



Carinya

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
From Christ and For Him

GUNNEDAH

CHRIST • COMMUNITY • DISCOVERY

Under the rule of our sovereign God, Carinya acknowledges the Gamilaroi people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the School is built.

As we engage as a community to discover a world made through Jesus for His glory, we recognise the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this land.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation as we enjoy God's grace to us through Jesus.

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welcome

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Carinya Christian School Gunnedah is a caring, safe, child-centred, family-focussed school community, situated in the heart of Gunnedah. At Carinya it is our great pleasure to partner with parents and caregivers in the education of their children.

At Carinya Gunnedah we are **Christ** centred, **community** minded and **discovery** driven. In addition to seeking the best possible academic outcomes for our students, we seek to grow students of character, integrity and faithfulness who are challenged to understand that every ability, talent and opportunity comes from Jesus.

In the context of a modern, well-resourced school with excellent facilities and a vast array of curriculum and co-curriculum opportunities, our desire is to teach children about a world made through Christ and how to live for His glory.

I hope that you will take the time to visit the school so that you can experience the difference that is Carinya.

Mr Alex Wharton
Principal

"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever, amen!"

Romans 11:36

At Carinya

WE ARE **CHRIST-centred**
COMMUNITY-minded
DISCOVERY-driven

WE BELIEVE

▶ **THAT EVERY CHILD MATTERS**

and is an individual, created in the image of God

▶ **IN INTRINSIC MOTIVATION**

by seeking the “reward in the task”

▶ **IN HOME AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER**

through a community based on mutually supportive relationships

▶ **IN CHARACTER OVER PERSONALITY**

fostering qualities of self-discipline, responsibility and resilience

CARINYA DISTINCTIVES

LOCATION

Carinya is located right in the heart of Gunnedah, with easy access via local bus routes and close proximity to many facilities, which are utilised frequently by the school.

The Gunnedah Shire is situated in the Liverpool Plains in North West New South Wales with Tamworth, the closest regional centre, being only a 45 minute drive away.



FACILITIES

PREP & JUNIOR SCHOOL

Elgin Street is the location of our Kindergarten Preparatory Program and Junior School.

The heritage listed school building accommodates Junior School and contains six general purpose learning areas (GPLAs) for Kindergarten to Year 4, who also make use of our grassed and covered play area, and our multi-purpose auditorium.

The All Seasons Auditorium is used by all students across the school for indoor sports activities, assemblies, school and community events.



MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL

Little Barber Street is the location of our Middle / Senior School complex, accommodating our Year 5 to Year 10 students.

The complex features seven classrooms, five of which are a combination of a general purpose learning area (GPLA) and a specialised, purpose-built area. The specialised areas cater for subjects including Food Technology, Textiles, Science, Creative Arts (Dance, Drama and Music), Technology and Visual Arts.

The Library, Uniform Shop, Learning Support and student wellbeing and counselling services can be found in the Middle / Senior School complex and are utilised by the whole school.

Outside areas feature covered verandahs with student lockers, two covered outdoor learning areas (COLAs), shaded seating, outdoor table tennis tables, handball courts and water stations, with a combination of grassed, artificial turf and concrete surfaces.



STUDENT SUPPORT

INDEPENDENT LEARNING PROGRAM

Carinya's Independent Learning Program helps students engage with, and explore God's world, by providing students with extended learning opportunities. Students are involved in individual and group work projects aimed at developing skills such as creative thinking, investigating, planning, problem solving and presenting.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Learning Support Program comprises both in-class and individual or small group assistance for students who require additional academic or personal support. Learning Support staff work closely with classroom teachers to help deliver differentiated programs within the mainstream classroom. For students requiring additional support in literacy and numeracy, small group or individual withdrawal is provided.

COUNSELLOR

We recognise that mental health and wellbeing are significant concerns that impact on a student's capacity to engage in their education. Carinya's trained Psychologist and Counsellor help meet those concerns by providing counselling, referrals and support within our Christian framework.

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Program runs across the whole school, with teachers providing care and support for students in their classes. Teachers take time to read the Bible and pray with students each day, as they present Jesus as Lord and King. The Pastoral Care Program seeks to develop character traits from a Biblical perspective and help students become people of integrity, faithfulness and service, in thankfulness to the Lord Jesus.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds..."

Hebrews 10:24

ACADEMICS

At Carinya children are educated and equipped for the future in a family-like environment, encouraging maturity and responsibility with consistency and security, as each student moves from one stage to the next. Teachers are committed to working in partnership with parents to provide a quality, Christ-centred education for every student.

A SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROFILE

Carinya's Satisfactory Academic Profile policy aims to encourage students in Middle and Senior School to apply themselves faithfully to their learning. The key elements of the policy are: completing and handing in homework and assessment tasks on time, engaging faithfully and appropriately with the content of each course/subject, and arriving to each lesson with the required books and stationery.

MOBILE PHONES / INTERNET CAPABLE DEVICES

The school works hard to ensure that students are safe and engaged in their learning at school. To that end, Carinya does not allow students to have mobile phones or other internet capable devices (e.g. smart watches or iPods) at school or on excursions or sporting trips. Students have all necessary supervised access to school-based, internet-enabled devices during the school day for the purposes of their education.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club provides a great opportunity for students to set aside time each week to study in a safe, settled environment. Homework Club is supervised by teaching staff, with assistance provided to students when needed.

- **More information regarding school policies and the Homework Club are available on our website.**



Carinya offers extended supervision and activities for students from Kindergarten upwards every afternoon during school term. Gundhi is facilitated within the school grounds and aims to provide continuity of care in the same Christ-centred, community-minded, discovery-driven environment.

Supervised games and activities are provided for students, in addition to opportunities for them to complete homework, independent study or quiet reading.

Gundhi means 'house' in the Gamilaraay language.



OUR STAFF

We employ

COMMITTED CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE A
PERSONAL CONVICTION

FOR POINTING CHILDREN TO JESUS CHRIST THROUGH
THEIR TEACHING AND WORK

FEES

OUR AIM

**TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION AND
EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES AT AN
AFFORDABLE COST FOR FAMILIES**

Carinya strives to make Christian education affordable for as many families as possible, without compromising the development of new facilities and investment into the work of teachers.

As a low fee paying school, Carinya strives to use its resources wisely and, as a non-profit organisation, you can be assured that your fees are invested into your child's education. It is the commitment of the school community to pay school fees on time and in full, that ensures the school is well resourced and positioned to invest for the future.

Carinya's fees are all inclusive. The Annual Fee and IT Levy covers all tuition costs with no extra charges throughout the year. All inclusive means just that, and includes:

- Subject Resources
- Student Stationery
- School Activities
- Subject Excursions
- Year 5 to 10 Camps
- Student Chromebook Program
- Classroom Technology
- And much more...

Carinya students are covered by a Student Accident Policy, which assists families when a visit to the hospital or other professional medical assistance is required as a result of an accident at school. This is also included in the Annual Fee.



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Prep Program

Welcome to Carinya Gunnedah's Kindergarten Preparatory Program, where children from age 3 enjoy a safe, nurturing, play-based environment. Parents appreciate our professional staff and fully equipped facility, offering opportunities to explore, feel and experience God's amazing world.

The curriculum in our Gumnuts and Prep programs stimulate a child's natural imagination, curiosity and eagerness to learn. The program provides the consistency and security children need to enjoy their early learning experiences, while ensuring a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

- **Download the Prep Program Parent/Carer Information Handbook at www.carinya.nsw.edu.au/gunnedah-prep**

GUMNUTS (3-4 yr olds)

We take the time to get to know your children and help them feel safe and cared for. As they settle into the program, children build relationships and start to explore the world through their hearts, hands and feet. The curriculum provides a rich mixture of directed and undirected play, and activities in language, music, art and craft, specifically designed for their age.

PREP (4-5 yr olds)

The Kindergarten Preparatory Class (Prep) has an emphasis on school readiness and a smooth transition to Kindergarten the following year. Students are introduced to formal pre-writing and pre-numeracy skills, and in the second half of the year they make visits to the Kindergarten room to meet their teachers and prepare for the transition to full time school.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Psalm 139:14



Junior School

Junior School at Carinya helps give students the best start to their formal schooling. By helping children feel safe and precious, being made in the image of God, opportunities abound for students to learn, play, make friends and grow.


With our smaller classes we love the privilege of helping children learn to read, write and count, working hard to meet the needs of every child. Professional learning, collaboration, coaching and mentoring programs help our staff provide the best education and care for our students.

NURTURING

Junior School at a glance:

- ▶ Explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy
- ▶ Flexible, well resourced learning spaces
- ▶ Access to secondary school facilities and expertise
- ▶ A culture of care and nurture by older students, with the happy mixing of all ages in the playground, formal assemblies, special occasions, and shared curriculum activities
- ▶ A focus on confidence and resilience in Christ
- ▶ The opportunity to participate in many sport and extra-curricular activities
- ▶ An excursion program that builds on classroom experiences and enhances student learning
- ▶ Providing students with a familiar environment to transition into Middle School





growing

Middle School

Middle School spans the last years of Primary School (Years 5 and 6) and the first years of Secondary School (Years 7 and 8). At a time in their lives when so much is changing, this structure eases the transition for primary students from the learning environment of one classroom, to the more varied and diverse learning environment of secondary school.

GROWING

Middle School at Carinya seeks to provide opportunities for students to identify and develop their own gifts, abilities and interests, and to use and enjoy those gifts in thankfulness to God. As individuals made in the image of God, students are encouraged to learn in *"community not competition"*, to be motivated intrinsically and *"seek the reward in the task."* Qualities of integrity, faithfulness, self-discipline, responsibility and resilience are fostered and emphasised.

As with all other sections of the school, Middle School makes extensive use of Information Technology in the development and delivery of the curriculum.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

2 Peter 3:18

Senior School

What a great privilege we have to prepare our young men and women for the world. In Senior School, students develop positive academic work habits, strengthen their sense of personal purpose and perspective, and, in a rapidly changing world, begin to form and consolidate their priorities for life after school. Personal qualities of commitment, integrity and reliability are fostered to prepare for work or further study.

PREPARING

At Carinya Gunnedah, students in Years 9 and 10 enjoy a dynamic and diverse personal and academic environment, which encourages them to develop their academic skills as well as explore and interact with the world God has made.

At the end of Year 10, Carinya Gunnedah students have the guaranteed option of attending Carinya Tamworth to complete Years 11 and 12.

At Carinya Tamworth, Year 11 and 12 students pursue their HSC courses, or prepare for the workforce, in a strong academic framework with high expectations and an emphasis on personal responsibility and the faithful use of their abilities and opportunities.



“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”

Ephesians 2:10



Being a part of the Carinya community provides students with many opportunities to learn about and experience God's world. Students are welcome to pursue opportunities of interest to them.

EQUESTRIAN

Carinya participates in Horse Sports events held throughout the greater North West NSW region. Riding under the school colours, student riders have a chance to practice and display their skills.



CHESS

Primary and secondary students have the opportunity to learn about and participate in chess during the school week. In addition, they may be selected to represent the school in NSW Junior Chess League competitions at various times throughout the year.

DEBATING

Each year, Middle and Senior School students are encouraged to participate in the National Virtual Debating Competition. Students are taught the finer points of public speaking and debating as they develop skills and practice for the competition.

INTEREST ELECTIVES

Students have the opportunity to pursue areas of special interest, not only allowing them to build a diverse range of skills, but also fostering a sense of community and belonging across the year groups. Options include, but are not limited to, cooking, mechanics, electronics, coding, robotics, language and culture, drama, photography and digital media, visual arts and textiles.

SERVING

With so much happening throughout the school year, many opportunities exist for students to serve in the school community. Regular events could not run without the contribution of our students, who always serve the school community with humility and purpose.



SPORT

Students are encouraged to develop and use their talents to honour Christ, the giver of all gifts, in the way they interact with and compete against others. Throughout the school year, students are able to participate in a range of sporting activities.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Carinya Gunnedah has a variety of spaces available to deliver its extensive Physical Education Program, including a grassed area, multi-purpose auditorium and two covered outdoor learning areas (COLAs). In addition, Carinya makes extensive use of its own bus to transport students to and from Gunnedah's many sporting facilities, including, but not limited to:

- ▶ Swimming pool
- ▶ Gymnastics centre
- ▶ Golf course
- ▶ Basketball stadium
- ▶ Tennis courts
- ▶ PCYC
- ▶ Bowling greens
- ▶ Council Sporting Ovals

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

Carinya's affiliation with the Christian Schools Sports Association (CSSA) and the NSW Combined Independent Schools (NSW CIS) Sports Association, allows students to compete at Zone and State levels in individual and team sports. Students who are highly successful in their chosen sport can pursue representation via NSW CIS at national level competitions. Representative sport involves school run overnight trips beyond the Gunnedah region, which is a highlight for many Carinya students.

THE ARTS

MUSIC TUITION

Students have the opportunity to attend individual music tuition during the school day in areas such as piano, guitar and singing. Lessons are held on the same day each week and in such a way that the students do not miss the same lesson each week. The cost of individual music tuition is not included in school fees.

CHOIRS, ENSEMBLES and EISTEDDFODS

All students have the opportunity to take part in choral or instrumental ensembles.

Students have the opportunity to play any instrument they are learning in the Carinya Concert Band, with membership of the Concert Band included in school fees.

As well as performing at a variety of school and community events, students have a strong history of participation in the Music, Instrumental, and Speech and Drama sections of the Gunnedah Eisteddfod.

VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts is a strong elective choice at Carinya, with many works regularly on display around the school. Great opportunities exist to create, explore and design in our well-equipped Visual Arts room.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:17



EXCURSION PROGRAM

Students love to spend time together in the beautiful world God has made. Our Excursion Program extends the curriculum, providing opportunities to:

1. Stimulate and impact students in powerful ways through challenging activities
2. Develop students' initiative, cooperation, determination, organisation, self-confidence and resilience
3. Form relationships through group work and enjoying time together
4. Share the good news of Jesus as we explore a world made from Christ and for Him

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

Psalm 90:2



Each year students from Years 5 to 10 enjoy class excursions during Term 1. These excursions are held early in the year to foster the development of relationships and help prepare students for the year ahead.

Locations for the excursions include:

Year 5 - Lake Keepit SRC

Year 6 - Lake Burrendong SRC

Year 7 - Camp Elim, Forster

Year 8 - Christian Youth Centre, Scotts Head

Year 9 - Blue Mountains

Year 10 - Sydney

These excursions are compulsory for all students and are included within the Annual Fee.

Carinya also offers a range of other excursions as part of the core curriculum and extra-curricular activities.



MORE INFO

► BOOK A PERSONAL TOUR

Join our Principal on a personal tour of Carinya and gain an appreciation of the outstanding facilities, hear the school's educational philosophy clearly explained, and see the many opportunities offered to students of the school.

► TALK TO OUR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Contact us to talk about your next steps and have all your enrolment questions answered by our Business Administrator.

► VISIT OUR WEBSITE

On our website you can view all of our policies, download forms, book Uniform Shop appointments, read school newsletters, and view our calendar of upcoming events.

► FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We like to keep you informed, and following us on Social Media is one of the easiest ways to stay up to date with what's happening at Carinya.

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