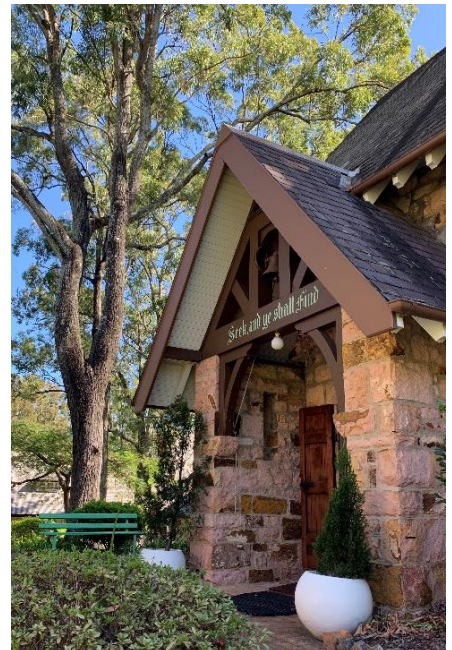


# ST FRANCIS COLLEGE



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ANGLICAN CHURCH  
SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

## The Prayer of St Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*Where there is injury, pardon;*

*Where there is doubt, faith;*

*Where there is despair, hope;*

*Where there is darkness, light;*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O, Divine Master,*

*Grant that I may not so much seek*

*to be consoled as to console;*

*To be understood as to understand;*

*To be loved as to love;*

*For it is in giving that we receive;*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;*

*It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*



## Letter from the Executive Director and Principal

*Dear Reader*

*It is my pleasure to introduce you to what we offer at St Francis College and the work of the Ministry Education Commission of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland.*

*Located in the beautiful grounds of the heritage-listed Old Bishopsbourne at Milton, St Francis College has a long history of theological education and formation for ordination programs.*



*We offer a range of courses as a member College of the University of Divinity, as well as formation for ordination programs, short courses in lay education, spiritual direction formation programs and professional development opportunities for those engaged in a variety of ministries including youth camp leadership. There is a pattern of daily prayer in the chapel.*

*All members of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland are welcome to join the well-resourced Roscoe Library.*

*At St Francis College, we host Diocesan meetings, public lectures and workshops. Our facilities are also open to external groups for functions, conferences, retreats and both short stay and long-term residential accommodation. You may also be interested in making a booking for the Pointro campsite in the beautiful Scenic Rim area of Southern Queensland. Our community garden, 'Baroona Farm' is located on the disused tennis court and provides food for the nutritionally vulnerable.*

*Please don't hesitate to make contact with one of our staff to discuss study opportunities, visit our library, book a function space or overnight accommodation at our beautiful oasis in Milton.*

*Ruth Mathieson*

**The Rev'd Dr Ruth Mathieson**

*Principal, St Francis College*

*Executive Director, Ministry Education Commission*

## PROGRAMS

St Francis College hosts a number of programs including university courses, formation for ordination, lay education programs, spiritual direction formation, and youth programs.



### St Francis Theological College

#### Our Academic Courses

St Francis Theological College is the university college within St Francis College that offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in collaboration with the University of Divinity.

Our degrees are delivered by highly qualified lecturers dedicated to providing students with a comprehensive, rigorous, and vibrant theological education.

St Francis Theological College teaches across the disciplines of Biblical Studies (and languages), Church History, Mission & Ministry, and Systematic Theology.

#### UNDERGRADUATE:

Bachelor of Theology

Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

Diploma in Theology

Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity

#### POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK

Master of Divinity

Graduate Diploma in Divinity

Graduate Certificate in Divinity

#### RESEARCH HIGHER DEGREES:

Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology

Master of Philosophy

Doctor of Philosophy



Better serve your church with a Diploma in Theology



Explore, understand & grow your faith with a Bachelor of Theology

Develop your skills with a Graduate Certificate in Divinity

## OUR VALUES

St Francis Theological College advances Christian theological education and faith formation within St Francis College and the context of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland.

We seek:

- ❖ to prepare our students for loving service by enabling their personal development within a welcoming and diverse community.
- ❖ to be a faithful and flourishing community of students, academics, and support staff who desire to serve Jesus Christ through the transformation of individuals and our wider community.
- ❖ through Comprehensive Anglicanism, to engage our community and our wider society and aid its orientation towards justice, peace, and reconciliation.
- ❖ to provide academic programs that are rigorous, imaginative, engaging, and comprehensive.
- ❖ to welcome everyone into our community: we are committed to creating a safe and supportive environment within which anyone can explore Christian theology.

### Who should study with St Francis?

Everyone is welcome to study at St Francis. Our students come from every walk of life and stage of life. From young people just out of high school to retirees.

Theological education is for everybody. It can be a short journey that helps you deepen your faith by learning more about the Bible, theology or the history of the Church.

Or it can be a longer pathway to serving your church as a licensed preacher, as a chaplain or religious education teacher in an Anglican school or called to ordained ministry.



*I certainly recommend studying theology at St Francis. The lecturers were so full of encouragement, of love for their work and for sharing their huge depth of knowledge. It was never an effort to go online and study, and I am still enthused and inspired today.*

Joe Wright, Principal, Fraser Coast Anglican College and Graduate Certificate of Theology Student.

## Ordained Ministry Formation

SFC has a rich tradition of ministry formation of ordination candidates since 1897. The environment at our Milton campus imbues peace and a sense of spirituality that would not be available at any other site. The experience of this heritage site is invaluable to the spiritual development of ordination candidates and the building of collegiality and community.

The ordination discernment process progresses through three stages designed to test (Seeker/Enquirer), then confirm (Discernment) and finally prepare (Formation) those offering for ordained ministry to take up their calling. Candidates who have been selected for ordained ministry, either as deacons or as priests, participate in the Ordained Ministry Formation Program, normally of three years' duration.

The Formation Program covers personal and spiritual formation, pastoral care training, Anglican ecclesial understanding and leadership development. It includes the following components:

- An expectation of daily prayer and corporate worship
- Five formation intensive weekends each year
- A supervised field placement, usually in a parish
- An annual silent retreat
- Clinical Pastoral Care



This program complements the academic program, the Bachelor of Theology or Master of Divinity.

Prior to being selected to join the Formation Program, candidates are required to fulfil a period of Reflection and assessment. This is referred to as Discernment.

If you are feeling the call to ministry and wish to find out about the journey, or the stages and process are please go to our website Anglican Church Southern Queensland:  
[www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/vocations/process](http://www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/vocations/process) or contact us at [vocations@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:vocations@anglicanchurchsq.org.au).

## FormEdFaith Program

FormEdFaith stands for formation, education and faith.

Operating since 2016, FormEdFaith was established to continue the good work begun by the first 360 seminar, BIBLE360 Introduction to the Bible. The FormEdFaith Team at St Francis College is Jonathan Sargeant and Fiona Hammond.



In order to help people understand and grow their faith, the FormEdFaith team resources parishes and other ministry units in the diocese through the development and delivery of faith formation materials. These materials can be

*The most informative and exciting teaching on the Bible I've experienced in my 40 odd years as a Lay Minister.*

used for face-to-face workshops or online videos which come complete with discussion questions for individuals and groups. The website [formedfaith.org](http://formedfaith.org) highlights these resources, as well as showcasing others the team curate from around the globe. The

Formedfaith team also advocate for faith formation around the diocese and beyond, facilitating other workshops and consultations, guest preaching and resourcing the episcopal team.

There are a number of deep-delving 360 Project Workshops to choose from in three streams (MISSION360, FAITH360 and BIBLE360) and each explores life-changing challenges with practical outcomes.

FormEdFaith has created a two-camera studio at St Francis College, in Lecture Room 3. With green screen and plain backdrop capabilities, the room is set up for video creation at a moment's notice. Most of the St Francis College Short Courses and other videos have been created using this facility.

For more information about how FormEdFaith can help you, go to [www.formedfaith.org](http://www.formedfaith.org).

## Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is defined as “help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God’s personal communication, to respond to that personal communication, to grow in intimacy with God and live out the consequences of the relationship. The focus of this type of spiritual direction is on experience, not ideas, and specifically on the



religious dimension of experience ie that dimension of any experience that evokes the presence of the mysterious Other whom we call God.”

*William A Barry & William J Connolly ‘The Practice of Spiritual Direction’ (Rev and updated ed) NY: Harper One, 2009, pp 8 - 9.*

The St Francis Spiritual Direction Formation Program is made up of both theoretical and practical studies conducted on-line in a contemplative learning environment.

This environment is characterized by periods of input, times of silence and pondering, sharing in small groups, and learning activities using scripture, art, music, movement and poetry.

This contemplative learning model aims to inculcate a deep listening attentiveness in the student thus enabling them to adopt of a same stance towards their directees, and thus fulfil the aims of spiritual direction as defined by Barry & Connolly above.

The Spiritual Direction Formation program at St Francis College offers a 4 year Part-time Certificate in Spiritual Direction and a 1 year Introductory Part-time course in The Art of Contemplative Listening. For more information about Spiritual Direction courses, go to <https://www.stfran.qld.edu.au/spiritual-direction-formation-program>



## AYCF

The Anglican Youth Children and Families (AYCF) provides a platform for young people to explore their faith. The AYCF caters for both school children and young adults.

Young Adults have access to regular events such as Young Adult Worship nights; Camps & Retreats and other social catchups.

The AYCF is responsible for hosting the Ichthus 'Camping Ministry' program, a program which has been running in Southern Qld since 2002. These residential camps are run during the school holidays and vary in length from four to six days long. Each camp program is unique in regards to what theme it will cover, however every camp has a morning program of worship, talks, reflection time, and small groups and an afternoon/evening program of fun activities and games.

The goal for the Ichthus ministry is to strengthen and expand God's community and provide a safe and welcoming environment in which young people can grow in their faith. While this is something we may not be able to measure quantifiably, helping young people to know and understand Jesus is something that we should all be aiming to achieve.

[www.aycf.org.au](http://www.aycf.org.au)

“AYCF has helped me grow as a leader, it has helped equip me to train the volunteers of the Children's Ministry Team in the parish, through meeting other Children & Youth Ministers in the diocese and encouraging attendance at conferences.

*Emma Williams, Camp Leader*



## FACILITIES

The College and its chapel sit within a 'hidden garden' of nine acres in the middle of Milton; a setting which invites reflection and study.

Our grounds and beautiful heritage buildings are in a convenient, central Brisbane location, close to Milton train station and bus routes, with plenty of onsite parking.

### Roscoe Library

The Roscoe Library at St Francis College holds current, relevant and engaging print and electronic resources.

As well as substantial works to support academic study in the traditional areas of biblical studies, systematic theology, church history and ministry studies, the collection provides for faith formation, spiritual direction, chaplaincy, youth work, children's ministry and clergy professional development.

Our collection strengths include Anglicanism, emerging theologies, social and environmental justice, visual arts and film.

*To me, the Roscoe Library is without doubt one of most valuable missional offerings and resources of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland.*

*Bronwyn Pagram, Parish Priest, Goodna Anglican*

Membership is free for those actively involved in the Anglican Church Southern Queensland, or currently enrolled at the University of Divinity. For others, there is a modest registration fee of \$75 per annum. Qualified staff are available to help you find, select, access, and use resources.

All interested people are invited to join our free book club, Reading with Spiritual Eyes, where we explore four fiction books each year.



The Roscoe Library provides a welcoming and comfortable environment with after-hours access for enrolled students.



## Functions and Conferences

The majestic heritage-listed building Old Bishopsbourne is used as a function centre for both community and private functions such as seminars, art shows, workshops, and conferences. Its cloistered verandas, stunning grounds, large kitchen, and adjacent chapel, make it the perfect venue for weddings.



*The beautiful Chapel of the Holy Spirit is used for daily prayer, and Sunday Eucharists by the Milton parish. It is available for hire by the general community for occasions such as baptisms, weddings and funerals*

## Lecture Rooms

There are 2 Lecture Rooms large rooms which can be used for the purposes of conference/seminars and functions. Equipped with modern tables and chairs; state of the art wi-fi and audio-visual equipment, these rooms are designed for in-person and online lectures and conferencing.

Rooms are available for 4 -70 people.



**Lecture Room 1**

## Rental Accommodation (Short & Long Term)

### *Long Term Accommodation*

Two and three bedroom units as well as single rooms with shared facilities are available for rent to a variety of Formation students, refugee families, staff and other church and community members on a long-term basis.



### *Short Term Accommodation*

Rooms are also available for short term hire when you are attending lectures, workshops, or conferences. These basic rooms are equipped with bed, desk, fan, and TV. Kitchen, bathroom, and laundry facilities are shared. Free wi-fi is available. Linen and towels are available on request for an extra fee.



**Main Wing** has a mixture of short and long-term accommodation options

## Pointro Campsite



***Popular Water sports on Maroon Dam – Water skiing, catching Aussie Bass & kayaking***

Pointro is the perfect place for a peaceful weekend getaway with family or friends in very affordable accommodation.

This property is located just over 100 km from Brisbane and offers the option of outdoor camping or hire of a 'bunkhouse'. Hot water for showers, running toilets and firepits are all available to outdoor campers. The roomy 'bunkhouse' which sleeps up to 36 people, contains a huge kitchen, shower/toilet facilities (with plenty of hot water), free satellite TV and a games room.

Located on the edge of a Lake Maroon (Maroon Dam), it is a popular site for water sports, fishing and 'red claw' catching.



***Spectacular views of the Scenic Rim***

The peacefulness, spectacular views and space at Pointro make it the perfect place to run a retreat for young adults or a youth group camp. Located half way between Boonah and Rathdowney, Pointro offers an affordable option to those wishing to explore the Scenic Rim area which is noted for its production of high quality food and wine. For campground bookings, phone Bill on (07) 5463 6209 or [0491 446 271](tel:0491446271). To book the Bunkhouse email [pointro@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:pointro@anglicanchurchsq.org.au).

## Baroona Farm

Baroona Farm is a ministry of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland through which it seeks to fulfil all 5 marks of Mission set out by the Anglican Communion. To 'respond to human need by loving service' and 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'

Baroona Farm 'grows food and community with and for the nutritionally vulnerable'. The community of SFC believe that all people should have access to fresh and nutritious produce following the call of discipleship by Jesus. *'For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'*

Currently all produce is provided to refugees/asylum seekers through the Romero Centre which is operated under Mercy Community Services. The farm engages refugees in horticulture to plant culturally desirable food. Community engagement occurs twice a month through working bees. There are over 20 raised wicking beds in operation.



## CONTACT DETAILS & ENQUIRIES

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## Where we are....

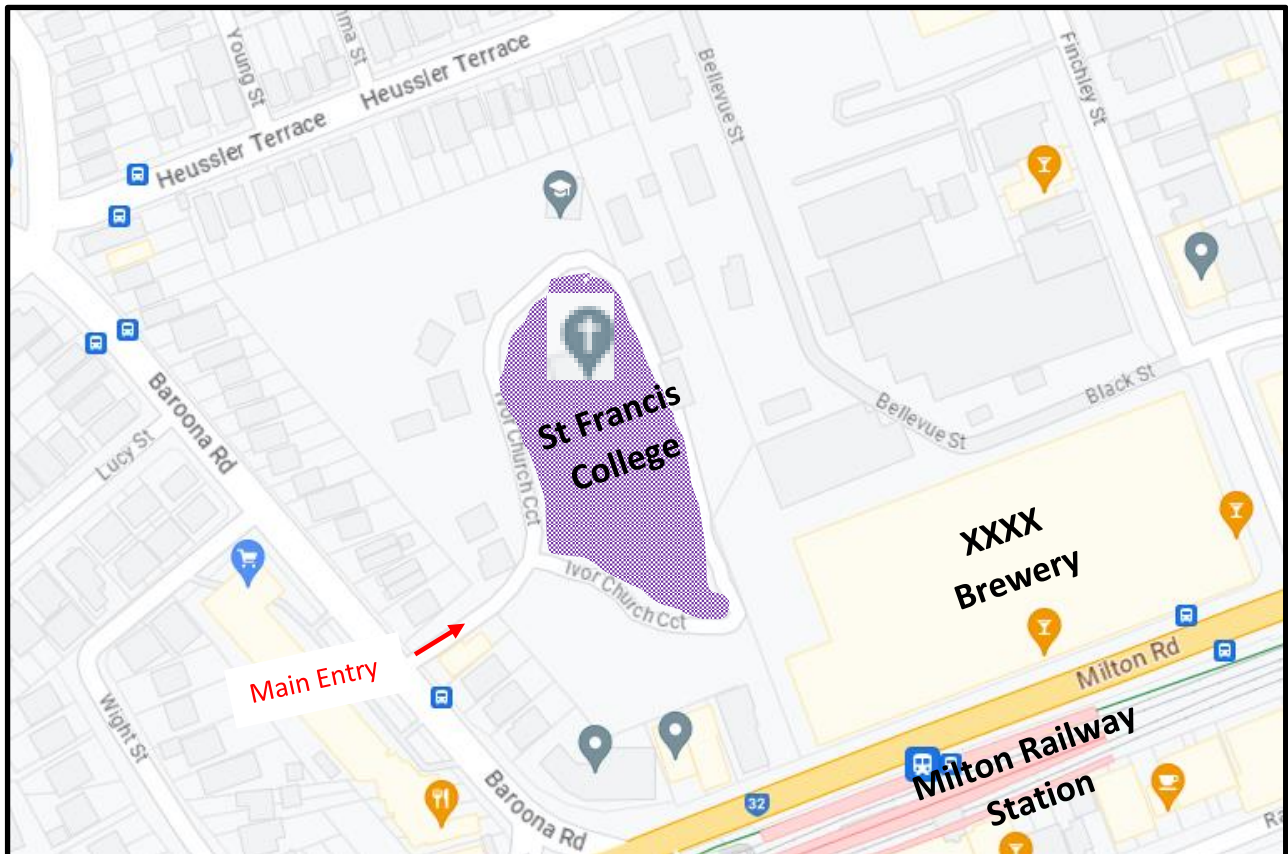
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*With Milton Railway Station just across the road and bus stops in both Baroona Road and Milton Road, St Francis College is easily accessed by public transport. Parking is also available onsite.*