



SCHOOL  
PROSPECTUS

# KOORALBYN

*"...because anything is possible  
when I'm the best that I can be."*



THE KOORALBYN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Welcome to Kooralbyn. We're a small private co-ed school for Prep to Grade 12 students who are looking for 'big futures'...  
*... because anything is possible when you believe in yourself.*

# Small School... ...big dreams

Our motto is **Absol Fiducia** which means 'Absolute Self-Belief'. At Kooralbyn we believe in each other. We want to be a great little school. We want our students to feel that they're part of a small, close-knit community that supports its members, values everyone's unique talents and celebrates our collective differences. We aspire to create an atmosphere of an educational 'village' that provides every student with the opportunity to be the best that they can be and helps them find success and happiness on whatever pathway their individual strengths and passions lead them. Such a mission demands the highest level of commitment, self-discipline and self-belief from us all.

There are many things that set Kooralbyn apart from other schools ...

- Block timetabling in our Secondary School for more classroom contact time than would otherwise be possible.
- Specifically designed composite classes and a focus on old-fashioned academic foundations in our Primary School.
- Small class sizes to maximise student outcomes.
- A comprehensive behaviour management system that rewards good behaviour, discourages inappropriate behaviour and teaches students to accept responsibility for their own actions.
- A level of technologically driven learning support in key areas like numeracy, literacy and foreign languages that leverage and capitalise on the amazing work of our passionate teaching staff.
- A comprehensive range of Mastery programs for students from Grades 7 to 12.





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A group of four students in maroon school uniforms are standing on a stage, each holding a white certificate. The certificates are for the 2014 Daniel MacCarthy Award. The students are smiling and looking at their certificates. In the background, other students in maroon uniforms are visible, some holding certificates and one wearing a red sash that says "HENRY JENAMA AWARD".

# Small School... ...big

## **The Kooralbyn Formula**

Small school + small class sizes + incredible teachers and staff + technologically advanced systems = better outcomes, fewer students slipping through the cracks and more Young Australians of the Year produced than any other school in the country.

The original TKIS opened as a high school in 1985 and from its peaceful rural setting, produced TWO 'Young Australians of the Year' and a host of internationally acclaimed athletes, scientists, business leaders, diplomats and artists.

The school closed briefly and reopened as a Prep to Grade 12 school. Since 2007, Kooralbyn has regularly ranked in the top 20% of schools in the State in terms of university entrance score results with virtually all of its Grade 12 OP-eligible graduates obtaining university places.

# futures



Geoff Mills, Principal

There are both positives and negatives associated with being a small school. Though we might not be able to boast the grand halls, Olympic-sized swimming pools, hectares of manicured lawns and hedges, big orchestral music halls or impressive team sport programs of our larger sister schools, we are justly proud of the amazing achievements of our students ...

- We regularly have students competing at state and national level across a wide range of sports. (In fact, Kooralbyn performs way above the statistical average in the sports we DO focus on.)
- Our Primary School often outperforms much larger schools at the local interschool athletics carnivals.
- Our graduating Grade 12 students regularly rank in the Top 20% of schools in Queensland in terms of university entrance scores and university placement.
- Our students are consistently praised for their behaviour, dress and attitude.
- But perhaps the thing that sets us most apart from other schools, is the level of genuine pride our students have in their uniform and themselves.

*"... because the objective of education is to help you find success on whatever pathway your individual strengths and passions lead you."*



# Small School. ...big foun

Some would argue that our Primary School has old-fashioned traditions and values. They'd be right. It's all about establishing strong foundations. We still believe in memorising multiplication tables, using phonics to help master literacy and the practice of students standing when an adult enters the room.

TKIS Primary School (Prep to Grade 6) follows the ACARA Australian Curriculum.

- English (ACARA)
- Mathematics (ACARA)
- Science (ACARA)
- Humanities and Social Sciences (ACARA)
- Health & Physical Education (ACARA)
- The Arts (ACARA)
- Languages (ACARA)
- Technology (ACARA)

As a P-12 school, our Primary School students also have the advantage of specialist teachers from our High School supporting our Primary School staff in areas like sport, swimming, art, choral music and foreign languages.

## Primary School

Our junior years focus on firmly establishing the fundamentals of literacy and numeracy. As students progress towards middle and upper Primary, the focus broadens to prepare students for the wider curriculum requirements of High School. Specialist teachers from our High School support our hard-working Primary School staff in areas like sport, swimming, art, choral music and foreign languages.

In upper Primary, our students also learn to take on the mantle of responsibility for themselves and set a fine example for their fellow students in preparation for High School, learning to manage their time using the school diary and representing the Primary School as Primary School Leaders. This ability to fine-tune developmental progression is one of the many benefits of being a Prep-12 school where the Primary and Secondary Schools seamlessly coexist.

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# Small school... ...big am

*"... because confidence in one's abilities, academic qualifications, leadership skills and a strategic life plan are tools that every young person needs in today's specialised, competitive world."*

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## High School (Junior)

Grades 7 to 9 follow the Queensland Curriculum as defined by the QCAA or the ACARA Australian Curriculum where it exists.

In addition to these core subject areas, our High School offers a range of all-day Friday Mastery programs in disciplines like Athletics, Dance, Digital Design & Photography, Drama, Golf, Media, Music and Tennis.

Though the main focus of our Junior High School

is to prepare students for the specialisation of Senior School, we also strive to instil a sense of pride in everything our students do. The adolescent years present many challenges. Pride in themselves, their peers and their cohort is key to overcoming these challenges.



## Mastery Programs

Mastery Programs are one of the many reasons students come to Kooralbyn. Since their inception in 1985, these programs have been producing world class athletes, golfers, scientists, artists and performers. From Olympic Gold Medallist Cathy Freeman, to top Australian golfers Jason Day, Adam Scott and Steve Bowditch, to Young Australian of the Year scientist Scott Hocknull and more recently Australia's youngest university student Michael Kelly, as well as a host of state and national representatives in athletics, equestrian and golf ... Kooralbyn Mastery Programs continue to produce an impressive list of successful young graduates every year. Find out more from our school website. ([www.tkis.qld.edu.au](http://www.tkis.qld.edu.au))

*"... because we want our students to embrace their curiosity, be excited by their challenges and be passionate about their personal ambitions."*

## High School (Senior)

Small class sizes are one of the core advantages of Kooralbyn. Students start their transition into Senior School in Grade 10 where we try to equip them for the challenges ahead. Grades 11 and 12 follow the Queensland New Senior Curriculum articulating into ATAR and QCE qualifications.

The key objective of our Senior School is to prepare students in every way, for life after high school. The vast majority of our graduating students go on to university, but the number and range of successful alternative pathways continues to grow each year. To find out more, including the range of General and Applied subjects we offer, please visit our school website.



## Education for a Digital Age

Our mission is to empower our students with the core life-skills like..

- moral decision making
- environmentally sensitive problem solving and
- respectful relationship building

...while all the time, instilling the confidence to take advantage of tomorrow's Digital Age as the positive opportunity it represents.

Our solution is to teach old-fashioned values and time-honoured skills using passionate teachers, supported by cutting-edge technologies within a safe, comfortable campus.

# Small School

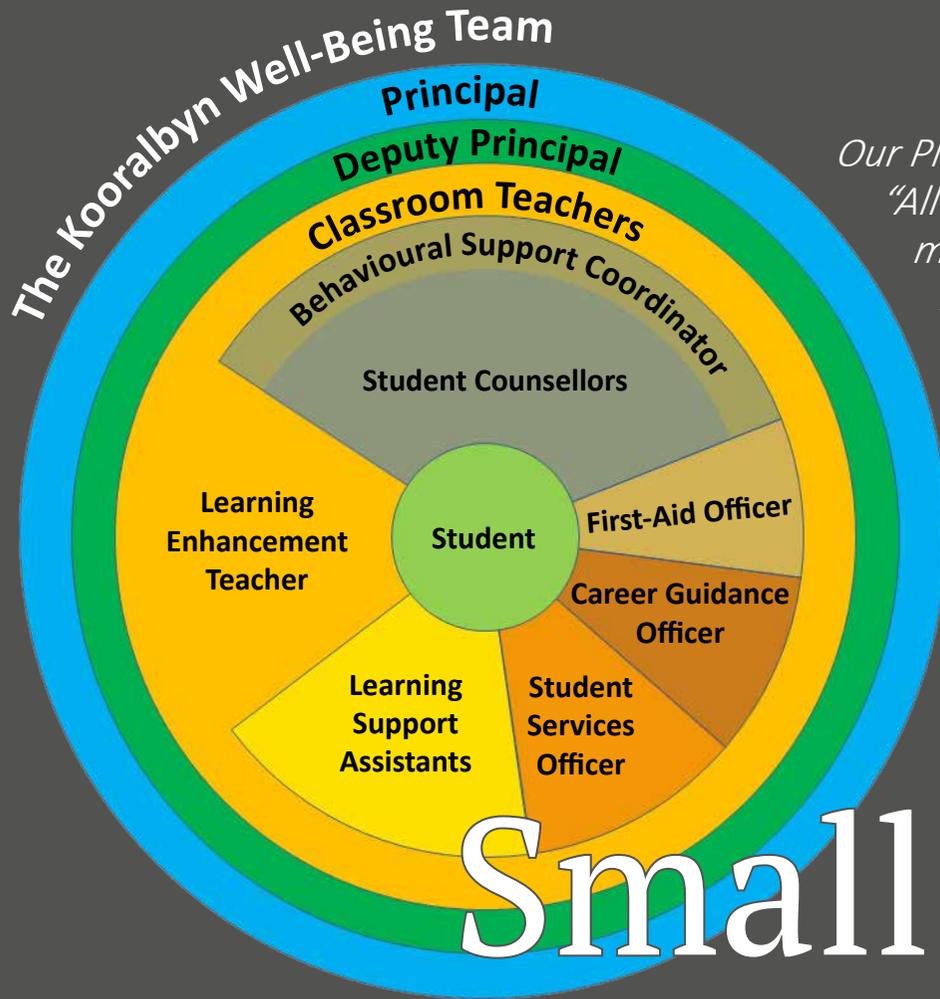
At Kooralbyn, we try to balance passionate teaching with digitally-enhanced classrooms to create a 'big picture' perspective that produces confident young men and women who not only value the world but embrace their amazing place in it.

A glimpse of our campus' impressive technical specifications...

- 2-in-1 touch screen laptops with cloud connectivity included FREE to every high school student on the textbook hire program
- Secure and monitored access to the internet when at school, with faster-than-NBN internet speed Wi-Fi available in every classroom
- Hi-res CCTV lesson-capture technologies support our classrooms and keep our play areas safer
- Online student and parent portals (with corresponding app for smartphones and tablets) provide 24-7 interactive data and contact options
- Interactive video and digital lessons; class sets of tablets and laptops for primary school; high school computer labs; language labs; film and television production studios; music labs; digital design facilities supported by 3D printers and pens; aviation and drone technologies; state of the art PCs for eSports under the Australian eSports League; these are just a glimpse of the digital world our students experience every day.

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*Our Pledge:*  
*"All students who meet Kooralbyn's high standards of dress, behaviour and work ethic, will be offered a quality education, free from classroom disruption, harassment or discrimination."*

# Small School... ..big he

Kooralbyn is a small, inclusive school. *It takes a village to raise a child* and we pride ourselves on our supportive community mindset. More than just an anti-bullying policy...we have an anti-bullying ethos and culture that defines our school and our beautiful 400 students.





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## School bus network

As a school in a rural community whose residents are spread out over a large area, we know the importance of an efficient and dependable school bus network and work closely with the local government-approved operators. Areas serviced by the school bus network reach as far as Boonah, Jimboomba, Logan Village, Tamborine, Flagstone and Rathdowney.

# Small School...big network



<b>Beaudesert Bus Service</b> Ph: 5541 3432 B1 School Run (onboard wi-fi)
Flagstone
Jimboomba
Cedar Grove
Woodhill
Veresdale
Gleneagle
Beaudesert
Josephville
Laravale
Tamrookum
Kooralbyn



## Daily School Bus Routes

<b>Beaudesert Bus Service</b> Ph: 5541 3432 B17 School Run (onboard toilet & wi-fi)
Boonah
Aratula
(afternoons only)
Kalbar
Roadvale
Coulson
Wyaralong
Bromelton
Kooralbyn

**Bus not suitable?**  
Have you considered the benefits of mid-week boarding at TKIS for Grades 7-12?  
*Contact the school for details.*

<b>Beaudesert Bus Service</b> Ph: 5541 3432 B18 School Run (onboard toilet & wi-fi)
Logan Village
Yarrabilba
Tamborine
Tabragalba
Kooralbyn

<b>Beaudesert Bus Service</b> Ph: 5541 3432 B19 School Run
Mundoolun
Kurrajong Road
Millstream Road
Cedar Vale
Kooralbyn

<b>Sun Hill Bus Services</b> Ph: 0438 446 867 S37 School Run
Rathdowney
Innisplain
Tamrookum
Kooralbyn (Connect)





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## Mid-week Boarding

An interesting compromise for busy families, is the notion of **mid-week boarding** where students travel home by bus on the weekends but enjoy the accommodation facilities, study resources and social benefits of boarding Monday to Friday.

## Boarding

About 90% of our high school students are local residents who travel to school from home every day. The other 10% live permanently on campus as boarders. They come from all over the shire, the state, the country and indeed the world and call Kooralbyn home for 40 weeks a year. For students from Grades 7 to 12 boarding can be an amazing experience and builds friendships that last a lifetime. The sense of family and belonging continues well beyond a student's school years.

**Lifelong networks** of brothers and sisters are forged in the dormitories of boarding schools and private schools around the world.

Boarding at TKIS is offered during the 10 weeks of each term and mid-week boarding (Monday to Friday) is also very popular. The benefits of boarding at Kooralbyn are many. They include ...

- Nightly supervised homework and study sessions.
- Additional support for ESL, numeracy and literacy as required.
- Healthy and delicious menus professionally prepared and presented.
- Supervised outings and day trips to the local attractions of Gold Coast and Brisbane.
- Access to the sporting and recreational facilities of the school including sporting fields, heated indoor swimming pool (summer only), indoor tennis court, video library with over 1,000 movies, common room and study room, wireless Internet, etc.
- After-school access to the facilities of the Mastery Programs offered by the school.
- Professional support staff providing 24-hour supervision.
- Access to local doctor, pharmacy, shop, etc.

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