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CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



COMPASSION
COURAGE
HOPE
INTEGRITY
HUMILITY

WILLIAM CLARKE COLLEGE'S VIRTUES





CO-CURRICULAR LIFE

Sitting alongside the College's Curriculum program is our rich and vibrant Co-curricular program for students in Kindergarten through to Year 12. We strongly believe that through participation in Co-curricular opportunities, students achieve a more balanced approach to their schooling.

We encourage every student to become involved or try something new. As we strive to stretch student success beyond the classroom, our Co-curricular program develops leadership and teamwork skills and importantly, seeks to nurture a sense of community and belonging.

Sport

The College has a rich history of sporting success across many sporting domains. Students in Years 3-12 can represent the College in the local Hills Zone Sports Association (HZSA) Interschool Sports Competitions and in Gala Days throughout the year. Students can also trial as individuals for a range of sports through HZSA, Association of Independent Co-Educational Schools (AICES) or NSW Combined Independent Schools (NSWCIS) pathways.

It is compulsory for all students in Years 2-12 to attend the College Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals and participation is highly encouraged. Students represent their House at each of these carnivals and compete against students from other Houses in age categories. Based on individual performance at each of these carnivals, students are then selected to be part of the College squad to compete at HZSA Representative Carnivals.

The College also competes in local interschool Rugby competitions as well as a number of statewide

knockout competitions in Football and Cricket.

From Years 9-12, we participate in domestic and overseas sporting tours in a range of age groups and also offer non-competitive opportunities for students across the whole College. Enjoyment is paramount and the Staff versus Student Games are a long-standing tradition at the College.

Creative and Performing Arts

The College is well known for our Creative and Performing Arts programs. It is wonderful to witness students flourish whether singing, playing an instrument, dancing, acting, producing music, writing songs or working with others in productions. Our students have many opportunities to explore, develop and exhibit their creative talent outside the classroom at the College.

Students may also choose to be involved in our award-winning ensembles which rehearse weekly. For those who also love to perform, our highly-praised Musical and Drama productions in both Primary and Secondary, represent a great opportunity for students to extend themselves and make new friends.

Camps

From Year 3 onwards, camps are a compulsory component of our College curriculum, designed strategically to support the learning and development of our students. They present opportunities for relationship building in different settings to the regular classroom. Building on the camp experience from Year 6, our Years 7-10 students undertake camps of increasing demands in the outdoor education space. The College's model of progression through these camps follows research conducted

into the character development of students in these activity types.

The College strongly supports students participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and camps within the Secondary School can be used to satisfy the Adventurous Journey portion of the Award.

Clubs and Activities

We encourage every student to be involved in the Co-curricular Clubs and Activities program at the College. The clubs and activities we provide enable students to explore and develop a range of personal interest areas and skills, while developing a sense of community and belonging. Research has shown that when students are engaged, their learning increases. Our program increases the capacity of our students to learn in the classroom, to develop character in line with our virtues and to develop enterprise literacy skills (i.e. communication, critical thinking, leadership, cultural sensitivity, creativity, digital and financial literacy).

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMARY

Sport

- Basketball
- Football (Soccer)
- Netball
- Rugby Union
- Touch Football

Championship/Gala Days

- AFL
- Football (Soccer)
- Futsal
- Netball
- Touch Football

Dance

- Studio 1 Dance - Competition
- Studio 1 Dance - Recreational
- Wakakirri

Music

- Instrumental Ensembles:
 - Concert Band
 - Junior Strings
 - Percussion Ensemble
- Peripatetic Music Lessons
- Vocal Ensembles:
 - Primary Choir
 - Primary Singers

Drama

- Musical Theatre Productions
- Wakakirri

Clubs and Activities

- Art Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Christmas Box Club
- CRU Club (Exploring Jesus)
- Debating
- Football Academy
- Friendship Club *
- Game Makers
- Gymnastics
- Knitting Circle
- Languages
- Library Monitors *
- Minecraft Club *
- Physio Play

- Robotics Club
- Running Club
- Skipping Club

Outdoor Education

- P-2 Campout
- Year 3 Camp: Galston
- Year 4 Camp: Blue Mountains
- Year 5 Camp: Lake Macquarie
- Year 6 Camp: Canberra

SECONDARY

Sport

- Basketball
- Cricket
- Football (Soccer)
- Futsal
- Netball
- Rugby Union
- Touch Football
- Volleyball

Championship/Gala Days

- Basketball
- Football (Soccer)
- Netball
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Triathlon

Dance

- Cheer
- Studio 1 Dance - Competition
- Studio 1 Dance - Recreational

Music

- Instrumental Ensembles:
 - Concert Band
 - Contemporary Music
 - Music Technology
 - Orchestra
 - Percussion Ensemble
 - Stage Band
 - String Ensemble
 - Symphonic Wind Ensemble
- Peripatetic Music Lessons
- Vocal Ensembles:
 - Secondary Choir
 - Senior Singers

Drama

- IAMprovising (Theatresports)
- Major College Productions

Clubs and Activities

- Art Academy
- Basketball Academy
- Biotech Challenge *
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Christmas Box Club
- College Gym
- Debating
- Football (Soccer) Academy
- Future Problem Solving *
- Golf Squad
- Languages
- P2S Design Club
- PB Running Club
- Philosophy Hub *
- Public Speaking
- Reef Crew
- Speed and Strength Training
- STEM Club
- Textiles for Change

Outdoor Education

- Duke of Edinburgh
- Year 7 Camp: Lake Macquarie
- Year 8 Camp: Darug Country, Hawkesbury Region
- Year 9 Camp: Colo River and Wollemi National Park
- Year 10 Camp: South Coast
- Year 11 Camp: City Mission (Sydney City)
- Year 12 Camp: HSC Study Camp, College Campus

* By invitation

Please Note: Co-curricular opportunities are as at February 2024.





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