



Welcome to the Future



*“The majority of employment growth over the past five years has been in **occupations that generally require post-school qualifications**. This is a long-term trend that is expected to continue, with the vast majority of jobs growth over the next five years projected to be in higher skilled occupations.” Australian Government Outlook Report.*





Destination?



Historically, our Year 12 graduates continue their education, post graduation, at university, TAFE or with a private provider.





Our Ethos



While the traditional school contract with parents and students, theoretically, ends at graduation, we believe we have a moral obligation to provide our students with the skills and attitudes that will enhance their opportunities for success at university, post-school learning and beyond.





Transition from School



The Good Universities Guide: “Although some students breeze straight through it, **the transition from school to tertiary study isn't always easy.** It may be that the work is harder or that subjects are unfamiliar, or perhaps the stress of a new environment or new commitments proves a little more difficult than expected. Some students embrace the sense of freedom that comes with finishing school, but **it's not uncommon to struggle when faced with becoming self-reliant.**”

Deakin University: “The first year out of high school can be daunting for many, especially those transitioning from their final school year into university. A foreign environment, different teachers, new classmates and unfamiliar subjects and assignments can all – understandably – **leave students feeling overwhelmed and potentially a little out of their depth.**”





Transition to University



A Student View: “The best thing about uni would have to be the independence, the freedom is nice and you’re treated like an adult. The worst thing, on the other hand, is the workload. At uni, there are three desires: to study, sleep, and have a social life- and sometimes you can only choose two.”





So, what if we told you that you can:

- go to a local school that focuses on giving you the practical and study skills you needed to succeed at university, TAFE etc;
- access university resources while still at Secondary school;
- gain a distinct advantage- Successful completion of both the Bridge course and HSC will ensure guaranteed points into CSU degrees and preferential entry;
- start your university degree in Years 11 and 12, while still doing the Higher School Certificate (without accumulating a HECS debt);
- complete university degree courses online or face-to-face while still at school;
- choose to select from nearly 20 university courses, across a range of faculties, as part of your final years of Secondary education.





You might think....





NO, he's not....

We will combine two high-performance educational institutions to create an innovative educational structure that recognises the challenges faced by students today and in the future.

St Columba Anglican School: At St Columba, we will transform the lives of our students by offering the educational opportunities that will allow them to have lives of purpose, service and engagement. The aim of St Columba Anglican School is to be the most outstanding school in New South Wales. It is the product of the vision of a community - to build a school with access to all who want their children to achieve the highest standards of education and behaviour.

Charles Sturt University: Our mission is to build skills and knowledge in our regions. We offer choice and flexibility to students and work hand-in-hand with our industries and communities in teaching, research and engagement. Growing from our historical roots, we share our knowledge and expertise as a significant regional export industry and we bring strength and learning from this back to our regions.

#1 University for graduate employment in Australia

5-Star university for graduate salaries

#2 University in Australia for climate action

#10 globally for Climate Action in 2021 (Time Higher Ed Impact Rankings)





Because St Columba Anglican School and Charles Sturt University believe that:



- schools and universities can and should work together
- the transition from Secondary School to university and further study should be as seamless as possible;
- that Secondary School students should have the opportunity to develop the skills and attitudes that will lead to post school success;
- that having a school and a university work together can create a world-first educational system that provides the best of both learning worlds;
- the paradigm of separate and distinct Secondary and Tertiary Educational models is dysfunctional in today's world.





The Bridge Project has the goals of:



- increasing successful access to tertiary study for local students.
- ensuring that our graduating Secondary students are more fully prepared for the next stage of their learning life.
- providing an example of 21st century best educational practice.
- offering opportunities for excellent and practical professional development and educational research.
- taking full advantage of the developments offered by the Port Macquarie Health and Education Precinct development.





The Bridge Project students will:



- have access to University and Secondary School specialist spaces;
- have opportunities to experience university study modes prior to graduation;
- have early entry opportunities to Charles Sturt University courses;
- have opportunities for dual accreditation of courses studied;
- have experienced university-style learning prior to Secondary graduation.

