

# HUNTINGTOWER

Early Learning to Year 12 Co-Educational School



## Huntingtower

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**Strategic Direction**

*Towards 100 years  
and beyond*





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# Foreword



By **Andrew Houghton** (School Principal) and  
**Peter Thompson** (Board President).

A school community serves its students well when it is inspirational and engaging. After extensive consultation we have developed a strategic direction that will lead us towards our centenary of quality education and community partnership and beyond.

The development of the Strategic Direction has been a consultative process led by the School Executive, supported by the School Board and with input from the school community. We thank all members of the community who have contributed to this direction.

Our motto is “Nosce te Ipsum” or “Know Thy (True) Self”. Huntingtower is committed to building community and encouraging students to understand who they are while embracing their unlimited potential. We support and inspire all students to be the very best that they can, and always reinforce a positive culture of kindness and excellence in everything they do.

Huntingtower has educated generations of students since it opened its doors in 1927 and embraces its future with enthusiasm and commitment. Through strong values based on Christian Science, expert teaching, dedicated staff, beautiful grounds, and high expectations of personal and academic growth, Huntingtower continues to achieve much success in academic and co-curricular pursuits. This tradition forms the strong foundation for our Strategic Direction.

Implementing this direction will ensure that Huntingtower respects its heritage and provides a contemporary education that will see the school and its students continue to flourish and Huntingtower respected in the community well into the future.



**Andrew Houghton**  
School Principal



**Peter Thompson**  
Board President



# Mission and Purpose



## We Are Huntingtower

The Mission and Purpose of Huntingtower is to be a “beneficial presence in the world, to uplift thought and to bless mankind. God is Divine Mind. Every child expresses the infinite intelligence of God and as such they are unlimited. We encourage every child to use their innate intelligence, and have it expressed in everything they do.”

There are no limits to what our students can do and be. Students are encouraged to take up the challenge and strive to demonstrate their unlimited potential. Starting from the basis of unlimited intelligence, love and supply, our expectations for each student are that they can and will change the world. Every student is expected to be a leader in our community and in the community at large.

## Our Motto

The motto Nosce te Ipsum is a Latin translation of the demand that is made of each Huntingtower student: ‘Know Thy (True) Self’.

## Our Values

Consistent with the foundations and values of Huntingtower, students and staff aspire to always demonstrate:

**Kindness** – Always be kind, in all ways!

**Respect** – To others, yourself, your environment.

**Excellence** – In all you do.



Know Thy True Self





# Strategic Priorities



1

## People & Culture

We will continue to build a safe and positive community that strives for excellence and expresses respect and kindness.

2

## Learning Pathways

We will continue to deliver curriculum, teaching and learning that are engaging and academically rigorous and lead to students' preferred pathways.

3

## Connected Community

We will listen purposefully and build strong relationships with our community through timely communication and genuine interactions.

4

## Places & Spaces

We will build further facilities and environments that support learning and community connection.





# 1 People and Culture



We will continue to build a **safe and positive** community that **strives for excellence** and **expresses respect and kindness**.

## We will achieve this by:

- Continuing to attract, retain and develop the highest quality staff who reflect the values of Huntingtower
- Promoting governance and leadership across Huntingtower that is inclusive with succession planning for key positions
- Developing the role of the Chaplaincy Team within the school to help support students and the community
- Developing a culture of safety through high quality risk and compliance policy and procedures
- Enhancing a culture of positive education throughout Huntingtower
- Developing residential and adventure opportunities for students that build independence and social entrepreneurship
- Encouraging confidence, collaboration and team spirit and developing skills through our cultural, sporting and co-curricular programmes

## Impact:

- A team of dedicated staff who feel valued and maintain a strong sense of community and academic culture
- Students and staff who are resilient and promote unlimited potential and a positive outlook for the future
- The community is uplifted by the Christian Science values of kindness and respect
- Huntingtower continues to be a safe place to work and learn
- Students develop a sense of adventure and willingness to engage in community activities
- Sound decision making and security for the future





# Learning Pathways

We will continue to deliver curriculum, teaching and learning that are **engaging and academically rigorous** and lead to **students' preferred pathways**.

## We will achieve this by:

- Continuously reviewing and improving our curriculum and exploring diverse learning pathways and co-curricular activities for our students
- Further developing our Futures and Careers Programme
- Exploring the best way to implement micro credentialling
- Implementing a Learning Management System (LMS) that better supports teaching, learning and feedback to students and parents
- Strengthening and promoting our commitment to “Teaching for Understanding” as our basis for curriculum
- Developing strategic partnerships with tertiary institutions to support student pathways

## Impact:

- High quality and academically rigorous curriculum that leads to positive post school pathways
- Continued outstanding student results across the curriculum and co-curricular activities
- Students make informed decision about post school opportunities
- Students collect micro qualifications that are acknowledged and valued by employers and the community
- Students, staff and parents are able to access and share the information they need to support learning and wellbeing
- The school community has a shared understanding of and mutual commitment to how we design our curriculum
- Students attain their preferred post school pathways





We will **listen purposefully** and **build strong relationships** with our community through timely communication and **genuine interactions**.

We will achieve this by:

- Implementing a unified communication platform that makes it easier for families to remain connected, share information and provide feedback
- Encouraging philanthropic support for Huntingtower and new initiatives
- Establishing a Development Office that promotes the achievements of Huntingtower in the local, national and international community
- Developing high quality online presentation forums to share the many “HT Spotlights”
- Building a strong and supportive alumni community
- Maintaining strong links with the Christian Science community

Impact:

- School communications are informative, engaging, timely and connect families with the school
- Student opportunities are enriched through a culture of philanthropy
- The amazing achievements of the Huntingtower community are celebrated
- Each student’s and staff member’s contribution and progress are recognised with gratitude and respect
- Continued strong enrolments
- The various programmes and areas of Huntingtower are well understood by the community
- Huntingtower is well supported by the Alumni and supporter base





# 4 Places and Spaces



We will build further **facilities and environments** that **support learning** and **community connection**.

## We will achieve this by:

- Developing and implementing a Facilities Masterplan which includes all sub-schools, recreation facilities and administration services
- Exploring the feasibility of an online campus to support the existing and broader community
- Preserving the strong sense of environment, landscaping and gardens
- Carefully managing the financial and operational impact of building works so that Huntingtower can continue to operate at full capacity

## Impact:

- Our learning and recreational areas promote connection, collaboration and curiosity
- Huntingtower can provide quality education globally through online initiatives
- Redevelopment of the Junior School, Library, Administration and Arts Precincts
- Our gardens and grounds promote a strong sense of wellbeing and a connection to the outdoors and nature





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