PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME

It has been my privilege and delight to serve the position of Foundation Principal of Rouse Hill Anglican College, having been appointed in October 2001. To be involved in the initial development and vision of the College and to witness the growth that has occurred over the years has been both exciting and energising.

Selecting a school for your child is a complex process. Rouse Hill Anglican College students are encouraged to seek out opportunities for themselves, thereby gaining a confidence to take charge of their own futures. Our College is known for its pastoral care and respect for every member of our community.

We seek to provide extensive opportunities for students to excel in academia, the sporting arena, creative arts and in leadership development, creating self-aware and responsible students who are curious and intellectually brave.

Service to others is an important aspect of student development. We teach our students to serve because of the model of service that Jesus has provided for us as demonstrated in the Bible, encouraging a willingness to embrace opportunity, to work hard and to be kind and considerate to one another. Our leadership development program, support of local and overseas organisations and participation in local service activities emphasise service to others and create students who are unafraid of the new or different and have a social conscience.

I hope that you will enjoy reading about our College and I encourage you to make an appointment to take a personalised tour at a suitable time.
STRONG STABLE CHRISTIAN ETHOS
CARING ENVIRONMENT WHICH VALUES THE INDIVIDUAL
HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN TRADITIONAL TEACHING AND LEARNING
FIRM AND FAIR DISCIPLINE
DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS WITH HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS AND SELF DISCIPLINE
DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENT POTENTIAL
CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL
An open enrolment policy exists at the College, respecting religious differences within our community. Our families need not be Anglican, but must be supportive of the College’s Christian philosophy and principles.
Our students’ education seeks to equip them to accept responsibility, to take initiative and to show sensitivity to the needs of others. It will offer them stimulation to develop intellectual curiosity, to solve problems, to think creatively and logically, and to work co-operatively.
PASTORAL CARE

The College is a vibrant place of learning that provides a warm and nurturing environment where students and their families are welcomed each day. A strong emphasis on pastoral and individual care is given within the College.

The House structure of the College spans across sport, pastoral care, and academic activities. Peer support and welfare groups provide regular opportunities for students across different cohorts of the College to develop positive relationships between students. Open and fluid communication between home and the College is important and encouraged through weekly newsletters and regular email correspondence.

CHRISTIANITY, SERVICE & MISSION

Christianity is taught as the spiritual and moral basis of life, and students will be encouraged to adopt their own decision in coming to a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

The College encourages students and families to be involved in local community churches, where they will be given further opportunity to express their faith and to undertake and fully understand the sacraments.

Many opportunities are provided to our students to be involved in a range of service activities including trips overseas to encourage and assist communities in far less fortunate positions than those experienced by the majority of our students. Students also participate in service learning programs conducted at the College or in conjunction with local organisations.
COMMUNITY

THE COLLEGE CORE VALUES ARE REFLECTED IN STUDENT COURTESY AND PUBLIC BEHAVIOUR.

HIGH UNIFORM STANDARDS ARE ENFORCED TO PROMOTE SELF-RESPECT AND A SENSE OF PRIDE WITHIN THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY.
ROUSE HILL ANGLICAN COLLEGE seeks to inspire every student to lead purposeful and rewarding lives through the core values:

R  RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY
H  HONESTY, INTEGRITY
A  ATTITUDE, ACCEPTANCE
C  COMPASSION, CARE
CURRICULUM

The College meets the requirements of the NSW Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards by offering a comprehensive range of subjects and meeting the syllabus expectations. A choice of subjects that are relevant to university entrance requirements are offered as well as subjects that offer a vocational focus. Students may also have the opportunity of completing a subject at a local TAFE college to supplement their senior studies.

Extension activities and flexible progression enable students to progress more rapidly and to branch into areas of special interest. Work activities will be targeted to student achievement levels so that those requiring additional assistance can achieve success and a growing confidence in their own ability. Learning will be provided in an imaginative, purposeful and enjoyable environment.

The curriculum at Rouse Hill Anglican College emphasises literacy and numeracy development. The timetable structure places greater significance on these subject areas and grading is based on achievement in these areas in the Senior School years. Literacy and numeracy skills are also developed across the curriculum through integrated programs targeted at developing foundational learning skills.

Information and Communication Technologies are an important aspect of the curriculum at the College.
Excursions are a part of the educational experience at Rouse Hill Anglican College, complementing the teaching programs and course outcomes. Other activities and visits by outside organisations to the College also form part of this rich learning experience. The cost of compulsory excursions and activities is included in the service fee which is charged each term.

Overnight excursions and camps are held each year for students from Year Four to Year Eleven.

The camping experience provides opportunities for students to learn about themselves and discover their strengths and weaknesses while tackling problem solving situations that develop organisational and leadership skills and logical thought.

Outdoor education activities are conducted in conjunction with well-regarded, experienced and qualified organisations, providing challenging activities for our students with an excellent supervision ratio.
MUSIC
Rouse Hill Anglican College has a vibrant and progressive Music Department with many ensembles and choirs and a thriving private tuition program. Performance opportunities exist through Senior School and Junior School musicals, camps and festivals.

SPORT
Sport is an integral part of the curriculum at Rouse Hill Anglican College, encouraging mental and physical fitness and promoting team involvement. All students participate in weekly sport activities, initially focusing on skill development and game play with an emphasis on team skills. Students have the opportunity to be involved in frequent interschool competitions. There are also a number of opportunities for students to be involved in gala day and other interschool activities through a range of sports.

The College is a member of the Christian Schools Sports Association (CSSA) and the Hills Zone Sports Association enjoying the benefits of zone and state level competitions. Further opportunities are available through the Combined Independent Schools level and All Schools competition.

SPECIAL INTEREST
In addition to the opportunities for students to excel in the music and sporting area, students are encouraged to be involved in a range of co-curricular activities to enhance their College experience.

The range of activities continues to develop and reflect student interest and the availability of resources. Key areas for these programs include performing and creative arts, technology, science, academic challenges and Christian development groups.
A 23-ACRE SITE WITHIN THE FAST GROWING, LEAFY NORTH WEST SECTOR OF SYDNEY.

The College’s building design includes well lit, air conditioned and fully carpeted learning spaces with an emphasis on access to educational technology. Present facilities include specialist secondary classrooms for Science, Design & Technology, Visual Arts, Music, Food Technology and Computing Studies, as well as general purpose classrooms, libraries, a gymnasium/auditorium, multi-purpose courts, basketball courts, a beach volleyball court and ovals.
GOVERNANCE

Rouse Hill Anglican College is a member of the Anglican Schools Corporation, which is a body established by the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney. Local policy is vested in a College Council which is appointed by the Corporation. Further information about the Anglican Schools Corporation can be obtained from www.sasc.nsw.edu.au.

Day to day management including staffing, enrolments and educational programs are the responsibility of the Principal.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

→ FAMILY SUPPORT
→ FUNDRAISING
→ SOCIAL
→ WORKING BEES
→ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A Parents and Friends Association meets regularly, providing extensive opportunities for the involvement of parents in the life of the College. All parents are encouraged to become members and to contribute to the various activities of the association.
TRANSPORT

THE COLLEGE IS CURRENTLY WELL SERVED BY BUSWAYS, HILLSBUS AND FROM 2019 THE NORTH WEST RAIL LINK. OVER TIME ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING SERVICES ARE ESTABLISHED TO REFLECT THE DRAWING AREA OF THE STUDENT POPULATION.

THE COLLEGE WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE LOCAL AREA PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLEWAY AREAS.

Further information about bus routes can be obtained from the relevant websites:

www.busways.com.au
http://nwrail.transport.nsw.gov.au
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A before and after school care service operates from 6.45am before school hours and after school hours until 6.30pm. The service is operated by KTOOSH Services (www.ktoosh.com.au). KTOOSH also provide on-site Vacation Care programs.

Bookings for the Before and After School Care may be made through the College Office or direct to KTOOSH Services. KTOOSH Services is an Approved Childcare Provider and offers fully funded fee relief.
STEPS TO ENROLMENT

Entry levels at Rouse Hill Anglican College are generally Kindergarten (must turn five by April 30 of that year) and Year Seven. Entry into other cohorts is dependant on availability. All entry is dependant upon successful interview.

Applications should be made using the Application for Enrolment provided with this Prospectus and forwarded with payment of the non-refundable application fee.

Details of relevant fees are contained in the Fee Schedule.

Interviews with applicants and their parents will be arranged in order of receipt of Application after priority is afforded to siblings of current students and alumni. Following the interviews, applicants may be offered a place which must be accepted within fourteen days, by the return of an Acceptance Form and payment of an Acceptance Fee.

Advance applications are welcome and advisable. As waiting lists do exist for a number of entry points, applicants are encouraged to lodge their Application for Enrolment promptly.
UNDERSTANDING THROUGH CHRIST.