Our Canterbury College 'World Ready' Curriculum

Canterbury World Ready

Curiosity | Innovation | Critical Thinking | Resilience | Entrepreneurship Practical Skills Building | Real World Experiences | Technology | Communication

Spark Program & End Semester Expo

Spark is an elective-based 'hands-on' program for Years 5-6 students, unique to Canterbury.

Years

5-6

Each semester, students choose a practical 'real world' project or challenge to complete, from the fields of business, science, engineering, technology, visual art, physical education or social studies.

Then students from both years combine into the same class once per week, get taught by relevant staff, then work through their activity both inside and beyond the classroom walls and normal school hours.

Spark is about building curiosity, encouraging students to try something new, and providing a direct opportunity to embark on their own learning journey, as part of their World Ready education.

Spark focuses on the Australian Curriculum's general capabilities of critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability, ethical understanding, and intercultural knowledge.

Our Junior School hosts a Spark Learning Expo at the end of each semester, where all student projects are exhibited to the whole Canterbury community.

Business, Economics & Entrepreneurship Subject

Year

Our secondary students can formally extend their Spark small business project '\$20 Boss' from Years 5-6, into Year 7's entrepreneurial business studies subject, right through until Year 12.

Year 7 covers the basic principles, theories, history, thinking and strategies around entrepreneurship, and examines the personality attributes and business skills required to succeed.

For inspiration, highly successful individuals and companies are showcased on how their ideas, innovations and business models have reshaped the world of commerce.

Furthermore, the massive global reach and opportunities made available by modernised 'traditional' media and social media from everyone's mobile device, laptop or smart TV is explored.

Business, Economics & Enterprise Subject

Students progress into real world applications of the principles, theories and strategies acquired in Year 7, which includes planning, creating, developing, item manufacturing or sourcing, budgeting, managing and displaying their own group-based small businesses to college staff and students.

Year 8 Business students host their various themed market gift stalls at the busy School Canteen during morning tea and lunch breaks, ahead of Mother's Day and Christmas, where the actual amount of money raised in sales, forms part of each group's final assessment.

This is about as realistic as lower secondary business projects can get, with its profit-based outcomes.

In addition, these young entrepreneurs maintain the wider viewpoint by studying the ever-changing nature of our modern workforce, plus private and public sector changes to the Australian economy. Business, Economics & Accounting Subject | Business Start Up Subject

Years

9-10

Here, social enterprise students identify a 'human' problem, then create and pitch an innovative, scalable, and sustainable business idea to solve it.

These entities are encouraged to feature a social enterprise connection, which helps educate students on making their world a better place.

This project-based approach teaches enterprise skills like problem-solving, creativity, curiosity, communication, an adaptive mindset, philanthropy and project management.

Students are given multiple opportunities to meet, discuss and gather feedback on their ideas and plans with local industry professionals, or college parents who are business owners and/or operators.

Excelling students are encouraged to take up real world mentoring with experienced business leaders.



Year





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Years 11-12: Certificate III In Business (BSB30120)

Years

11-12

This qualification reflects the job roles of individuals across various products and services that are likely to be starting up or managing their own companies.

These individuals carry out a wide range of procedural, clerical, administrative and operational tasks that require technology and business skills.

They apply a broad range of competencies using their own judgment and academic knowledge.

Therefore, these advanced students are expected to engage in authentic and practical business experiences, and involve themselves in external industry and community-based programs and forums throughout Years 9-12.



Canterbury's External Industry & Community Based Programs

Entrepreneur In Residence Scheme: Since 2022, we've based leading entrepreneurs on campus to provide direct industry expertise to our staff and students – both with real world business advice and counseling around launching new start-ups.

Young Business Leaders Program: Start-Up Business Ideas Breakfast Showcase Market Stalls, Industry Breakfast Feedback Session and Official Start-Up Business Launch Event Finale.

Beenleigh Yatala Junior Chamber of Commerce: Annual School Business Breakfast Series Presentations & Final Student Small Business Exhibition.

Beenleigh Chamber Beats: FREE community event where students publicly showcase their startup businesses to gauge market interest, conduct surveys, and showcase prototypes to make relevant improvements to their services and/or products.

Something Fest: Queensland's innovation economy five-day festival, designed to strengthen big and small company capabilities; increase government, industry and emerging start-ups collaborations; and showcase current business innovations.

Logan Youth Action Group: A local group for 14-24 year-olds who are passionate about making a positive difference in their community, by representing young people to the Logan City Council and turning ideas into exciting civic projects.

YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament: Members are the 'voice of youth' in their local electorate, advising politicians while immersing themselves in non-school education, experiencing parliament firsthand, mingling with serving members, and having their say on topical issues across a six-month program. In a small team they also get to write a Bill proposing a law reform they are passionate about, then have the special opportunity to debate their Bill at Brisbane's Parliament House.

Future Anything National Business Idea Competition:

Supported by fully resourced and curriculum aligned programs, this competition encourages youth to embark on a journey of self-discovery, and uses entrepreneurship to empower them with the knowledge, skills, support, partnerships and national media coverage to develop actual business ideas that really solve problems.

Each year, Canterbury College secondary business students also undertake the **Secondary School BOP Industries World Innovation Excursion** and **Logan Big Ideas Excursion** to see other local schools' and groups' innovate business products and services, to inspire their own entrepreneurial ideas and project work.

Canterbury College: Annual United Nations Day Festival

Various business students assumed the role of HR and marketing leaders to manage the College's major United Nations Day multicultural community festival, fostering real world connections as they built marketing campaigns for local businesses to support this important event.

Canterbury College: Annual The Future Of Education Youth Summit



The College hosts an immersive full-day networking event, designed to bring together high school students from across South-East Queensland with ours, as they work to shape their futures as aspiring young professionals.

Participants explore how they can connect, collaborate and co-create on their path toward career success, while building long-term work and life skills.

Our students hear from inspiring speakers, network with other students, share their ideas, and voice their opinions.

