**personal details**

Given Name(s):       Preferred Name:       Last Name:

Street Details:

Suburb:       State:     Postcode:      Country:

Mobile Number:       Email:

Date of Birth:   /  /     Gender: [ ] M [ ] F Marital Status: [ ] Never married [ ] Married [ ] Widowed [ ] Divorced

**citizenship details**

Country of Birth:       Country of Permanent Residence:

Nationality:       Language spoken at home:

Citizenship:       Passport Number:

**Please include a colour copy of your passport (page with photo) with application.**

**medical details**

Do you have any ongoing medical condition or disability which could affect your studies and for which you would like allowance to be made? (If yes, please specify area/s of impairment below) [ ]  NO [ ]  YES

 [ ]  Hearing [ ]  Vision [ ]  Learning [ ]  Medical [ ]  Mobility [ ]  Other:

 Would you like to receive advice on support services, equipment and facilities which may assist you? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

**commencement date & mode of study**

When would you like to commence your studies at the college?

Year:      Semester: *[ ]* 1 [ ]  2 Mode of study: *[ ]* Full-time Department: *[ ]* English [ ]  Chinese

**course (awards are accredited by the Australian College of Theology)**

In which course would you like to study?

Undergraduate *[ ]* Diploma of Ministry [ ]  Diploma of Theology
[ ]  Bachelor of Ministry [ ]  Bachelor of Theology

**If applying for graduate or postgraduate course you must submit all tertiary transcripts with application forms.**

Graduate *[ ]*  Graduate Certificate of Divinity [ ]  Master of Divinity [ ]  Master of Ministry

Postgraduate *[ ]*  Master of Theological Studies [ ]  Master of Theology (Research) [ ]  PhD (Research)

**IELST score**

**Language Qualifications for Non-English Speaking Background Applicants (NESB)**

Candidates who (a) have an assessable qualification that was undertaken solely in English in a listed country OR (b) have been a resident in Australia with English being the language spoken at home and at work for ten (10) or more years are NOT required to provide proof of English Language proficiency for consideration for admission to an ACT course. All other applicants MUST provide proof of English Language proficiency for consideration for admission to an ACT course. Such proof will normally be by provision of the results of an IELTS test (Academic Version). For more information and other allowable tests follow this link <https://www.actheology.edu.au/documents/> to access the ACT Admission Policy – English Language Proficiency. (location of policy on ACT website: Students – Students Policy – Admission, Enrolment, Progress and Graduation)

IELTS test details and dates are available here: <http://www.ielts.org/>

Do you require an English language proficiency test? [ ]  NO [ ]  YES

If you have completed an English language proficiency test within the last five (5) years, please lodge results along with application.

Have you undertaken an IELST test (or equivalent)? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

If yes, please specify results: Overall Score:      Reading & Writing:      Listening & Speaking:

**previous theological studies**

Have you previously undertaken any formal theological training? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO If yes, please specify below:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year start | Year finish | Institution | Course | Completed YES/NO |
|       |       |       |       |       |
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Would you like to obtain recognition of prior learning towards your studies at BST? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

Please provide a photocopy of the relevant transcript with your application if you seek to obtain recognition of prior learning.

Are you considering an application to another college? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO If yes, which one(s):

What is the status of application at the other college(s)?

**educational background**

Please list your secondary education.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name of High School       | Year left school      | Grade completed    |  |

Please list your tertiary and other education.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year start | Year finish | Institution | Course | Completed YES/NO |
|       |       |       |       |       |
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**employment history**

What is your current (or most recent) occupation?

Who is your current (or most recent) employer?       Since when

**finances**

How do you intend to finance your tuition fees and living costs for the duration of your course?
 [ ]  Private Income [ ]  Savings [ ]  Financial Support from church [ ]  Financial Support from family/friends

Please attach recent financial statements with this application (over a period of 3 months) showing evidence of funds to cover travel to Australia and 12 months’ living, course and (for school aged dependants) schooling costs for the student and accompanying family members. For more information refer to <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Student-Visa-Living-Costs-and-Evidence-of-Funds>.

If you have a sponsor e.g. church or family member, please attach a signed letter by the sponsor stating the amount and dates the sponsor will cover and attach recent financial statements (over a period of 3 months) showing evidence of sufficient funds.

**accommodation**

Are you intending to reside at the college? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

If yes what type of accommodation? [ ]  Single dorm room

 [ ]  One bedroom unit [ ]  Two bedroom unit Number of occupants (incl. you)?

**Christian belief**

How long have you known Jesus as your Lord and Saviour?

Which church are you currently attending?

What denomination is this church?

How long have you been attending this church?

What is your present involvement with this church?

**references**

Please provide the names of your Pastor and one mature Christian person, other than a relative, who has known you well for at least 3 years and who is prepared to act as a referee. Note that you should seek their permission and advise them to expect referee papers via email from the College.

**Referee 1: Pastor**

Full Name:

Church:

Phone:

Email:

**Referee 2: Mature Christian**

Full Name:

Church:

Phone:
Email:

**emergency contact details**

Emergency Contact Name:       Relationship:

Contact Number:

Contact Email:

**marketing information**

How did you hear about BST? [ ]  Referral by:       [ ]  Open Night [ ]  Website/Google

 [ ]  Other:

I agree that my name and photo can be used in promotional material for the college. [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

**Australian government statistics**

The government requires the following information as their preferred way of improving the method of gathering data on socioeconomic status, resulting from their *Advancing Equity and Participation in Higher Education* study of 2007.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| What was the highest level of education completed by your parent/guardian #1 and #2 | Parent #1 [ ]  M or [ ]  F | Parent #2 [ ]  M or [ ]  F |
| Postgraduate qualifications (eg masters, PhD) | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Bachelor qualification | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Other post school qualification (eg, VET/TAFE cert, apprenticeship, assoc degree or diploma) | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Completed Year 12 or equivalent | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Did not complete Year 12 or equivalent | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Don’t know | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Not applicable | [ ]  | [ ]  |

**personal biography**

Please give a personal biography outlining the main details of your life and an account of your Christian conversion & experience.

**reasons for study**

Please explain why you want to study at Bible college and how you have come to believe that you should make this application.

# ▌ Statement of Faith

**Preamble**

Brisbane School of Theology (BST) is a community of Christians who differ in experience, church and denominational association, ministry goals, academic ability, ethnic background and age. This diversity occurs within a context of unity because of a common allegiance to Jesus Christ, a desire by all to fulfil God's will in the church and world, and a shared commitment to the truths of the authoritative Word of God, the Bible.

Beliefs foundational to the Christian faith are taught with conviction at BST and unity is expected in relation to them. There are however, a number of issues which are secondary or peripheral, and many Christians have different views in regard to them, being matters of interpretation. The College grants faculty, staff and students the freedom to hold their own convictions in relation to such issues, in a context of unity and mutual respect.

**Doctrinal Statement**

The college seeks to uphold the following foundational beliefs:

[GOD] God is the creator and sustainer of all things.

[JESUS] Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is fully God and fully human, in one person. He lived a sinless life, died in the place of sinful human beings and experienced bodily resurrection before ascending visibly to heaven.

[THE HOLY SPIRIT] The Holy Spirit lives within all Christians and empowers us to grow spiritually and serve God in the world.

[THE TRINITY] There is one God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who share together equally and eternally in the one being of God.

[THE BIBLE] The Scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, are the inspired and infallible written Word of God and have been given by God to the church as the final authority for what to believe and how to live.

[THE CHURCH] The church is the people of God, made up of all who are joined to Jesus Christ through faith regardless of ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status or denominational association.

[HUMANITY] All humans are sinners, disobedient to God, and have a broken relationship with Him until given new life by the Holy Spirit.

[SALVATION] The only way for men and women to be in a restored relationship with God is through faith in Jesus Christ who, through his sacrificial death, has done all that is necessary for God to forgive our sins.

[RESURRECTION] Jesus Christ will return personally at the end of the age when there will be a bodily resurrection of all people, followed by judgement leading to eternal life or eternal separation from God.

If for any reason you cannot endorse the statement of faith, please give specific details on a separate piece of paper and enclose it with your application.

# ▌ College Community Expectations

The college is a Christian learning community that seeks to develop students holistically for Christian ministry through an integrated program of academic and non-academic activities. Students of the college are expected to be committed to learning and participating in the college community.

**Expectations of all students**

*Faith commitment:*

* Be a committed follower of Jesus Christ, trusting in Him as Saviour and obeying Him as Lord, in accordance with His teachings in the Bible
* Be actively and consistently involved in serving in a local church, in good standing with the leaders of that church

*BST commitment:*

* Attend orientation sessions at the commencement of studies
* Attend college lectures
* Attend Friday chapel, fellowship group and prayer mornings, and Tuesday Ministry Awareness Program sessions, if you attend college for lectures on those days
* Contribute positively and enthusiastically to the well-being of the college and its community life
* Comply with the policies of the college
* Treat all people with dignity and respect
* Meet all financial obligations to the college in a timely manner (including tuition fees and rent)

**Particular expectations of full-time students** (enrolled in three or more units in a semester)

* Integrate as fully as possible into the total life of the college
* Participate fully in Mission Exposure Week
* Attend the annual college camp
* Participate fully in the three-day Work Prac at the end of the academic year

**Particular expectation of residential students**

* Perform certain daily or weekly duties

In addition, there are other college activities that are not categorised as expected or required. However, students are strongly encouraged to attend these as they are able:

* The annual graduation service
* The BST one-day missions conference
* The end-of-year college dinner

**declaration**

1. I hereby apply for admission as a student at Brisbane School of Theology (BST) under the terms and conditions outlined in the documents provided to me and on the BST website.
2. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information supplied in this application, and any documentation supporting it, is correct and complete.
3. Where I have indicated I will be seeking credit for work done elsewhere towards an award at BST, I have provided sufficient details of the other institutions, awards and subjects for my request to be considered.
4. I authorise the college to obtain educational institutions evidence of my academic record or to seek other corroborating evidence with respect to my application.
5. I understand a decision regarding my admission to the college is made after my application and supporting documentation is complete.
6. I agree that I will enter into the spirit of the college, will seek to make my personal contribution to its well-being and community life, will conform to its policies & procedures and fulfil responsibilities allotted to me in an attitude of Christian fellowship and service for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[ ]  I have read and agree to BST’s statement of faith [ ]  I have read and agree to BST’s expectations

 **🗶 Signature: Date:**

**Checklist**

**I have:**

[ ]  answered all questions on the application form

[ ]  attached copy of passport (page with photo)

[ ]  attached recent financial records

[ ]  attached financial sponsor letter (if applicable)

[ ]  attached tertiary transcripts (if applicable)

[ ]  advised referees to expect communication from the College

[ ]  completed personal biography

[ ]  completed reasons for applying to Bible college

[ ]  read and agree to BST’s statement of faith

[ ]  read and agree to BST’s expectations

[ ]  read and signed the declaration

**What happens next?**

1. You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your application
2. We will email your references
3. We will arrange/confirm an interview time with you (if applicable)
4. In the event of a positive outcome we will send you
	1. a letter of acceptance and Written Agreement
	2. confirmation of available accommodation (if applicable)
	3. electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) for your visa application
	4. other documents you need to start studying with us
5. If your application is not accepted, we will send you a letter explaining the reasons and outlining other options for you.

**Thank you for completing this application**