



Natasha Mackinnon

Executive Principal

About Me!

Our Executive Principal, Natasha Mackinnon, brings almost 30 years of educational leadership and teaching experience across the Independent, Catholic and Government school systems in Australia, the USA, and the UK. Natasha has served as a High School Principal in an innovative, project-based learning International Charter School. Natasha's other leadership roles include Assistant Principal - Staff, Junior High Vice Principal, Head of Performing Arts, Head of Music, and School Chaplain. Before joining Leighland Christian School, Natasha was an Assistant Principal at Templestowe College, one of Australia's most forward-thinking Secondary Schools with a global reputation for innovation in education.

Natasha has completed a Master of Educational Leadership, Graduate Diploma of Theology, Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary), Graduate Certificate in Principal Preparation and a Bachelor of Music. Natasha is currently studying an MBA.

Natasha has a deep and active faith in Jesus. Natasha and her husband Rob were church planters for ten years, witnessing many lives transformed through faithful commitment to Christ.

Natasha is committed to contemporary Christian Education and has a passion for each child to fulfil their God given potential to live a full and fruitful life. Natasha believes every student is uniquely created by God and a key aim of education is to personalise learning for every student so each one can become a curious learner, discovering, and living out their unique God given purpose.

Natasha's approach to education is flexible, creative, and collaborative, and will help every student reach their goal whether it be a high ATAR for University entry, an alternative pathway to university entry, pursuing a trade, starting a business or entry into the workforce.

Natasha's family has been committed to Christian Education for decades. Natasha was a Donvale Christian College Inc. Association member, attended Donvale Christian College (DCC) as a student and her sons also attended DCC. The first eight years of Natasha's career in education were established at Heathdale Christian College. Natasha also served as Vice Principal at Heights Christian Junior High School in Los Angeles, USA. Teaching and leading in Christian Schools has played a formative role on Natasha's educational philosophy and practice.