About Us

Tamborine Mountain College is an independent, non-denominational, co-educational day school serving the greater Tamborine Mountain community since 1995 as a secondary campus. The College successfully negotiated the purchase of the adjoining property in 2013, which created the opportunity for expansion. Having established that there is a demand on the mountain for private primary independent education, the College made application for accreditation to enable it to offer years Prep to 6 – this has been approved. Council has also given approval to establish the primary campus on the recently acquired property. The College will now be a P-12 campus in 2015, which completes what is the natural progression of an independent school.

Tamborine Mountain College offers a wide range of avenues to nurture and encourage students in an array of areas. We strive to ensure that students feel that they are valued in a learning environment that both challenges and supports them to pursue excellence and develop a passion for lifelong learning.

The College has an excellent reputation, academically and socially. It has a philosophy of a student-centred, safe learning environment with a family-like feel. Each year level is restricted to two classes only, bearing the College’s motto “Victory & Valour”, thereby students belong to either Vic or Val Form right through to Year Twelve.

We value tradition and students are groomed in good manners and politeness in a family-like atmosphere.

We Believe

At Tamborine Mountain College we believe that children:
- Deserve a safe, supportive learning environment
- Benefit from investigations and learning through experience
- Have individual learning needs

We Value

At Tamborine Mountain College we value the educational benefits of:
- Personalised and inclusive learning environments
- Challenging and engaging learning experiences
- Individualised support programmes
- Extension programmes for gifted and talented students
- An open and direct line of communication between parents and teachers
At Tamborine Mountain College student–centred learning is our focus so that students reach potential in this caring learning environment. We cater for the individual and recognise and celebrate personal success and achievement. The College has a strong academic core with after-school tutorials for Gifted and Talented students as well as for those requiring extra personal assistance. As a Valued-Partner of Griffith University, College students benefit from early entry to university and scholarships for Year 12 students. Most of our students choose to go onto tertiary studies. The College has an excellent reputation in Academics – one OP1 student was awarded the Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship to Griffith University, whilst another was awarded one to Bond University valued at $120,000. The Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship has also been awarded to one of our outstanding students. Several Year 12 students are pre-selected for university entrance through GUESTS each year. College students in Year 10 focus on an individual career set plan to assist in decision making for subject selection at Senior level for future goals. Through work experience school-based traineeships and apprenticeships are forged, thus preparing students for the real workforce, but still maintaining options at the end of Year 12 for those who decide to continue studies at tertiary level.

Co-curricular activities, including camps and subject specific excursions show how learning outside the classroom is valued. Extracurricular activities are also highly valued, including debating, public speaking, titration, competitive sport, school productions, snow trips, overseas trips and equestrian competitions. Excellence in debating and public speaking skills results in many of our students going through to the Finals in these events. College theatrical productions occur every year and these are performed to the wider locale in order to generate a close community involvement.

The College is part of an Independent Sporting Association with students in regional competition and even State selection. Sport is encouraged at participation level and to a high competitive level depending upon the individual. Every year a student is nominated and receives the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award from the Queensland Olympic Council.

Tamborine Mountain College has set standards in the areas of behaviour and uniform. Our students are polite, co-operative and respectful. They are expected to behave appropriately as students of this College. Our small overall student population allows for individual assessment and attention, as part of our Behaviour Management Policy, to strive for excellent students as well as excellent citizens in society. Uniform is expected to be worn correctly at all times, with girls’ skirts at a modest length just below the knee and boys with neat and tidy hairstyles above the collar.

A Pastoral Care program strengthens the social climate of the College. Although there is no actual religious affiliation or instruction, moral and social expectations are reinforced in our school community. Close communication exists with parents and an active Parents & Friends Association is supportive of the College. International students are made welcome with a Host Family arrangement, through our caring parent body.

The College has a spirit that is strengthened by the school song “Arrows of Tomorrow”, sung proudly every week by the students on Assembly. “Victory & Valour” is the College motto and two large bronze lions, thus named, stand as sentries at the administration entrance to symbolise these noble pursuits.
Facilities at Tamborine Mountain College

Robert Nicholls Science Centre – opened 2010
Professor Jack Walton Resource Centre – opened 2012
New Building Construction – 4 classrooms
Grand Opening Saturday 11th Oct 2014 9am – 12pm.

Yr 7 will become part of secondary education in 2015. Tamborine Mountain College is accommodating this by implementing Stage 3 of its Master Plan. Four fabulous new classrooms constructed ready for the grade 7 intake in 2015.
Primary School Curriculum

The College Primary campus will adhere to the Australian Curriculum and Early Years Curriculum Guidelines. In addition French will be introduced to the College. It is a major world language spoken as the first language in more than two dozen countries on five continents and as an official language in 33 countries as well as being aligned with our Pacific neighbours. It is the College’s intention to create a “sister” secondary school exchange programme with a school in France. Starting French in Primary will have College students well equipped for such a wonderful experience overseas. Performing Arts will be a focus area, with Drama, Art and Music developed through an excellence programme at secondary level.

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Technology – Classroom in the Cloud

Information Technology is an integral part of the learning environment at Tamborine Mountain College. TMC utilises the Cloud thereby ensuring that access to materials is available anytime, anywhere. Chromebooks, Google Apps for Education, the Digital Citizenship Programme and access to the Kindle virtual library are some of the examples as to how ICT is used to enhance the learning experience.

The College has wireless connectivity to the internet and intranet with secure and safe content filters. Along with data projectors and LCD monitors, these are used as teaching tools to enhance the content of a lesson. Interactive whiteboards are used to enable teachers to deliver lessons that cater to a wide range of learning styles and incorporate ICT.

Prep

Prep at Tamborine Mountain College is a full time, five days a week programme, offering a complete experience using play to provide active, experience based learning. All students entering the Prep year must turn 5 by 30 June of that year.

Prep at Tamborine Mountain College will provide opportunities in learning environments that support learning for young children through:

- Real-life situations
- Play-based learning
- Focused learning and teaching events
- Routines and transitions
- Investigations

Prep contributes to the continuing growth of young children’s knowledge and understanding of themselves and the world around them. The experiences provided help create an awareness of the changing world and foster positive personal and social attitudes. Opportunities are also provided for the development of healthy living habits and creativity.

The Tamborine Mountain College Prep Programme is based on a combination of the Australian Curriculum and QSA’s Early Years Curriculum Guidelines. The educational programme for Prep is a hands-on, discovery based course designed to stimulate children’s interests in a wide range of areas. Through social interaction and participation in activities suited to their needs, children enhance their emotional, social and intellectual growth.
Years 1 to 6

Tamborine Mountain College’s educational philosophy ensures that there is a strong emphasis on modern, innovative teaching programmes based upon traditional values. Caring and committed teachers in well-equipped classrooms provide a balance between formal and child centered learning. Excursions and special events are held throughout the year to enhance the learning process.


Extensive computer access is incorporated across the curriculum, at all year levels, with a sequential program to develop appropriate skills. The use of online learning initiatives enables the students to construct meaning, present knowledge and enhance their learning techniques.

A Smooth Transition to Secondary School

The architecture and design of the Primary School has been created especially to ensure an all-inclusive whole-school feel. While each grade in the Primary School will have its own designated play space, students across all grades are encouraged to develop positive relationships.

Year Seven will become part of secondary education in 2015. Tamborine Mountain College is accommodating this by implementing Stage Three of its Secondary Master Plan - four fabulous new classrooms, which will be open in October 2014. The Primary campus also has a Master Plan which begins with the refurbishment in 2014 of the existing premises on the property with stages of development planned, following similar architectural design as the secondary campus, but all on ground level. All of this has been designed to ensure a smooth transition from Primary to Secondary Schooling.
Co-Curricular Activities

The College is part of an Independent Sporting Association and is part of the Hinterland Independent Association (HIA) with students competing against Hills International College and Kooralbyn International School. Competitive sport begins in middle primary and continues throughout Secondary School. In addition a Sports Excellence Programme will be developed at senior level in the secondary campus.

Students also have the opportunity to expand their interests by participating in lunchtime clubs. Activities available include chess, book clubs, instrumental music, choir, public speaking and more.

A New Chapter

Mr Nicholls, who founded the College in 1995, had a dream for a complete campus but it was not possible to achieve it in his lifetime. The College Board, headed by Chairman Mr Michael Kyle and the Principal Mrs June Melbourne, who has been at the College since 1998, along with her staff, have worked tirelessly to make this happen. Many of the College families have wanted a complete campus of P-12 for many years and now the dream has come true. Tamborine Mountain College teachers and staff have a close bond with students. Our students enjoy education – we believe the key to success is to enjoy whatever you are learning and to have the confidence to follow your dreams and make them a reality too!

Uniform

You will notice that we have introduced a grey charcoal skirt to replace the tartan skirt. The girls’ charcoal skirt will match the boys’ charcoal pants. The tartan tie and shirts that have the tartan piping will remain. It is important to maintain the tartan to this extent as it was introduced and designed for our College at its opening in 1995.

- Prep, Years One and Two will wear the TMC sports uniform with a full brim soft green hat for every day. The sports uniform bears the colour of the House that the student is in – Gold for Nicholls, Red for Walton, Blue for Kyle. This will be perfect for the littlies who like to play and run around a lot!
- Year Three, Four, Five and Six – TMC uniform with the green jumper for winter, as it is now for junior secondary students.
- Year Seven, Eight and Nine - TMC uniform with a green blazer to distinguish junior high students.
- Year Ten, Eleven and Twelve - TMC uniform with navy blazer for senior high students.

School Bus

There are two bus companies that provide a bus service to the College. Phone Logan Coaches on 5546 3077 or Tamborine Mountain Coaches on 5545 1298/ 0422936786 for further information. TMC Travel Concession is available – no family pays more than $30/wk.

Before & After School Club

Tamborine Mountain College will run a Before & After School Club for P – 6 students open from 6.00 am to 9.00 am and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm. This club is for students whose parents both work. The cost to parents will be $9 per Session (am or pm), with concessions available for more than one child per family. A wide range of supervised activities will be on offer, including arts and crafts, imaginative play and physical activities. Excellent resources such as board games, books, arts and crafts materials and sports equipment will also be available. A light breakfast and afternoon tea is included in the sessions.

Enrol Now

Enrolments for the Tamborine Mountain College are open. Be sure to visit www.tmc.qld.edu.au to secure your child’s place. Please note that one enrolment form is required for each child enrolling. There is a $50 application fee and a $250 deposit/family for Primary and $500 deposit/family for secondary required. Note that this deposit is deducted from the first term’s invoice.
At Tamborine Mountain College it is our belief that every child has the right to experience the joy and wonder of learning.

Learning is about experiencing the wonders of the world. Like never before, the journey of education is one that inspires, engages and enhances children’s knowledge of the world around them. At Tamborine Mountain College it is our goal to instil within our students a love of learning that will stay with them for life.

Our smallness is our greatness. Our students are always our priority and our passionate staff ensure that every child feels valued, supported and is working to their potential. Our teachers are patient, understanding and above all, dedicated to making your child’s learning experience truly wonderful.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our TMC Family.
SECONDARY
FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2015

College Fees, if paying Full Fee Yearly* in advance in 2015 are:

$2,933.00 Tuition Fee
$1,235.00 Building Fund
$360.00 Student Levy
$150.00 Activity Levy
$360.00 Resource Levy

Total = $5,038.00 per year (incl discount for annual payment)

NB - Fees may be paid by the term.

Scholarships may be available

PRIMARY
FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2015

College Fees, if paying Full Fee Yearly* in advance in 2015 are:

Paying Annually

P – 4 College Fees:

$1,510.00 Tuition Fee
$647.00 Building Fund
$180.00 Student Levy
$ 75.00 Activity Levy
$180.00 Resource Levy

Total = $2,592.00 per year
(includes discount for annual payment)
NB - Fees may be paid by the term.

No Scholarships available

Yr 5 – 6 College Fees:

$2,265.00 Tuition Fee
$970.50 Building Fund
$270.00 Student Levy
$ 112.50 Activity Levy
$270.00 Resource Levy

Total = $3,888.00 per year
(includes discount for annual payment)
NB - Fees may be paid by the term.

Scholarships may be available

If existing student at the College, the following discounts apply:

2nd child = 10% discount
3rd child - 15% discount
4th child - 20% discount

* Subject to change by Tamborine Mountain College Board