Welcome to Arndell Anglican College
At Arndell, we have built a community where every child matters.

We aim to be the school of choice in the Hawkesbury, serving God, our students, families and staff by providing a high quality and affordable education in a caring Christian learning community.

We seek to engage with our families in a meaningful and complementary fashion. We celebrate life, enjoyment, individuality, achievement and the unique potential of every child. It is our intent to enable the individual flourishing of each of our students.

**What does this mean to our families?**

- High quality pastoral care
- High quality academic development
- High quality programs
- High quality community engagement

For the team of staff who serve our families, this means that we are driven by a passion to know who we are as a community and to do what we do really well.

As you consider your choices for your child’s education, we would love to get to know you and your family.
Our Values

At Arndell, we value:

Our shared Christian faith
A culture of lifelong learning
An open and respectful community
Our connectedness to the Hawkesbury region

Over the past 20 plus years, we have established a strong reputation for providing caring education to the children of the Hawkesbury and Hills districts. We are an open and welcoming learning community in which all members are valued equally for the gifts with which they have been endowed and the potential they have to share these gifts with others.

We want our students to graduate with:

Knowledge of the Christian faith
A developed understanding of who they are and what they believe
Pathways to success in their lives and the contemporary world
A desire to add to the character of their community

We are a committed member of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation. This community of Christian schools gives us access to a wide variety of opportunities that enhance the educational opportunities for every student, as well as creating efficiencies that enable us to be a high quality, affordable school.
Our Purpose
Learning through Christ

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Our Vision
- An authentic Christian educational community
- A rigorous, well-balanced and comprehensive education
- Genuine care for our students
- A committed member of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

In every sense, we see ourselves as aspiring to live out our motto of “Learning through Christ.”

We welcome all families who are committed to supporting the ethos of our College. All students participate fully in the spiritual life of the school including Biblical Studies and Chapel. They are ministered to by the staff of the College who are led in this mission by the Headmaster and Executive staff.
## Our Goal
To know who we are as a community and to do what we do really well

### Our Strategy

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<td>• We are supported by focused and collaborative professional learning</td>
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History and Culture

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3: 11

The Arndell Family Legacy

Arndell Anglican College takes its name from Thomas Arndell, one of the Hawkesbury’s early settlers and a founder in 1809 of the Ebenezer church, the oldest church building in Australia.

After several years of preparation, Arndell College began in 1990 at the instigation of Craig Laffin, the first Headmaster, who was supported by a group of local families.

From the outset, the College was characterised by the following features:

- Children were to be brought to Christ and accept Christian values and attitudes.
- Pastoral care of children was to permeate all aspects of the College, with concern for and interest in all children.
- Firm but fair discipline was seen as the key to successful learning by children, and the highest standards of courtesy and respect for others were demanded of them.
- The College aimed to give prominence to individuals achieving to the best of their ability – literacy and numeracy were to be stressed, while also promoting opportunities for achievement in non-academic areas.
- The College supported traditional family values that were recognised as being central to the spiritual and moral growth of each child.
- The College supported parents in the prime role for the education of their children, and welcomed them as participants in the life of the College.
- The staff were to be Christian, professional educators, committed to their students and the College, and highly respected in the College for their dedication and achievements.

Staff

At Arndell Anglican College, we employ staff who seek to use their God-given gifts to promote excellent learning outcomes for our students.

We aim to nurture a staff culture that is prayerful, Biblical, relational, intentional, targeted, professional and creative.

Headmaster

The Headmaster, Mr Gareth Leechman MA MEd, came to Arndell in 2010, having served previously as Headmaster at Clarence Valley Anglican School, Grafton. Before becoming Headmaster at Clarence Valley, Mr Leechman had been Head of History, and Head of House at Shore School.

Mr Leechman brings to his Headship at Arndell a determination to continue and further develop the high academic standards of Arndell, its strong Christian character, and its fine traditions in music and pastoral care. He and his family live and attend church locally; they are committed members of the community who value the opportunity of serving in the Hawkesbury region.

Governance and Leadership

Arndell Anglican College is a school of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation.

It is governed by a College Council, which is appointed by the Board of the Corporation.

Throughout the College’s history, the Council have overseen the rapid development of the facilities of the school and the growth from a fledgling school into one of great substance.

Members of the local community continue to serve the College in this governance capacity, providing stewardship of the ethos, traditions and future directions of the College as well as providing support and resources for the Headmaster and his team.

The day-to-day management of the College, including such matters as enrolments, staffing, spiritual education and all other educational programs is vested in the Headmaster, who is supported by an experienced and capable Executive Team.
An Arndell Anglican College Education

Learning and Teaching

Our academic program at Arndell aims to promote a culture of lifelong learning throughout our community.

Through clear leadership, quality staff and good resources, we aspire to be custodians of a positive and affirming culture in which confident and competent learners are nurtured to explore questions, seek answers and solve problems – as well as to care passionately about their neighbours, their community and their environment.

We provide a rigorous, well-balanced and comprehensive education that is both relevant and engaging for students who aim to take their place in a rapidly changing world.

Our curriculum meets the challenges of national benchmark testing and also performance by students in national competitions. Our students gain excellent Higher School Certificate results that give them a wide range of choice for their post-secondary educational pathways.

Arndell is very interested in how students learn – we strive to bring the best out of each student. We try to make the teaching and learning relationship as effective as possible through:

- Maintaining teaching and learning as a key focus
- Differentiating the curriculum to meet a spectrum of student interests, abilities and preferred learning modes
- Providing students quality feedback
- Developing our teachers and leaders as classroom practitioners
- Coordinating the professional learning of our staff across the College
- Inducting new teachers to the College within this culture
- Ensuring the New South Wales Institute of Teachers accreditation of New Scheme teachers is followed
- Encouraging experienced teachers to seek higher Independent Schools Teacher Accreditation Authority accreditation

Gifted and Talented

Arndell Anglican College organises programs and activities to promote interest and excitement in learning for all students in the area of their talents especially through encouraging teachers to provide extension activities in classes and organising interest days, special excursions, co-curricular activities and special interest groups.

Learning Support

Arndell Anglican College provides services to students who have difficulty with one or more aspects of their learning. These include:

- Special provisions for examinations
- One to one tutorials for reading, writing and numeracy
- Small group learning to build social skills, discussion skills and refine assessment tasks
- In class help for students to enable them to learn in a class situation
- Assisting teaching staff to scaffold worksheets, assessment tasks and examinations to make tasks accessible to all students
- Running special programs for students who have significant delay in reading, writing and numeracy
- Organising and training peer tutors to assist other students in class and examinations
- Organising ongoing professional development for staff to assist in the understanding of all students’ classroom needs
Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care at Armidell Anglican College encompasses the spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical wellbeing of all students. Its role in the College cannot be overstated, as our well-defined pastoral care program is the keystone of our Christian outreach to our community.

The welfare of all students enables us to blend both personal support and discipline in a safe and caring environment. Armidell Anglican College accomplishes this through the collective undertaking of all key groups in the College community:

- The College Council
- The Headmaster and the College Executive
- Management Staff
- Teaching and Non-teaching Staff,
- Parents
- Student Leaders
- Students

Co-curricular Activities

At Armidell, we strongly promote student public speaking skills, including participation in external competitions including the HICES Debating Competition.

Armidell’s performing arts facilities provide an array of opportunities for students across dramatic, musical, dancing and stage management disciplines.

We also have an extensive Extra-curricular Music Program at Armidell Anglican College. We take part in College Chapel services and special services such as Easter and Christmas as well as College Performance Showcase evenings. The College supports community events such as church fêtes and has competed in the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod for many years. Each year the College produces a musical with a biannual Primary and Secondary School focus. Students from Years 7 - 12 are invited to take part in the musical.

Sport

Sport is an integral part of our student’s overall development and Armidell offers an extensive sports program to meet these needs in both the Primary and Secondary School.

Senior School students have the opportunity to participate in the local HZSA inter-school sports competition. There are also a number of Representative carnivals and sports throughout the year.

Junior school students have the opportunity to develop in their sport through a variety of Gala Days and Representative Carnivals. Year 5 and 6 participate in the HZSA inter-school sports competition and the Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES).
Our Learning and Teaching Facilities
Enrol Your Child

At Arndell Anglican College, we seek to enrol students from families who want their children to graduate with:

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We invite you to register your interest in enrolling your child to become a student at Arndell. To do so, you will need to complete and submit our Application Form and Enrolment Information Form.

Our regular entry points for students are Years K, 7 and 11. Nonetheless, we will consider applications for entry in other years according to individual needs and if spaces are available.

We do have waiting lists for places in our year cohorts and so we encourage you strongly to plan ahead to secure your child’s place at Arndell Anglican College.

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