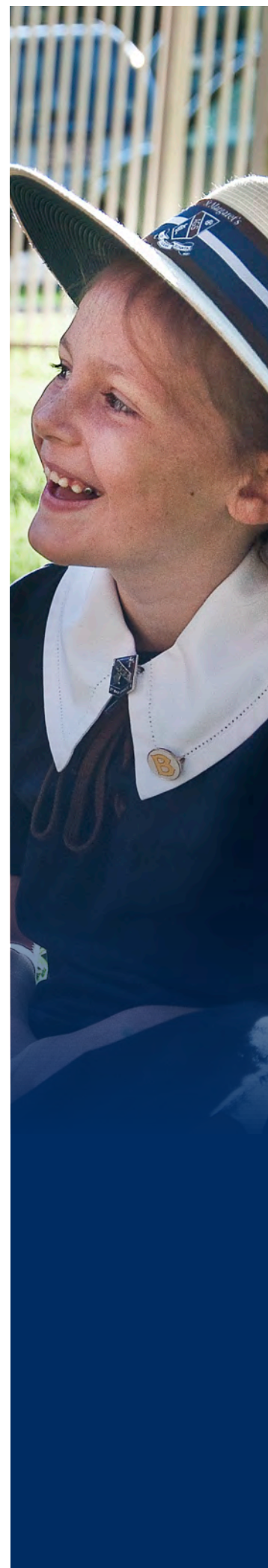
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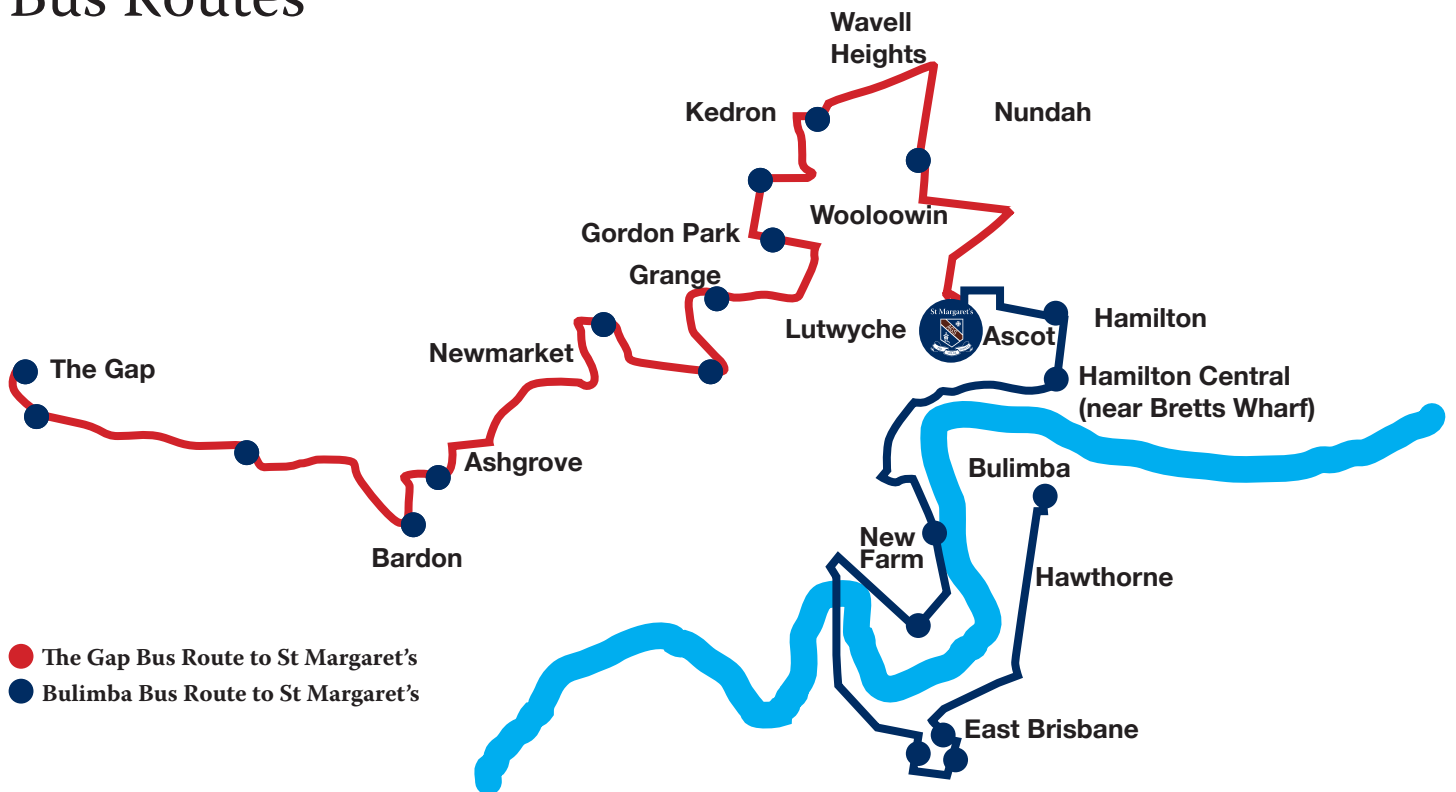
# Dedicated St Margaret's Bus Routes Servicing Bulimba and The Gap

St Margaret's Anglican Girls School provides a dedicated private bus service to assist families to transport children to and from school during the school term.

St Margaret's has partnered with Belbaker Bus Charter ([www.belbaker.com.au](http://www.belbaker.com.au)), a premier coach and charter company, to provide this service. All Belbaker coaches feature air-conditioning and 3 point seatbelts.

The Belbaker fleet is maintained and cleaned to a high standard. We are able to constantly track the progress of the coaches through state of the art GPS tracking, security cameras and communication tools, ensuring students arrive safely and on time. These buses are solely for St Margaret's students and staff.

# Bus Routes



The two services provide morning and afternoon runs to the following areas:

#### **Bulimba Run**

- Bulimba
- East Brisbane
- New Farm
- Hamilton Central

#### **The Gap Run**

- The Gap
- Ashgrove
- Bardon
- Newmarket
- Wilston
- Windsor
- Gordon Park
- Wavell Heights

One St Margaret's branded coach and one Belbaker coach are dedicated to these routes. These buses will interchange.

## Cost

The service costs \$4.20 each way (for both bus routes). For students using the service from Hamilton Central (near Bretts Wharf) the cost is \$2.90 each way.

Students are able to use their Student Card to purchase their daily bus ticket.

The Gap and Bulimba buses are fitted with a Samsung phone (ROVR) which will scan your child's student card and this will charge your Flexischools account for an individual bus trip. Importantly, funds must be available on the student card and the student card must be linked to your Flexischools account. To set up your account, please refer to the instructions here or call Flexischools on 1300 361 769.



**St Margaret's Supervised Study Sessions** are free of charge and provide the opportunity for day students, 12 years and over, to work within the safety of the school and complete their homework under the supervision of tutors. The sessions operate every day of the week\* (except Fridays), commencing at 5pm in the senior library.

#### How it Works

Tutors supervise the study/homework sessions in the senior library from Monday to Thursday every week of term (apart from the first and last weeks)\*. The sessions run from 5pm to 7.30pm, with students having the option of purchasing dinner from the boarding house for \$10 (at approximately 6pm).

Parents can feel comfortable knowing that their daughters are completing their homework and assignments under supervision, in a safe environment.

For students attending these sessions after an afternoon of sport, transport is available to and from Windsor Park. For those staying on after school to attend the homework sessions, the senior library is open up until 5pm prior to the commencement of the study sessions.

#### \*2017 Supervised Study Sessions (each week of term, apart from the first and last weeks):

- Term 1 30 January – 23 March  
(Bookings open – Wednesday 25 January)
- Term 2 24 April – 7 June  
(Bookings open – Wednesday 19 April)
- Term 3 17 July – 7 September  
(Bookings open – Wednesday 13 July)
- Term 4 9 October – 23 November  
(Bookings open – Wednesday 4 October)

#### How to Book

While the study sessions are free of charge, bookings are essential and should be made in advance to ensure a place is available. To book, parents will need to log into Flexischools on the home page of the website and select 'Supervised Study Sessions.' Bookings are limited to 25 participants each night and when a session is full no more bookings can be made. If dinner is required, payment must be paid at the time of booking and this option selected in Flexischools.

#### The Small Print

Students whose parents have not arrived by the conclusion of the session will wait in the Boarding House reception and a late fee of \$10 per 10 minutes or part thereof will be charged, which will need to be settled prior to the student attending further sessions.

Students who are frequently collected late will no longer be able to take part in the program.

#### Enquiries

If you wish to enquire about Supervised Study Sessions, please call Lisa Beeneey, Assistant to the Dean of Studies, on (07) 3862 0826 or email [lbeeneey@stmargarets.qld.edu.au](mailto:lbeeneey@stmargarets.qld.edu.au)