St Benedict’s Catholic College is a systemic Catholic high school established by the Diocese of Wollongong in 2011 to serve the Parishes of the western Macarthur region, specifically, Camden, Picton and The Oaks. Our students come from Bringelly and Edmonson Park in the north through to Bargo, Tahmoor and Douglas Park in the south and The Oaks and Orangeville in the west.

St Benedict’s is a co-educational College with 539 students in Years 7 to 11 in 2015, growing to Year 12 in 2016, with an additional intake of up to 180 students. Currently the students are supported by 42 teaching staff and 14 support staff.

The College is located on 15 acres in the heart of the rapidly developing Catherine Field South precinct adjacent to Harrington Grove and Oran Park. Stages 1 & 2 of the building programme, including our Technology Suite of three buildings, double-storey Hospitality Complex with classrooms, the College Café, Visual Art Centre as well as courts for basketball, netball and volleyball, are completed. Stage 3, which includes staff facilities and the new Science block, is due to be completed by Term 3. The construction of Stage 4, which will involve the addition of a second 2 storey classroom block as well as the College Library, will commence in April 2015 with occupation due for 2016.

As a systemic Catholic high school, St Benedict’s offers a full and comprehensive curriculum as well as offering a range of extra curricula activities across all Key Learning Areas, with significant extra curricula opportunities afforded in the Creative Arts. Our High Performers programme seeks to extend students who have performed exceptionally in a variety of assessments, with extra curricula opportunities through the University of New South Wales and the University of Western Sydney, as well as alternate assessments at College level. The college also caters for a variety of students with particular learning needs with a variety of support structures in place to provide meaningful opportunities to engage with the curriculum. In Sport, we are a member of the Macarthur Independent Schools Association and have representative sporting pathways for our students at Diocesan and State levels.

As a Catholic high school, St Benedict’s Catholic College strives to be an inclusive, tolerant and pastorally caring place of learning where, in the words of St Benedict, “the strong have something to strive for and the weak nothing to run from”. Our Academic Care Programme which involves each child being mentored by a tutor, targets learning improvement and begins with its foundation, the understanding that a child’s learning is inextricably linked to their whole of life experiences.

Over the first decade, the students have the unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, to craft and mould the shape of the intellectual and cultural life of the school and have a strong voice in the structures that will stand as part of the College for many years to come. It is a unique opportunity for families to be part of a strong, vibrant faith-filled learning community.