



COLLEGE PROSPECTUS



Saint Ignatius' College  
RIVERVIEW

**As much as you can do,  
so much dare to do**

QUANTUM POTES TANTUM AUDE

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview acknowledges the Cammeraigal people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land upon which we are privileged to live and educate. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people who dwell on this land.

First Nations people are respectfully advised that this publication may contain words, names and images of people who have passed away.



# Principal's Message

**Competence,  
conscience,  
compassion and  
commitment.**



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, a day and boarding Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition located in Sydney, New South Wales. Established in 1880, the College delivers quality education for students in Years 5 to 12.

In the best of Jesuit tradition, Saint Ignatius' College is an aspirational school that cultivates a holistic and inclusive educational program. We aim to provide care and support for each student as a unique and gifted young person. The ideal for Ignatian graduates is that they become men of 'competence, conscience, compassion and commitment' who aim to serve others to benefit the common good. Should you decide that Saint Ignatius' College Riverview is the school most suited to nurture your son in a caring Christian environment, I welcome you and look forward to the possibility of a long and fruitful association.

DR PAUL HINE, PRINCIPAL

# Rector's Message

Dare to become fully who you were created to be.



As a Jesuit school, we work in partnership with our parents and carers to help develop the gifts and talents of each student. Our hope is that they will embody human excellence as young men of faith, conscience and compassion who are committed to the service of others in our society and the wider world.

The College's motto is *Quantum Potes Tantum Aude* – as much as you can do, so much dare to do. Our students are encouraged to embrace different opportunities and experiences of life so that they can dare to become fully who they were created to be. Throughout their years at the College, each student is strongly supported and is well known by their Head of House and Mentor. The concept of *cura personalis* – the care of the individual – is at the heart of Jesuit tradition and Ignatian spirituality.

Students are encouraged to strive for the *magis* – a Latin word meaning depth – whether it be in their spiritual lives, academic pursuits, or co-curricular endeavours. Our hope is that our students will make a difference to our changing world as the next generation of global citizens as “men for and with others”.

*Thomas Renshaw SJ.*

FR THOMAS RENSHAW (OR1990) SJ, RECTOR

“**Ignatian Service at Riverview opened my eyes to the broader world and the way less fortunate people live. Through my service at the College, I’ve learnt to be a more compassionate and understanding person...**”

(JACK, A RIVERVIEW GRADUATE)

# Faith and Formation

Saint Ignatius’ College Riverview takes its place in an almost five-century educational tradition, characterised in the Jesuit formation of students in a spirit of Christian humanism. Through knowledge, understanding and experience of the Catholic faith, both as individuals and as members of the Church community, the College aims to merge true Christian values with a relationship with God and others in a spirit of service.

The College encourages an attitude of openness to life’s questions, promotes personal growth and develops an awareness of others and the world.

A feature of the life of the College is Ignatian Service, through which all students are able to make a meaningful contribution to their communities and the world, as well as learn important lessons from those whom they serve. This takes place through House initiatives, St Ignatius’ Day activities, Immersions and the Ignatian Service Program.



# *Cura Personalis*

At Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, teachers and administrators – both Jesuit and lay – are more than just academic guides. They are involved in the lives of students, working towards the Jesuit call to become a 'man for others'.

At the Regis Campus, each young man in Years 5 and 6 belongs to a Homeroom where the teacher in charge is directly concerned with the care and formation of each student.

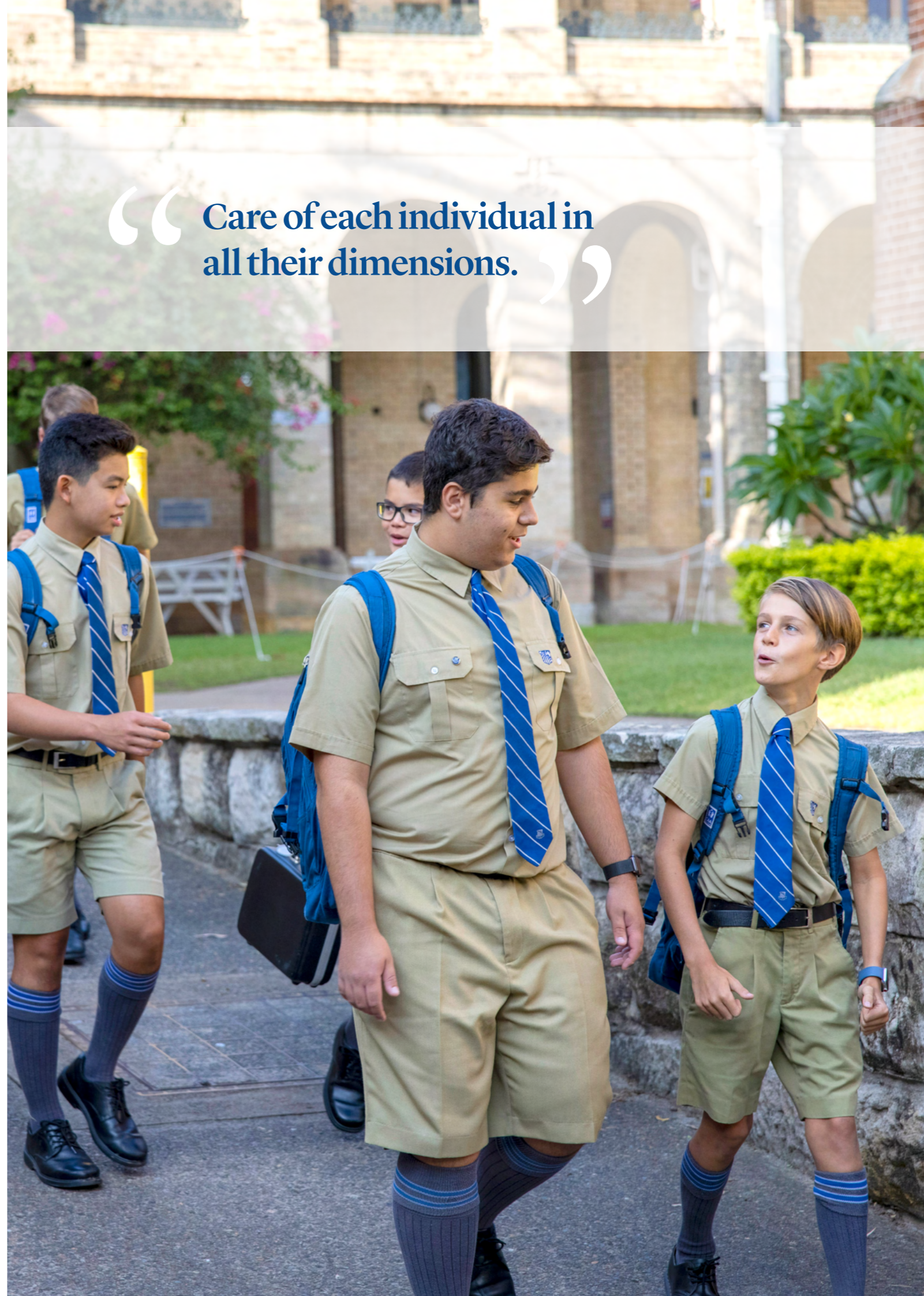
As students progress to the Senior Campus, they move into a House system which provides a place of safety and connection for each student. Students

remain in the same House throughout their time at Riverview, and within each House, they find belonging in a smaller Mentor Group, which is run by a trusted and sympathetic adult mentor.

In the best of Jesuit tradition, each student is not only afforded individual care and concern, but is also asked to provide care and concern to others, with a particular emphasis on mentoring and looking out for the younger boys who enter the House. In this way, younger students regularly make friends with and find role models in the older students, while the older boys develop their own leadership and pastoral skills.



“Care of each individual in all their dimensions.”



# Teaching and Learning

The College accommodates approximately 1,600 students across two campuses. Within a Jesuit College, the curriculum is the path to achieving our mission of creating young people who will continue to make a difference in the world through their faith, generosity, service and justice, even beyond the school gates.

A wide variety of subjects are available at both the Regis and Senior Campuses. The curriculum is delivered in conjunction with the NSW Education Standards Authority, with core studies including English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education,

History, Geography, Physical Education, and expanding to 45 different subjects for students in their senior years.

At Riverview, we aim to provide excellence in teaching and learning through a challenging and inclusive curriculum. We encourage our students to embrace scholarship as a response to God's gift of intellect and promote the concept of a growth mindset. We challenge young men to develop resilience through collaboration, companionship and communication.

“Young men at Riverview are taught to respond authentically to a culture of critical thought, reflection and academic rigour.”

## AT A GLANCE

**1,600**

Current students

**27**

Co-curricular activities on offer

**47**

Subjects offered to senior students

**339**

Teaching staff on site

**99+**

In 2020, 9 students achieved an ATAR of 99+

**90+**

In 2020, 101 students achieved an ATAR of 90+

# Riverview's Inclusion Program

Riverview's Inclusion Program was established in 2007 as a response to a need from the College and wider community to provide mainstream education opportunities for students with an intellectual disability. This dynamic program is based on the needs of the individual student and focuses on a functional education, where creating independent members of society is at the forefront of learning. In addition to receiving additional support, students in the Inclusion Program are afforded the same social, co-curricular and service opportunities as all Riverview students.

Students in the Inclusion Program follow the NSW Life Skills curriculum from Years 7 to Year 12; in addition, senior students undertake the Transition2Work program which includes independent living and travel skills, social skills as well as work experience and TAFE opportunities. From enrolment to graduation, the Inclusion Program is aimed towards optimising post-school options and providing students with a memorable school experience.



*Cura Personalis* is the beating heart of the Inclusion Program.

“A community that welcomes and embraces depth of culture.”

# First Nations

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview is nestled within the boundaries of Cammeraigal country and comprises a community that embraces the depth of culture and identity brought to us by the First Nations students and their families.

The College actively commits to redressing the inequalities of access and educational outcomes by supporting First Nations students to their highest potential.

A diverse cohort of nearly 30 First Nations students attend the College, with specialised members of staff providing

holistic support and community involvement at all levels. The program is financially supported by and works in close relationship with the Riverview Bursary Program.

Our First Nations students come from all over Australia, from regional NSW through to, Darwin, Cairns and the Torres Strait. They contribute a unique richness to the diverse cultural fabric of the College, and they ground us in this ancient land, allowing us to walk together in a more united and a more just society.



# Co-curriculum

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview provides its students with a holistic educational program and magnificent co-curricular facilities and opportunities. The sporting and co-curricular life of the College provides boys with healthy recreational opportunities to form close friendships with fellow students and teachers and instils the values of working together towards a common goal. Such activities help develop the whole person.

Facilities include:

- / Multiple sports fields
- / The Gartlan Centre, an indoor sports facility comprising a gym, pool and basketball courts
- / Outdoor tennis and basketball courts
- / The Boatshed
- / O'Kelly Drama Theatre and the Theatrette
- / The Woods Music Centre



“ Participation in the Co-curriculum program forms a central element of the education process. ”

# ReView

## After School Study Program

The ReView after school study program offers families additional support through supervised study, revision and review groups conducted by the College staff and tutors outside of school hours. This enables students to complete homework and other assessments on time, while providing the support and resources necessary to excel in their studies.

Study groups are tailored to suit the needs of participating students and aligned with the skills and qualifications of tutors and teachers. In between study sessions, the program includes supervised play time, snack breaks and dinner in the College refectory for senior students.

“Providing excellence in teaching and learning through a supportive and inclusive study program.”



# A Vibrant Boarding Community

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview began as a boarding school in 1880; today, boarding remains a vital part of the Ignatian tradition of providing a home within a school, offering high quality holistic education for students from all over Australia and different parts of the world.

Three separate Houses offer a horizontal boarding system catering to different year levels, each with their own facilities for study and recreation. Set study times and extra help through tutors and boarding staff are available to assist students with

their work, while recreational facilities include basketball courts, ovals and cricket nets, large screen TVs, table tennis tables and game consoles.

Our vibrant boarding community comprises a special mix of students from country regions and families in Sydney and around the globe, all of whom bring a richness to the life of the College.

Boarder handbooks are available upon request with detailed information about our boarding program.

“It's not just a bed in a school, it's a place in the world.”



## AT A GLANCE | AS AT 2021



286

Total boarders  
in 2021



191

67%  
Regional  
& remote areas



73

25%  
Metropolitan  
area



22

8%  
International

“Providing quality facilities and responding strategically to future resource provision and environmental stewardship.”

# Facilities

Positioned on the Lane Cove River, few schools can claim a sense of place as strong as Saint Ignatius' College Riverview. From the heritage sandstone Arrupe main building to the cutting-edge Therry Learning Centre, every building, sporting field and facility is designed to provide an exceptional environment for learning and enjoyment.

## Facilities include:

- / Dalton Memorial Chapel
- / Ramsay Hall and Memorial Hall

- / Gartlan Sports Centre, tennis courts and various sporting fields
- / O'Kelly Drama Theatre and the Theatrette
- / The Woods Music Centre and auditorium
- / The Health Centre
- / The Riverview Observatory
- / The Boathouse

While the campus continues to evolve, it sustains a timeless connection to the land, local community and its expansive history.



# The Gift of Education

The Riverview Foundation serves to champion the goals of the College by building and strengthening relationships with diverse constituencies, encouraging community, collaboration and investment in its programs and initiatives. Two significant projects undertaken by this department include the Riverview Bursary Program and the Ignis Project.

## The Riverview Bursary Program

The Bursary Program offers a quality Jesuit education to boys whose families would find it otherwise financially inaccessible. It enables young men of varying backgrounds to overcome geographic,

economic and personal challenges to learn the skills to succeed while developing deep friendships that will help take them through life. It also plays an essential role in keeping Riverview vital and inclusive, in the best of Jesuit tradition.

## Ignis Project

The Ignis Project is the culmination of an ambitious and innovative vision to renew the teaching and learning environment of the College. Looking ahead to an exciting and fast-moving future, the Project anticipates and seeks to meet the needs of generations of students to come.



## AT A GLANCE



**\$2M**

Awarded in bursaries every year



**66+**

Students on bursaries\*  
\* In 2021



**170+**

Students have received a bursary since 2009

“Encouraging community, collaboration and an investment into the future.”

# Enrolment Process

## WAITLIST

Parents complete an Application for Admission form (downloadable from our website) and pay a fee to be placed on the Waiting List.

## APPLICATION

The College mails an Application Pack approximately 2.5 years prior to requested year of entry. Parents return the completed application and required documentation. The College reviews applications and selects applicants for interviews.

## INTERVIEWS

The College conducts enrolment interviews and advises of acceptance or unsuccessful application.

# Enrolment

Entrance to the College is in Year 5 and Year 7 for Day Students. Applications are accepted at any time from birth until approximately 2.5 years before the requested year of entry.

Boarder applications are given preference and are accepted at any time.

For all enrolment enquiries please contact:

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# Acceptance Process

## CONTRACT

The College sends an acceptance kit containing a letter of acceptance and enrolment contract.

## ACCEPTANCE

Parents accept the offer by signing the contract and paying the enrolment fee.

# Orientation Notice

Approximately mid-year prior to entry, the College sends an invitation to orientation activities.

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