

GROW IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE







# Welcome

## to the Casino Christian School Community



Established in 1995 as a ministry of the Presbyterian Church, Casino Christian School remains strongly committed to its core values of Knowledge, Grace and Wisdom in the light of the Gospel.

The holistic approach to Christian education at Casino Christian School means that we deliver the best educational outcomes for each student by focusing on the whole person. Through this approach, we equip young people for God-honouring and fulfilling lives.

Within the beautiful Richmond Valley, we offer a unique Kindergarten to Year 12, whole-family schooling opportunity. We invite prospective families to take advantage of our quiet, semi-rural setting where students enjoy the benefits of consistency and stability throughout their schooling.

The vision for our school is based on Christian community and a sense of belonging. Our goal is to see parents, church and the school work together in genuine partnerships. Together we nurture students to help them discover and use their God-given gifts and abilities.

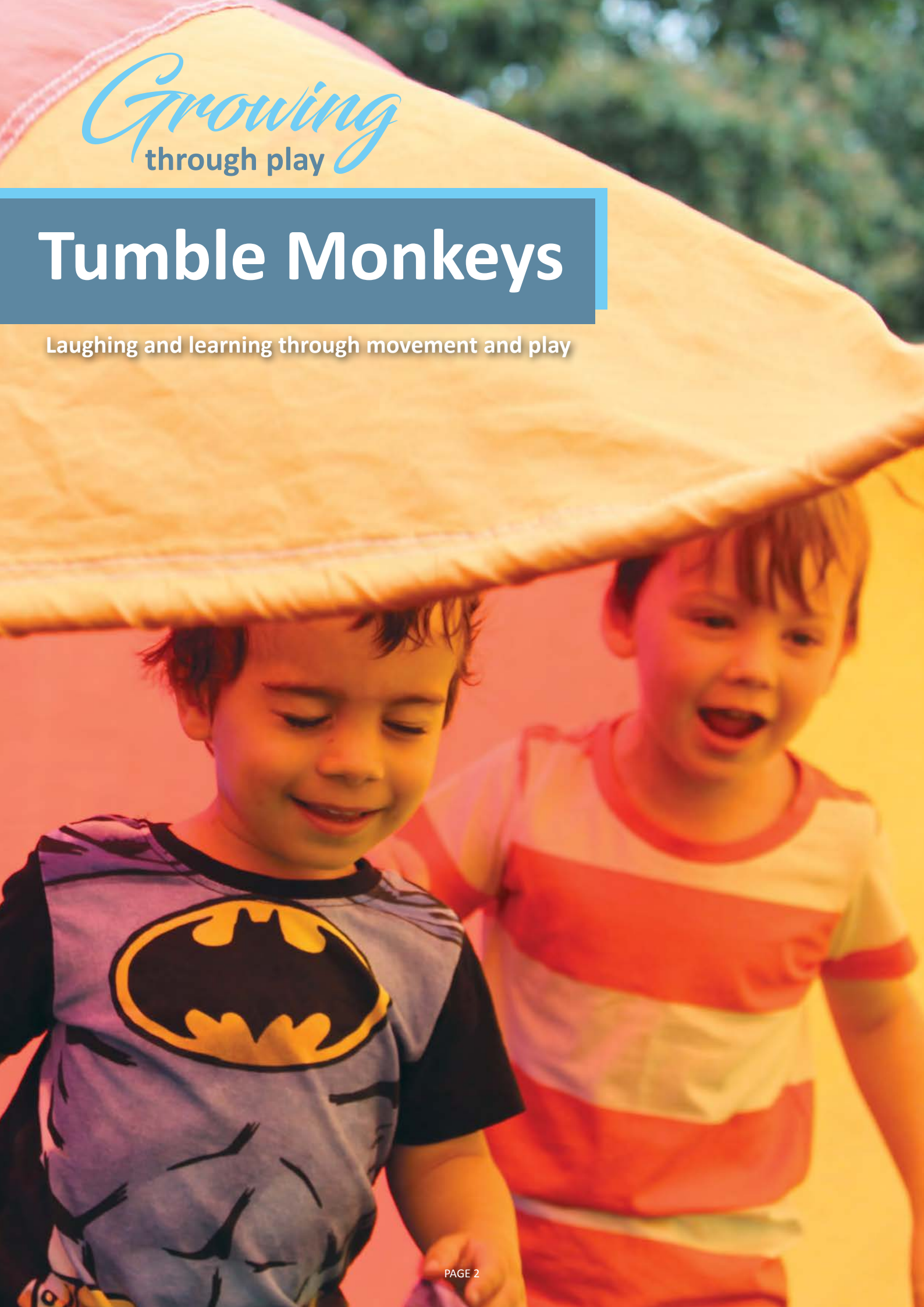
At Casino Christian School, it is our privilege to watch our students transform into mature young people who are confident and ready to embrace life beyond our doors. Growing through education into this maturity of knowledge and character gives students the best opportunity to flourish and thrive.



*Growing*  
through play

# Tumble Monkeys

Laughing and learning through movement and play



# Growing through play



Tumble Monkeys is an exciting program for young children with their carers. It encourages learning through play and physical activity.

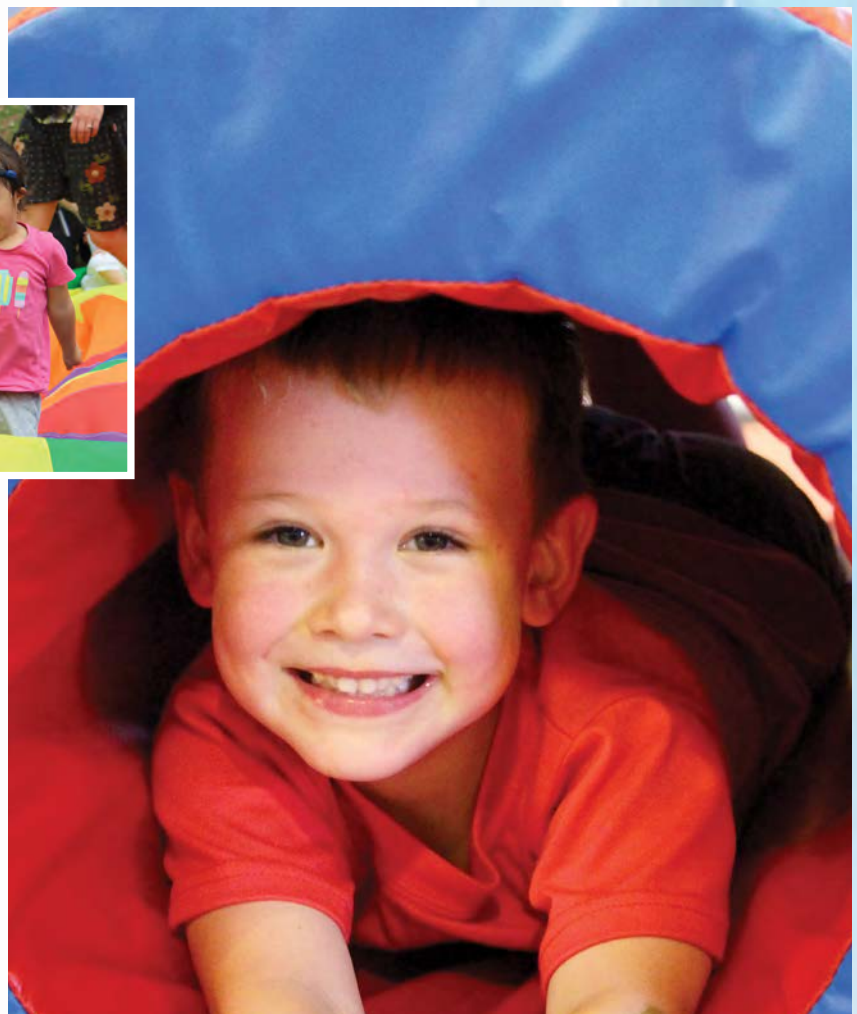
The weekly program nurtures growing minds and bodies with engaging, active play. Children find joy in the exploration of movement and space, and gain confidence in themselves all while building friendships and developing social interaction skills.

The morning is semi-structured so that with the free-play there are a variety of skills and developmental focus areas for each particular week. Examples of this include: Jumping, Dancing, Ducking and Diving, Balance and Ball Skills, Bubbles and Bouncing, and Gym Skills. Children love the different ways to play and explore, think and move.

The warm and inviting environment fosters a sense of community for both adults and

children, with morning tea and friendly conversations a regular part of each morning.

Tumble Monkeys, as an extension of CCS, welcomes all members of the community with preschool children. Feel welcome to join our weekly sessions, which run on a casual fee basis - \$5 for the first child, \$1 for any additional children with infants under one free.



**“My daughter has been going since before she could walk and has loved the endless fun each week”**







*Growing*  
in Confidence

# Transition to School

Nurturing growing minds and bodies







# Growing in Confidence

School is an exciting place of learning and community and our Transition to School program helps students prepare for the start of the schooling journey in a beautifully nurturing way. The program allows students to learn classroom routines, build a relationship with their teacher and peers, develop their sense of community belonging and grow in excitement for the next stage of learning. We find that students who have undertaken the Transition to School program begin Kindergarten, calm, confident, ready to achieve their best and be happy at school.

With experimentation and play a key part of the program, students' natural curiosity is nurtured in an environment which promotes the wonder of learning. The educational benefits of the program are evident too. Our program incorporates activities that develop students' phonological awareness and numerical skills. This means that students are well positioned to take the next step to reading, writing, and numerical competency when they begin Kindergarten.

Our Transition to School program is for students in the year before they commence Kindergarten. The program runs in the second semester of each year (Terms 3 and 4) where students attend one day per week.

***Students who go through the program start Kindergarten ready to learn, confident and excited about schooling.***

**'My kids loved coming to Transition. It gave them a sense of the school community and made for a very smooth and relaxed start to Kindy'**

**- parent**











*Growing*  
in Knowledge

# Primary School

Learning, Loving and Living within  
a Christian worldview







# Growing in Knowledge



The aim for our Primary students is to *develop a love of learning*, with a sense of *excitement and joy*. We believe that all students are gifted and talented and that students learn best when they are happy and engaged. Our environment fosters a cooperative approach to learning that encourages students' imagination and creativity.

The small school environment ensures that *each student is known and valued* for who they are. We endeavour to build strong and meaningful relationships with families and teach from the standpoint that we are partners with parents in the education of their children.

Primary School is foundational to a student's life-long educational experience. It underpins their learning into adolescence and adulthood. At Casino Christian School, students do not 'slip through the gaps'. Students are taught with the *highest academic standards* in an environment which is nurturing and stimulating.

From Kindergarten to Year 6, we want children to:

- Love school,
- Feel safe and happy,
- Grow in their ability to learn,
- Be respected and cared for,
- Learn about God's world and how it relates to their lives.

The focus of these 'growing in knowledge' years, is to lay a *firm foundation* for each student as they continue to grow and mature as *life-long learners*.

We endorse and promote the view that there are strong educational benefits when parents are part of the learning process.



*Growing*  
in Grace

# Secondary School

Building resilient, self-motivated learners





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**‘The change in my  
child’s attitude since  
coming to CCS, has  
been amazing’**

– parent of high school student





# Growing in Grace



Growing in Grace is a fundamental concept underpinning our Secondary School. *CCS is a place of striving towards both academic excellence and growth in personal maturity and character.* We guide and support students through the period of adolescence when they experience significant cognitive, emotional and physical growth.

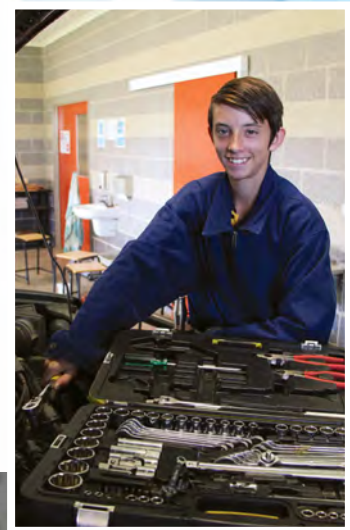
During this stage, we want our students to grow in their Christian faith and values, resourcefulness and resilience so they can be self-motivated learners, equipped to be able to confidently and graciously engage with the world around them.

We offer a *wide range of elective subjects* alongside the core elements of the curriculum, ensuring that all subjects are taught from a *Christian worldview*. With a vision towards Senior Secondary school we provide students with opportunities to develop personal interests and talents, cultivating our young people's creativity, design thinking and problem-solving skills shaping leadership in all students.

Our Secondary School Staff have a strong professional commitment to building a learning system based around community and with a Christian ethos. Teachers are highly invested in their students, educationally and emotionally, supporting them in their faith and creating an environment where students and teachers can work closely together.

‘I love how when we come here, we can go into the classrooms and we are here to learn, without all the distractions’

– Yr 8 Student





*Growing*  
in Wisdom

# Senior School

Equipping Students for life













# Growing in Wisdom



Wisdom is the practical culmination of knowledge and grace. It is the ability to make good decisions, having a mature understanding about oneself and the world. In the Senior Secondary years (Years 11 and 12) at Casino Christian School, we believe wisdom leads to *academic success, personal growth* and *integrity*. This is the key for our senior students as they complete their schooling and move toward future endeavours.

*Critical thinking, resilience, leadership* and *creativity* are what we promote in our Senior students' lives. We know the importance of multi-faceted education and provide many opportunities in and out of the classroom for Leadership, Sports, Community Service, and Creative and Performing Arts.

We offer an extensive range of senior subjects with new subjects added each year. We also support students who wish to study other electives via Distance Education. All subjects except Mathematics and English are taught in a compressed model.

The outstanding results achieved by our alumni demonstrate the effectiveness of this model and our teaching programs. CCS is a place where students reach goals and maximise their potential.

We are committed to providing:

- the highest level of academic rigour
- a strong sense of community and belonging
- quality, experienced and highly dedicated teachers.

This commitment, alongside *our focus on the whole person* and Christian faith and values, means Casino Christian School is the best choice for Senior High in the Northern Rivers and Richmond Valley districts.

**'The small class sizes means you can really focus on your studies and receive great individualised support from teachers.'**

– Yr 11 Student





# *Growing* in Faith

## *We Believe...*

- *in the Divine inspiration, the infallibility and supreme authority of the Old and New Testaments in their entirety and that the Holy Spirit so moved the writers that what they wrote are authoritative statements of truth for all matters of faith and conduct.*
- *there is one God in whom there are three equal Divine Persons, revealed as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and who of His own sovereign will created the heavens, the earth and all that is contained in the Universe.*
- *the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternally existing, only begotten Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. As God He became flesh and dwelt among us: as man He was God.*
- *all people are in a fallen, sinful and lost condition through the rebellion of Adam and Eve, who were created without sin, and in this state of depravity are helpless to save themselves and are under the condemnation of God to eternal punishment in Hell.*
- *it is the Holy Spirit alone who convicts people of sin; leads them to repentance; creates faith within them and regenerates and fills those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord. It is the indwelling Spirit who bestows the Gifts of the Spirit and manifests the Fruit of the Spirit in the believer.*
- *Christ died for our sins, was buried and the third day rose from the dead: that He appeared to real people who touched Him and knew His bodily presence and that He ascended to His Father.*
- *the Lord Jesus Christ will return in person with His saints and that the full consummation of the Kingdom of God awaits His return.*
- *those who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit will receive a resurrection body at the return of Jesus Christ and be forever with the Lord, while those who have not believed will be resurrected to stand at the Judgement Seat of God to receive His judgement and eternal condemnation to Hell.*
- *in the actual existence of Satan who is the father of all evil and opposed to God although ultimately subject to the purposes of God and destined to be confined forever to Hell.*
- *the Church is the Body of Christ composed of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, which finds its visible manifestation in the local community of believers and ministers through the co-operative exercise of God-given gifts by the entire membership. Each local community of believers is competent under Christ as Head of the Church to order its life without interference from any authority whether civil or ecclesiastical.*

*Grow in Grace and Knowledge*

2 Peter 3:18



# *Growing* in Grace and Knowledge



## *Our Vision*

To see parents, church and school working together to educate children from a Christian perspective, and so equip them to live lives that are honouring to Christ.

*We want enrolment of your children at Casino Christian School to be one of the best decisions you've ever made.*







## Getting to school

Getting to school is very easy and convenient for families.

We run two private buses servicing the Kyogle, Lismore and North Casino areas, and along with the local bus companies for Casino and Coraki students, our easy transport options make getting to school hassle free.



*For further information and enrolment inquiries, or to book a private tour contact us:*

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