

# Students' Thriving For Personal Best



The school experience sets the foundation for a child's life. Not only academically, but socially, emotionally, and spiritually as well. Here at Australian Christian College in Singleton, we respect each child as a unique person.

Every student has dignity as God's image bearer. This world view sets the tone for interactions between teachers and students, and between students. Behavior problems are dealt with, without condemnation. Bullying is not tolerated.

An aspect that's really exciting here is our focus on students achieving their personal best in learning. Our academic vision isn't for every student to become a genius. Clearly this is unrealistic given that we all have different strengths and talents. What we do expect is continual improvement in our students academic results.

In most schools, student correlate a 'D' in maths for example, with a mindset of, "I'm no good at maths." Whereas at ACC, because the students focus on beating their own personal best, instead of comparing themselves to their classmates, a 'D' in maths serves only as a baseline from which to move forward. We focus on improvement and progress, not on grades. There is no doubt students are growing in their learning. Parent after Parent are relaying their delight in the progress being made by their children here.

Students don't jump from D's to A's overnight but they can make improvements with the right mindset, support, and learning plan.