



*Shaped by His word: serving His world*



BRISBANE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY **PROSPECTUS**

## WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Brisbane School of Theology.

For nearly 80 years the college has been engaged in seeing God's people shaped by his word and serving his world.

Your college experience is designed to be deeply formative. Our faculty are gifted teachers and tender-hearted pastors. Our staff are responsive and eager to assist. Together we strive to support your learning in the context of Christian community. Like the apostle Paul, faculty and staff long, labour and pray to see Christ formed in you: his humility, his servant-heart, his purity, and his commitment to doing his Father's will.

Our students are constantly exposed to God's word. It might be in a class, in chapel or in a mentoring conversation. You are urged to listen carefully, explore thoughtfully and respond obediently. We want to develop eyes that see the universe God's way; hearts that echo his love for the world; feet ready to spread the good news about Jesus. As God's living and penetrating word goes to work, he opens eyes, shapes hearts and forges commitments.

Some of our graduates will travel overseas with a mission agency; others will pastor God's people locally; some will train students on a university campus; others will continue in jobs and attend the same church. In the midst of diverse pathways, there is a common theme. Our graduates are equipped to serve: to serve God, to serve his people, to serve the world he created. So our students are prepared for crossing cultures, courageous proclamation, prayerful dependence, loving engagement and the opposition that will inevitably come.

At BST, we never cease calling on God to raise up people for his service. And we ask to be used in the lives of people as they are shaped by his word, so they can serve his world. Will you join us?

*Rev Dr Richard Gibson*  
Principal



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## HOW WE MAKE THAT HAPPEN

By offering high-quality, Bible-centred theological training in a diverse and supportive community, shaping the whole person for God's purposes.

Aiming for more than growing students' knowledge of theology, we're developing passionate, capable disciples who use what they know about God's word to serve him in the church and the world.



## WHO WE ARE AS A COLLEGE

Christians of different cultures, ages and denominations make up the BST community and have done for the last eight decades.

We love how this diversity shapes and sharpens us.

Yet we share a common commitment to Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and to the truth of the Bible. We have a common goal of serving and glorifying God, so we're united in our diversity.



IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE A COMMUNITY YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THEN WE HOPE YOU'LL EXPLORE FURTHER. TAKE A LOOK THROUGH THE PROSPECTUS, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE, OR COME AND VISIT US - WE WOULD LOVE TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT HOW BST CAN HELP YOU RECOGNISE AND FULFIL GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.

The information contained in this prospectus was correct at the time of printing. While care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of information, changes in circumstances after the time of printing may impact on the accuracy of the information.

# OUR CAMPUS



## BRISBANE

Located in Toowong, close to the Brisbane CBD, our view of the city skyline rivals that of nearby Mt Coot-tha and we're just a short drive away from the busy cultural hub of South Bank. There's also plenty of green space: Anzac Memorial Park is right opposite us and the new Botanical Gardens are close by.

We have parking available if you drive to college, but you'll also be within walking distance of both the train station and bus depot.

Toowong has a good selection of shops and restaurants. From Toowong you can walk along the river into the heart of Brisbane, sample the tasty cuisines in West End and check out the museums at South Bank, which are all just a short train, bus or CityCat journey away.

On campus you will find several lecture rooms, our chapel, the student common room, a large library (also open to the public) and communal kitchen/dining area.

## ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

We also have on-campus accommodation. If you choose to live on campus while you study it will change your experience of our college community. We have single rooms, with access to a shared kitchen, and also a variety of one- and two-bedroom units which are self-contained. Single students, couples and families are all welcome on site.



See [bst.qld.edu.au/accommodation](http://bst.qld.edu.au/accommodation) for accommodation costs



# OUR COMMUNITY

If you spend any length of time with us you'll see that the things you experience outside the classroom — an opportunity to pray with a fellow student, a lunchtime discussion about the lecture

you just had, the chance to serve practically alongside your classmates — are just as important as the things you learn inside it. In fact, there are many different aspects to being a student at BST...

Our classes will inform, challenge, encourage and excite you. Theology is not an easy ride and our gifted, experienced lecturers don't shy away from tough topics. But **delving further into God's word** is an amazing privilege and every unit offers a mixture of up-front teaching, student presentations and healthy debate to make sure you get the most out of studying the Bible. ***Livestream options are now available.***

## LEARNING



## MISSION

To help you start figuring out how and where God wants you to serve, our **Ministry Awareness Program** (MAP) brings in a different mission/ministry worker every week to give a short presentation on their work and to answer your questions. You'll also get the chance to work alongside some of them, as all full-time students take part in a **mission exposure week** once a year.

Everyone from the newest student to the oldest lecturer is an important part of the BST community. We value shared meals as a precious expression of our unity and fellowship. So every week we spend time together—students, staff and faculty—at **joint morning tea**, a **community lunch** or just chatting between classes.

## FOOD



## DISCIPLESHIP

Every student has the opportunity to be part of a small **fellowship group** that meets weekly. This time of encouraging one another through Scripture and prayer balances the more academically rigorous interaction you'll have with the Bible in your lectures. We also have a wonderful team of **mentors** available to offer guidance and support as you navigate the spiritual, emotional and intellectual challenges of theological study.

We don't want knowledge for its own sake; being shaped by God's word means loving him more completely and serving his people more willingly. So taking the time to praise God together, be taught by his word, pray for one another and share our testimonies, is something that all students and staff get involved in through our weekly **chapel services** and **prayer meetings**.

## WORSHIP



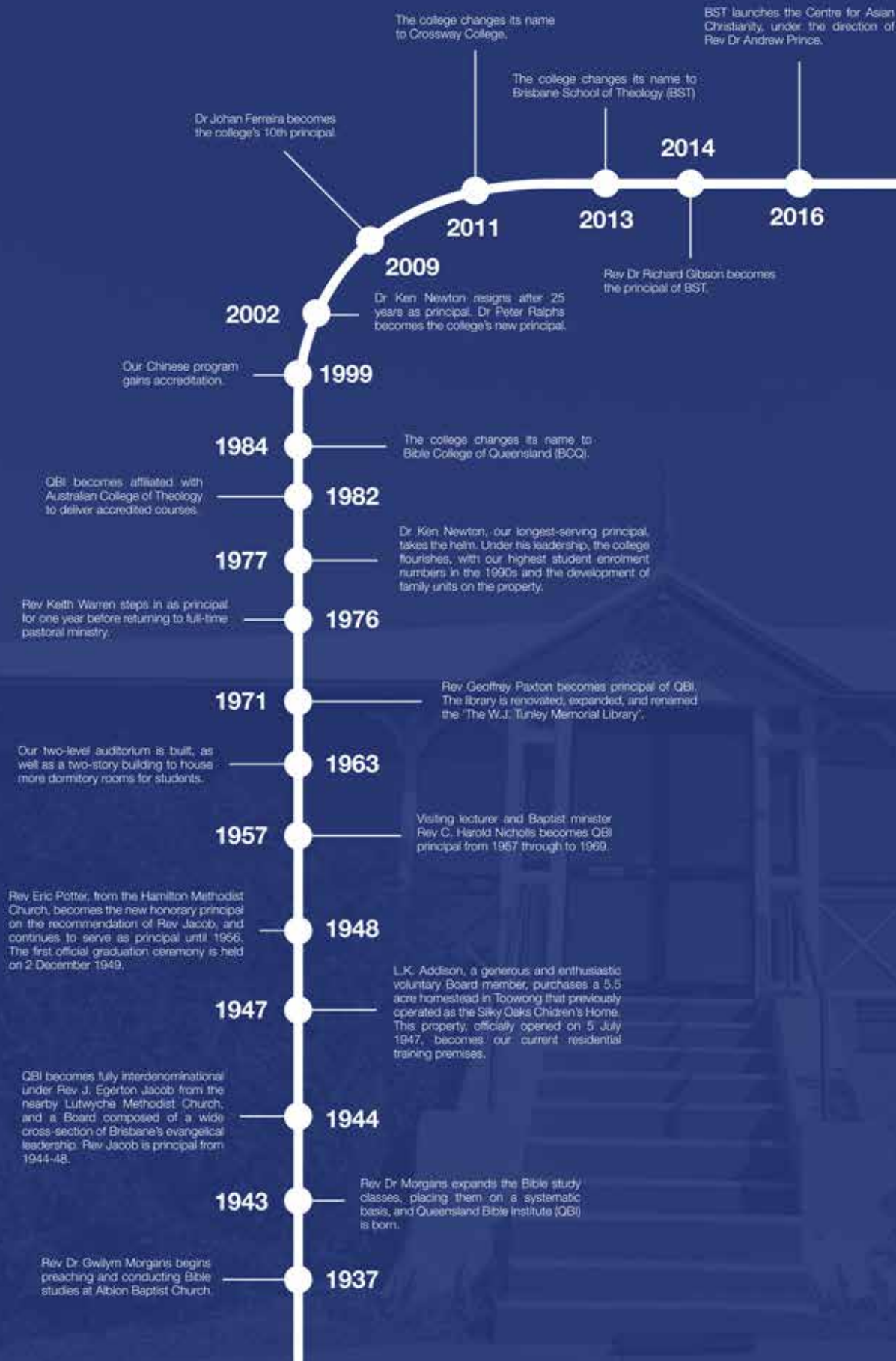
## FRIENDSHIP

Start up a game of footy, watch TV, have a table-tennis match, or just relax in the sunshine. The important thing is that we help you make time to grow real **friendships** with the people you're learning with in class because you're concentrating so hard on your next assignment.



# OUR HISTORY

Since 1943, BST has offered formal training in ministry and theology to more than 1,800 graduates. Below is just a brief glimpse of that long history of service to God's goodness.



BST is a community of Christians from diverse cultural, denominational and theological backgrounds and traditions. We are united by our allegiance to Jesus Christ, submission to the authority of God's word and desire to serve God's mission in the world. Foundational beliefs are taught with conviction, and unity is expected.

In secondary matters, we safeguard the freedom of faculty and students to arrive at their own convictions in light of a careful study of Scripture, with love and mutual respect expected.

Members of BST are expected to hold fast to the following:

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

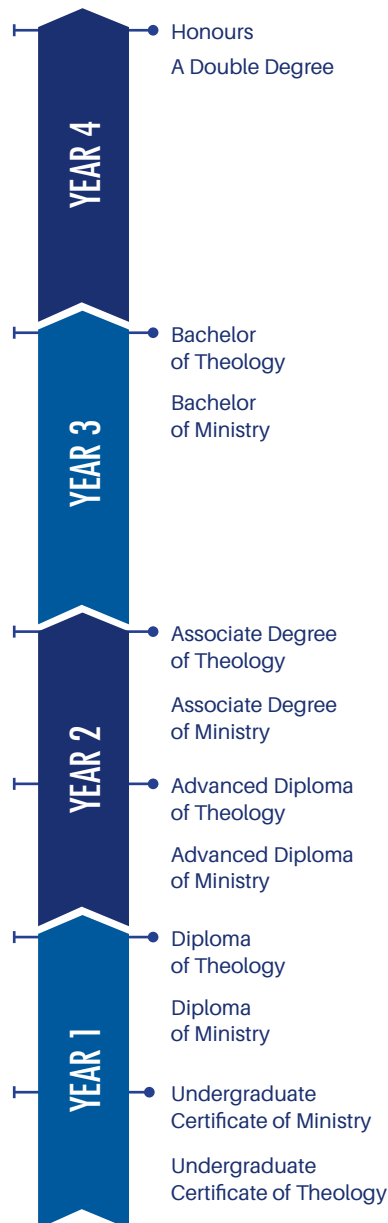
- The Scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, are the inspired and infallible, written Word of God, and have been given by God to the church as the final authority for what we are to believe and how we are to live.
- There is one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who share together equally and eternally in the one being of God.
- God is the creator and sustainer of all things.
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is fully God and fully human, in one person.
- Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, died in the place of sinful human beings, and experienced bodily resurrection before ascending visibly to heaven.
- All humans are sinners through disobedience to God, and are separated from fellowship with God until given new life by the Holy Spirit.
- 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 us our sins.
- The Holy Spirit lives within all Christians and empowers us to grow spiritually and serve God in the world.
- The church is the people of God, made up of all who are joined to Jesus Christ through faith, irrespective of ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status or denominational association.
- Jesus Christ will return personally at the end of the age when there will be a bodily resurrection of all people followed by judgment leading to eternal life or eternal separation from God.



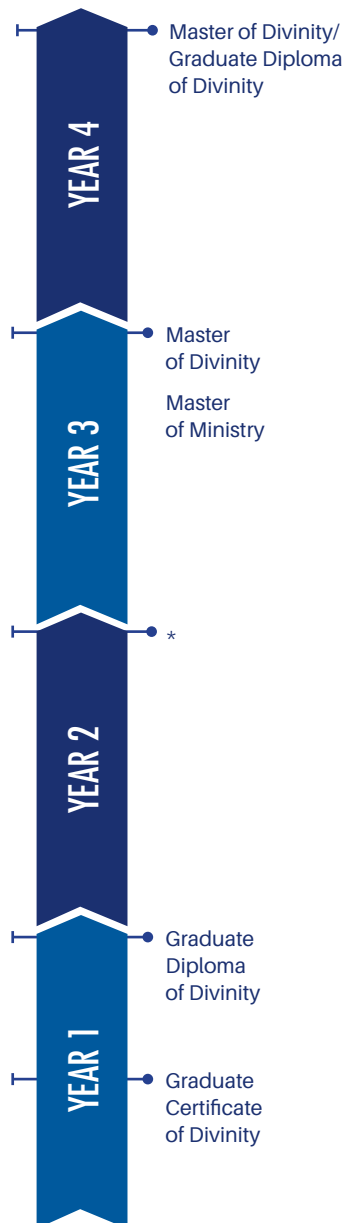


# OUR PROGRAMS

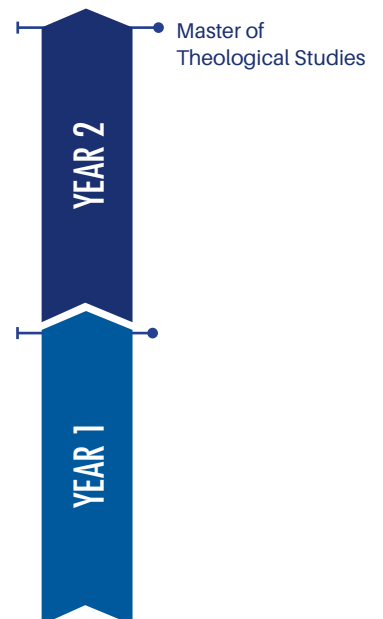
## UNDERGRADUATE



## GRADUATE



## POSTGRADUATE



The length of each program shown above is accurate if you study with us full-time; however, part-time study options are also available for all programs (overseas students need to comply with visa requirements for full-time study).

\* The Master of Theological Studies is available as a two year award for graduates.

\*\* The Undergraduate Certificate of Ministry or Theology is currently approved until 30 June 2025. Contact BST for more information.

## OUR AFFILIATIONS

Brisbane School of Theology is an affiliated college of the Australian College of Theology (ACT) which means the courses we offer are accredited by the ACT. We're also a member of the Asia Theological Association.

The main reason we affiliate with, or are members of, these larger theological bodies is so that you know you're studying in a program that's recognised not only across Australia but internationally too. It also means we have to meet certain standards when it comes to our staff, our teaching program and our spiritual values, helping us keep our promise of giving you a high-quality theological education.



# OUR UNITS OF STUDY

## BIBLICAL INTRODUCTION

### OT INTRODUCTION

Old Testament Foundations  
Old Testament Prophets and Writings

### NT INTRODUCTION

Jesus and the Gospels  
Early New Testament Church

## MINISTRY AND PRACTICE

### EVANGELISM AND MISSION

Mission Perspectives  
Principles of Evangelism  
Cross-Cultural Field Education  
Ministry in Culturally Diverse Contexts  
Contextual Asian Mission

### PASTORAL AND CHURCH-FOCUSED MINISTRY

Preaching 1  
Congregational Field Education  
Practical Ministry Field Education  
Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries  
Pastoral Care  
Child Abuse in Christian Communities:  
Prevention and Response

### GRADUATE LEVEL SPECIALTIES

Theological Approaches to Wellbeing  
Theological Perspectives on Mental Health  
Mental Health Issues in Christian Counselling  
Christian Mentoring

## LANGUAGES

### BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

New Testament Greek A  
New Testament Greek B  
Biblical Hebrew A  
Biblical Hebrew B

## CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

### THEOLOGY

The Knowledge of God  
Creation and the Fall, the Person and Work of Christ  
The Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology  
The Church and Its Ministry  
Theological Ethics  
Christian Apologetics  
Christian Worldview

### CHRISTIANITY IN HISTORY

Christianity in History to 1550  
Christianity in History from 1550

## EXEGESIS

### OT EXEGESIS

The Pentateuch (English or Hebrew)  
Exilic Prophecy (Isaiah 40-55)  
The Psalms  
Former Prophets 1 & 2 Samuel (English or Hebrew)

### NT EXEGESIS (IN ENGLISH OR GREEK)

The Synoptic Gospels: Luke  
John's Gospel  
The Pastoral Epistles  
Pauline Theology and Romans  
Paul and Corinthian Christianity  
Study Tour (e.g. Israel)

## MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

### INTENSIVES

We offer MTS intensives each year with guest lecturers from Australia and overseas. Visit [bst.qld.edu.au/master-of-theological-studies/](http://bst.qld.edu.au/master-of-theological-studies/) to learn more.

Fee levels are set each year by our accrediting body, the ACT. Other units are offered in a two-year cycle, with the exception of the MTS units which are offered at BST's discretion.

## OUR FEES

Fee levels are set each year by our accrediting body, the ACT. However, all Australian citizens studying with us may be eligible for FEE-HELP and Austudy, which we hope will relieve some of the financial pressure of further study.

## OVERSEAS STUDENTS

We love having a diverse community of people from different countries and backgrounds (more than 14 languages are currently spoken on our campus) and we welcome overseas students. We're not able to offer any scholarships or fee support at the moment, so you will need to pay your own study and living costs. However, we have plenty of information online to help you navigate your way through life in Australia and what it takes to study here, so we hope you'll take a look and come join us at BST.



[bst.qld.edu.au/fees](http://bst.qld.edu.au/fees)

# DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY

If you're new to theological education, and if you don't have any other kind of undergraduate qualification, then the Diploma of Theology is a great way to dip your toe in the water.

It will give you an overview of both the Old and New Testaments, showing you the big-picture story of the Bible and giving you the basic skills to better understand and explain it. You'll also be able to choose one key book or area of the Bible to explore more deeply, like

Paul's letters, the Gospels, or the Psalms. The broad range of elective units means you can then choose to uncover a bit of church history, get to grips with the doctrine of grace, learn some practical ministry skills like pastoral care or preaching, or even study some Hebrew or Greek.

The DipTh is a good jumping-off point if you're not yet sure what the future holds for you. It will give you a well-rounded biblical base so you can start testing out which areas of theology interest you most and where God might be wanting to put your skills to work.



"A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY IS ESSENTIAL IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP. I WORK

IN AN EXTREMELY CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT AND REGULARLY FACE DIFFICULT DECISIONS - BUT MY FAITH STANDS FIRM, UNDERGIRD BY SOUND TEACHING FROM A WELL-RESPECTED COLLEGE."

**Tim Mander**

State Member of Parliament for Everton

Graduated from BST in 2003

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Diploma of Theology at BST you will need to have completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above. For non-school leavers you will be asked to demonstrate academic suitability through an interview and if required an entrance test.

If English isn't your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest, or have 10 years in Australia with English being the language primarily spoken both at home and work.

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the DipTh full-time it will take two semesters (**one year**), as you'll do an average of four units each semester and you need **eight units** to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within five and a half years.

Of your **eight** units, **two** must be from **Biblical Introduction**, **one** from **Christian Thought** and **two** from **Exegesis, Languages, Biblical Introduction** or **Christian Thought**. You also have **three** elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered.

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## FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

**1 ½ years:** Advanced Diploma of Theology

**2 years:** Associate Degree of Theology

**3 years:** Bachelor of Theology

**4 years:** Honours or a Double Degree





# BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

If you're looking to get serious about in-depth biblical study, and this is your first undergraduate qualification, then the Bachelor of Theology is exactly what you need.

It begins with an overview of the entire biblical text, giving you a great framework as you move into more detailed analysis of key sections. You'll have a chance to study the Bible in the languages in which it was originally written; you can get a better understanding of the history and purpose of the church; and you'll be getting to grips with

major theological doctrines of grace, eschatology and even God himself. You can then choose the areas in which you want to dig deeper, such as pastoral ministry and preaching, mission, or biblical studies.

Most churches are happy that the Bachelor of Theology fulfils all the academic requirements for ordination, although a small amount of denomination-specific training might still be expected. Ministry organisations will also recognise this degree program as excellent preparation for mission work, particularly if you're interested in a role that involves Bible teaching.



"THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS I WAS GIVEN IN THEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE DIRECTLY PREPARED ME TO TEACH OLD

TESTAMENT IN UKRAINE FOR FIVE YEARS. AND THAT KNOWLEDGE STILL HELPS ME NOW AS I TRAIN THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS, PREACHERS AND CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS."

**John Harris**

Missionary and pastor in the Netherlands  
Graduated from BST in 1998

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Bachelor of Theology at BST you will need to have completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above. For non-school leavers you will be asked to demonstrate academic suitability through an interview and if required an entrance test.

If you're an overseas student, and English isn't your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years in Australia with English being the language primarily spoken both at home and work.

## EARLY EXIT POINTS

- 1 year:** Diploma of Theology
- 1 ½ years:** Advanced Diploma of Theology
- 2 years:** Associate Degree of Theology

## FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

- 4 years:** Honours or a Double Degree

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the BTh full-time it will take six semesters (**three years**), as you'll do an average of four units each semester and you need **24 units** to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within nine years.

Of your **24 units**, **two** must be from **Old Testament Introduction**, **two** from **New Testament Introduction**, **five** from **Christian Thought** (**two** from **Church History**, **three** from **Theology**), **two** from **Biblical Languages**, **three Exegesis** (**two** in original language) (**one Old Testament**, **one New Testament**), **four Exegesis**, **Biblical Languages** or **Christian Thought** with **two** units at Level 7 or above, **one** unit of **Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries** and **one** unit of **Field Education** as well as **four** elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered.

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# DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY

If you're actively involved in the life of your church, but feel that a qualification of some kind would help you to engage at a deeper level, the Diploma of Ministry may be the right fit.

The program will provide a good refresher of the knowledge and skills you've been gaining as you've served, as well as allowing you to test the waters of some new ministry areas. You'll be given a clear understanding of the big-picture story of the Bible and handed the

tools to better explain it. Then the broad range of optional units means you can take a closer look at what's involved in pastoral care and the discipleship of others, gain the basic principles of good leadership, or learn new ways to share the gospel cross-culturally.

The Diploma of Ministry offers a good mix of classroom-based teaching, group discussions with peers and hands-on ministry experience, so you're not just gaining theoretical knowledge but putting what you learn into action.



"THE BIGGEST THING I LEARNED AT BST WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMILITY, AND I COULD SEE THE STAFF

DEMONSTRATING THAT IN THEIR OWN LIVES — THEY INTERACTED SO FREELY AND KINDLY WITH STUDENTS AND SERVED THEM DURING COMMUNITY LUNCH AND WERE THE FIRST TO BE CLEANING UP AFTERWARDS. IT WAS AN AMAZING EXAMPLE."

**Hannah Mbitu**

Church worker in Kenya

Graduated from BST in 2012

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Diploma of Ministry at BST you will need to have completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above. For non-school leavers you will be asked to demonstrate academic suitability through an interview and if required an entrance test.

If you're an overseas student, and English isn't your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years in Australia with English being the language primarily spoken both at home and work.

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the DipMin full-time it will take **two** semesters (**one year**), as you'll do an average of **four** units each semester and you need **eight units** to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within five and a half years.

Of your **eight** units, **two** must be from **Biblical Introduction**, **one** from **Christian Thought** and **two** from **Ministry and Practice**. You also have **three** elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered.

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## FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

**1 ½ years:** Advanced Diploma of Ministry

**2 years:** Associate Degree of Ministry

**3 years:** Bachelor of Ministry

**4 years:** Honours or a Double Degree





# BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

If you have a heart for the church and want to be involved in guiding, encouraging and growing God's people, then the Bachelor of Ministry is for you.

It begins with an overview of the entire biblical text, giving you a great framework as you move into more detailed analysis of key sections. You'll have a chance to study particular books of the Bible in detail; you can get a better understanding of the history and purpose of the church; and you'll be grappling with

how key theological doctrines, like grace or eschatology, relate to the Christian life. You can then choose the areas in which you want to dig deeper, focusing on pastoral ministry and preaching, cross-cultural mission, leadership development, or further biblical study.

Most churches are happy that the Bachelor of Ministry fulfils all the academic requirements for ordination, although a small amount of denomination-specific training might still be expected. Ministry organisations also recognise this degree program as excellent preparation for mission work.



"I STARTED AT BST THINKING THERE WAS SO MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT GOD, HIS WORD, AND MINISTRY. I GRADUATED FROM BST KNOWING THERE WAS STILL SO MUCH TO LEARN. BST HELPED ME TO BEGIN THE JOURNEY TO KNOW GOD, HIS WORD, AND HOW TO DO MINISTRY. WE SERVE A LIMITLESS GOD!"

**Dale Buchanan**

Senior Pastor at Tenthill Baptist Church  
Graduated from BST in 2014

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Bachelor of Ministry at BST you will need to have completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above. For non-school leavers you will be asked to demonstrate academic suitability through an interview and if required an entrance test.

If you're an overseas student, and English isn't your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years in Australia with English being the language primarily spoken both at home and work.

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the BMin full-time it will take **six** semesters (**three years**), as you'll do an average of **four** units each semester and you need **24 units** to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within **nine** years.

Of your **24** units, **two** must be from **Old Testament Introduction**, **two** from **New Testament Introduction**, **five** from **Christian Thought** (**two** from **Church History**, **three** from **Theology**), **three** from **Exegesis** (**one** Old Testament, **one** New Testament), **six** from **Ministry and Practice**, **one** unit being **Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries** and **one** unit being **Field Education**, and **six** elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered.

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## EARLY EXIT POINTS

**1 year:** Diploma of Ministry

**1 ½ years:** Advanced Diploma of Ministry

**2 years:** Associate Degree of Ministry

## FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

**4 years:** Honours or a Double Degree

## WANT TO COMBINE THEOLOGICAL STUDY WITH ANOTHER DISCIPLINE?

You could begin by doing two years of full-time undergraduate study here with us, then pursue a minor in a related discipline (Psychology, History, Business, etc) at another Australian university for your final year. You would then graduate with a Bachelor of Christian Studies. Or you could study full-time for two years at university and then pursue a minor in Theology/Ministry here with us for a year.

To find out more just get in touch on [info@bst.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@bst.qld.edu.au) - we would love to talk with you about how you could introduce a Christian perspective to your chosen career.

# GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF DIVINITY

If you already have an undergraduate qualification, but want to boost those skills with some theological study, you'll find the Graduate Diploma of Divinity packs a lot into just one year.

You'll be given a clear understanding of the big-picture story of the Bible and handed the tools to better explain it. You'll also be able to choose one book or key area of the Bible to explore more deeply, like Paul's letters, the Gospels, or the Psalms. You can then uncover a bit of church history, look at the doctrines of eschatology or grace, or even learn some Hebrew or Greek.

There's a broad range of practical units too, which means you can take a closer look at what's involved in good pastoral care, gain the basic principles of good leadership, or learn new ways to share the gospel cross-culturally.

Whether you're considering how you could put your current training into action in a mission setting, or exploring full-time ministry work, this course will lay a brilliant foundation. Ministry organisations generally recognise the GradDipDiv as good preparation for mission work, and its practical elements mean it's also useful if you just want to be better equipped for ministry alongside your regular job.



"BST HELPED ME TO KNOW AND LOVE GOD BETTER. WHILE I WAS THERE I GREW IN FAITH

AND CHARACTER, MADE LIFELONG FRIENDS, LEARNED TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE BETTER, AND GAINED SKILLS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR MY CURRENT WORK. LEARNING IN BST'S LOVING, CHALLENGING, AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY MADE STUDYING THEOLOGY SO MUCH MORE ENRICHING."

**Kirsten Mackerras**

Doctor of Philosophy student at St Cross College, University of Oxford

Graduated from BST in 2013

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Graduate Diploma of Divinity at BST you need an undergraduate degree in a non-theological discipline.

If you're an overseas student, and English isn't your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years in Australia with English being the language primarily spoken both at home and work.

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the GradDipDiv full-time it will take **two** semesters (**one year**), as you'll do an average of **four** units each semester and you need **eight units** to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within **four** years.

Of your **eight** units, **two** must be from **Biblical Introduction** and **one** from **Christian Thought**. The remaining **five** are elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered. **Five** units are completed at Level 7 or above and **three** units must be Level 8 or above.

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## EARLY EXIT POINTS

**1 semester:** Graduate Certificate of Divinity

## FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

**3 years:** Master of Divinity or Ministry





## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF PASTORAL CARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Care for Mental Health is aimed at equipping Christians to respond in a God-Centred way to those who are living with mental health struggles and those who are suffering.

This course equips students with both the theological grounding and the practical skills for engaging in effective pastoral care across professional, ministry, mission and personal settings.

In providing this course, we are partnering with an organisation called Living Wholeness. Living Wholeness have been providing support and training for the wider church across Australia and Asia.

### This course is for:

- Pastors and their spouses
- Pastoral Care Team & leaders
- Mental health professionals looking to integrate faith and practice
- Caring professions e.g. Allied health and nursing, teaching etc
- Chaplains – school, hospital, armed forces, etc
- School Teachers involved in guidance and counselling
- Medical/Paramedical/Allied Health/Mental Health workers
- Member Care – mission agencies, leaders, missionaries
- Youth Workers
- Counselling Supervisors, coaches, and mentors.

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN MENTORING

In 2020, BST began offering a Christian Mentoring Program as a series of three units taught via collaborative online learning over three years.

Each unit consists of three workshops. Together they build competence for Christian mentoring at an advanced level. By taking these three units within a Graduate Certificate of Christian Mentoring, Graduate Diploma of Divinity or Master of Theological Studies you will be qualified for mentoring in a variety of contexts.

### What is Christian Mentoring?

Mentoring is an intentional interpersonal process in which one person equips and empowers another toward more effective ministry through sharing God-given encouragement, instruction and resources.

### Aims of Christian Mentoring

Christian mentors aim to empower disciples for more effective ministry and personal spiritual growth through setting and moving toward clear mutually agreed objectives that arise from the mentoree's life and ministry. It is a thoughtful way to encourage vital Christian individuals and ministry and faith communities.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Graduate Certificate of Pastoral Care for Mental Health at BST you need an undergraduate degree.

If you're an overseas student, and English isn't your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years in Australia with English being the language primarily spoken both at home and work.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Graduate Certificate of Christian Mentoring you need to have completed a 3 year bachelor degree or equivalent, AND have completed at least 1 year of ministry or theology or divinity study at Level 5 or above.

If you have a 3-year bachelor degree but have not completed at least one year of theological study, you can enrol in the Graduate Certificate of Divinity and complete the mentoring units within that award. Standard language requirements apply.

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

This course will be offered in hybrid mode either on-campus or off-campus live streamed through zoom.

The three core subjects will be offered over the course of 3 semesters (1.5 years) part-time study. You can enter the course at the beginning of any semester. The three core subjects are:

- PC137-812 Theological Perspectives on Mental Health
- IN004-812 Mental Health Issues in Christian Counselling
- PC136-812 Theological Approaches to Wellbeing

Students will also undertake a specific elective to round out their four units from a range of possible options.

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

The Graduate Certificate of Christian Mentoring is designed with a special focus on knowledge skills and abilities in the one to one intentional ministry of Christian mentoring and with related knowledge in professional supervision and ministry coaching to an advanced level. The course consists of three core units and an elective:

- PC020-812: Christian Mentoring
- PC021-812: Mentoring Christian Leaders
- PC022-812: Professional Practice as a Christian Mentor
- Elective

These 4 units will complete your Graduate Certificate of Christian Mentoring.

# MASTER OF DIVINITY

If you already have a non-theological degree, but want to get serious about in-depth biblical study and ministry work, then the Master of Divinity is for you.

It begins with an overview of the entire biblical text, giving you a great framework as you move into more detailed analysis of key sections such as the Gospels, Paul's letters, or the Psalms. You'll have a chance to learn and study the Bible in the languages it was originally written in; you'll gain an understanding of the long history and purpose of the church across the world; and you'll be addressing major

theological doctrines of grace, eschatology and even God himself. You can then choose to specialise in the areas that best fit your intended career path, focusing on pastoral ministry and preaching, cross-cultural mission, or more comprehensive biblical studies.

Most churches are happy that the Master of Divinity fulfils all the academic requirements for ordination, although a small amount of denomination-specific training might still be expected from some. Ministry organisations also recognise this program as excellent preparation for mission work.

# MASTER OF MINISTRY

If you have a non-theological degree, and have a heart for the church and a desire to guide, encourage and grow God's people, then the Master of Ministry will suit you.

The course begins with the same overview as the Master of Divinity, except you're not required to study biblical languages. You'll be engaging in theological discussions, looking closely at topics like grace and eschatology and their application in Christian life and ministry. There are plenty of opportunities to develop your skills through the practical ministry training

on offer in partnership with churches and Christian organisations. You'll also be able to dig deeper into other areas such as pastoral ministry and preaching, cross-cultural mission, leadership development or further biblical study.

The Master of Ministry fulfils the requirements for ordination in most churches, though some might require candidates to complete additional denomination-specific training. The degree is also recognised by ministry organisations as excellent preparation for cross-cultural fieldwork.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Master of Divinity/Ministry at BST you need to have an undergraduate degree in a non-theological discipline.

If you're an overseas student, and English isn't your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking OR 10 years in Australia with English being the language primarily spoken both at home and work.

## EARLY EXIT POINTS

**1 semester:** Graduate Certificate of Divinity

**1 year:** Graduate Diploma of Divinity

**2 year:** Master of Theological Studies

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the MDiv full-time it will take **six semesters (three years)**, as you'll do an average of **four** units each semester and you need **24 units** to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within **nine** years.

Of your **24** units, **two** must be from **Old Testament Introduction**, **two** from **New Testament Introduction**, **two** from **Church History**, **three** from **Theology**, **two** from **Biblical Languages**, **two** **Exegesis** (one Old Testament, one New Testament), **two** **Exegesis** in **Biblical Language**, **one** in **Christian Thought**, **two** **Exegesis**, **Biblical Languages** or **Christian Thought**. You will do **one** unit of **Spiritual Formation** for **Professional Ministries** and **one** unit of **Field Education** as well as **four** elective units. At least **three** units must be at Level 9 (including a project). (See page 7)

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the MMin full-time it will take **six semesters (three years)**, as you'll do an average of **four** units each semester and you need **24** units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within **nine** years.

Of your **24** units, **two** must be from **Old Testament Introduction**, **two** from **New Testament Introduction**, **two** from **Church History**, **three** from **Theology**, **three** from **Exegesis** (one Old Testament, one New Testament), **five** from **Ministry and Practice** including **one** from **Ministry and Practice** project or capstone, **one** **Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries** and **one** **Field Education**, and **six** elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered. At least **three** units must be at Level 9. (See page 7)

# MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

If you already have a theological degree but want to grow your professional and vocational expertise, the Master of Theological Studies will help you do that.

The MTS program is designed particularly for Christian leaders, pastors and others in ministry work to either build on a current area of

expertise or grow into new areas of theological understanding and ministry. You'll be able to study and explore several key areas of the Bible more deeply.

Whatever your end goal, the Master of Theological Studies program allows you to grow in knowledge and understanding of God's word outside of the pressures of your ministry work.



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SURRENDER MORE AND MORE OF MYSELF FOR GOD'S PLAN WHILE BECOMING FRIENDS WITH QUALITY GODLY PEOPLE WHO WERE READY AND WILLING TO SUPPORT ME."

**Isaac Biggs**

Youth Minister at St. Paul's Anglican Church, West Tamworth

Graduated from BST in 2018

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Master in Theological Studies at BST you need to have a completed bachelor degree or equivalent.

If you're an overseas student, and English isn't your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS 7.0 overall with minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking.

Graduates of an ACT BMin or BTh or equivalent are eligible to receive advanced standing for up to five units based on units completed in their previous degree, leaving eleven units to complete a Master of Theological Studies. You have six years to complete this course. The course will include an introduction to research principles and methods.

Graduates of an ACT MDiv or equivalent are eligible to receive advanced standing for up to eight units based on units completed in their previous degree leaving eight units to complete a Master of Theological Studies. You have four years to complete this course. The course will include an introduction to research principles and methods.

The full course is 16 units that can be completed over eight years.





# THE AUDIT PROGRAM

If you want to boost your theological knowledge, but a heavy assessment load doesn't fit with your current lifestyle, then try our audit program.

More flexible and less pressured than our accredited courses, auditing allows you to take part in any unit being offered at BST. You could focus on the practical side of

ministry, learning about pastoral care, leadership skills, or overseas mission. You could get a great overview of the Old and New Testaments, or dig deeper into the Gospels, the Psalms, or Paul's letters. You could even get to grips with the doctrine of eschatology or brush up on your church history.

Maybe you're looking to add a more overtly Christian dimension to your current job; perhaps you want to be

better equipped to share the gospel with friends and colleagues; or maybe it's just that what you're learning about the Bible through church is really exciting you and making you want to delve deeper. Whatever your aim, this is the perfect program to help you better understand your faith and weave it through every area of your life.



"I have audited twelve units and their value is immeasurable, along with the rich fellowship of studying with brothers and sisters in Christ. The four foundational units (Old and New Testament) were explosive to my faith and being able to grasp God's sovereignty, faithfulness, love and mercy to a much deeper, transforming level."

**Helen Morris, Audit student**

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We have no academic requirements for auditing—you just need to be over 16, have an interest in theology and be willing to learn and be part of the BST community!

There's no time limit, so you can do as many or as few units per year as your work and life commitments will allow—you can study just for the enjoyment of learning.

## THE TOPICS YOU'LL BE STUDYING

There's no set program: you can choose to study any of the units on offer at college (see page 7). You'll need to commit to attending the whole of any unit you pick, as it's hard for our lecturers—and other students—if people dip in and out.



## HOW TO APPLY TO BST ➡

**Reading through a prospectus is useful, but if you're going to spend time studying at BST you need to get a feel for us in real life.**

You can always find details of our next open night at [bst.qld.edu.au/opennights](http://bst.qld.edu.au/opennights) or just get in touch and we'll set up a time for you to take a look around the campus. We'd also love you to sit and talk with a faculty member, so you can ask questions and we can explore together whether BST is the right place for you to study and grow.

The college community you're a part of will be key in shaping how and where God uses you in the future, so take the time to really think and pray through all your options. If you feel BST could be the right place for you, then an application form can be found at [bst.qld.edu.au/apply](http://bst.qld.edu.au/apply) or you can pick one up when you visit us. We look forward to meeting you.

The Centre for Asian Christianity was birthed from the BST Board's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. The BST Board affirmed its commitment for BST to be a College that places a distinctive emphasis on preparing students for service in cross-cultural contexts.

Increasingly, all Christian service is recognised as mission and BST seeks to equip graduates with the sensitivity, love and boldness to share Christ across cultural and religious differences. BST's current Chinese program, the proportion of the student body being from Asia,

the relatively close proximity of Asia, and the majority of BST's key mission partners engaging in ministry in Asia make the establishment of a Centre for Asian Christianity a natural step for the College.

The Centre's vision is to be a leading centre for training, research, and resourcing Christians for contextual Asian ministry.

## Train

- Asian-specific subjects, seminars, and speakers
- Public seminars on Asian ministry and mission topics
- Specific training to assist Australian-born Chinese churches
- Formal training for Christians

- Informal training through specific events

## Research

- Research students (MTh, PhD)
- Research Fellows
- Visiting scholars
- Research seminars
- Research publication

## Resourcing

- Development of Asian ministry resources (books, articles, blogs)
- Being an Asian network hub where people can find information about people/ organisations engaged in Asian ministry
- Asian network and partnership development



## EQUIP

We are a training, research and collaborative organisation, not a sending one.



## ENGAGE

Asian Christians have much to teach and inform the Centre, so in humility the Centre seeks to engage in cross-cultural dialogue with Asian Christians about contextual Asian ministry.



## PARTNER

We are not seeking to be an independent body but look to partner with like-minded individuals and organisations that are seeking to spread the gospel in an Asian context.



## OUR CHINESE PROGRAM 中文課程

Alongside our English program we also offer several courses taught in Mandarin, opening up our college community to the many Christians from Chinese backgrounds who have made Australia their home.

布里斯班神學院是一所無宗派的福音派神學院。目的是教導學生能夠更深入的去認識福音的真理，更認識神的話，並應用到學生的生命當中。本學院提供高質素以聖經為中心的神學課程，除了增長學生的神學知識，更希望把他們培養成有熱誠，愛神愛人的門徒；能夠在世上以他們的行為及言語，去為主作見證，完成主耶穌基督所吩咐的大使命：「使萬民都作我的門徒」（太 28:19）

本學院有七十多年的歷史，中文課程創立於1997年。學院的師生來自不同的文化背景和不同宗派。這種多元化的契合，增進我們在基督裏的合一，並增加了師生對跨文化宣教的異象和熱情。

學院與許多教會和宣教機構有著長期、良好的合作關係。所以學院中文、英文課程的畢業生，不僅在澳洲本土中文、英文教會事奉，也有很多畢業生參與不同差傳機構，去到世界的不同地方，投入普世宣教事工當中。





# 課程介紹

布里斯班神學院開設的中文課程主要分為兩大部分，一部分是專科級別課程，另一部分是本科級別課程。

## 神學／教牧文憑

(Diploma of Theology/Ministry)

本科級別

共 8 門課

全日制課程為期一年，每學期 4 門課

非全日制課程須在 4 年內完成

## 高級教牧／神學文憑

(Advanced Diploma of

Theology/Ministry)

本科級別

共 12 門課

全日制課程為期一年半，每學期 4 門課

非全日制課程須在 6 年內完成

## 教牧／神學學士學位

(Bachelor of Theology/Ministry)

本科級別

全日制課程為期三年，每學期 4 門課

非全日制課程須在 9 年內完成

## 旁聽課程

(Audit)

無須做作業 無學分



## A PASSIONATE DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.** Mark 8:34

Graduates will maintain a vibrant relationship with God, be passionate about following Jesus and walk by the Spirit in every area of life. They will love God above all and others as themselves in attitudes, words and actions. They will be imitators of Jesus, obey his word, deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Jesus wherever he may lead.

## A COMMITTED TEAM-PLAYER AND A SERVANT-LEADER

**The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.** Mark 10:45

Graduates will be committed to the local church as the family of God and as their context for ministry and base for mission (Heb 10:24-25). They will work enthusiastically and cooperatively with others in ministry teams. They will be open to Christians across various denominations and churches (Luke 9:49-50). As leaders they will be disciple-makers, following the Lord Jesus in serving, leading by example, and training and mentoring other leaders (Mark 10:43-45).

## COMMITTED TO LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND PERSONAL GROWTH

**Be imitators of God, as dearly loved children.** Ephesians 5:1

Graduates will be proactive in expanding their knowledge and abilities. They will be open to new challenges, be willing to face unfamiliar problems and accept wider responsibilities. They will continue to grow in faith, knowledge and maturity, 'forgetting what is behind and pressing ... toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus' (Phil 3:13-14).



Theology means *'the knowledge of God'* and it's our aim that your time at BST will give you more of that.

Yet we're also equipping you to put your knowledge into action in the world, so everything we offer is

designed to make sure that the whole of you is shaped for God's purposes.

So take a look at the kind of person we pray you'll be when you leave BST...

## SOUND IN KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE

**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.** 2 Timothy 3:16

Graduates will have an in-depth and comprehensive knowledge of the Bible. They will be committed to the infallibility and authority of the Bible as God's word in everything relating to salvation and the Christian life. They will strive to be faithful teachers of the Bible who correctly explain the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15).

## AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR OF THE GOSPEL

**Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are.** 1 Peter 3:15

Graduates will know the gospel and will be eager and able to communicate it, especially in word, but also through writing and other media, in ways that are culturally sensitive and intelligible to others. They will have compassionate hearts, listening empathetically to people in their particular contexts. They will be ready to preach God's word at any time with patience and care (2 Tim 4:2), trying to persuade people to believe the gospel and to become followers of Jesus (2 Cor 5:11).

## COMPETENT IN BASIC MINISTRY SKILLS

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.** 1 Peter 4:10

Graduates will be competent in basic ministry skills, including preaching, teaching, leading and caring for people. They will use their gifts to implement constructive change in the church and community (1 Tim 4:6-16). They will be culturally attuned and flexible in dealing with a range of issues (1 Cor 9:19-23). They will embrace accountability and maintain professional standards in various contexts. They will be 'salt and light' in the world (Matt 5:13-14) and be able to 'prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up' (Eph 4:12).

## GREATLY COMMITTED TO GOD'S MISSION

**Go and make disciples of all nations.** Matthew 28:19

Graduates will be aware of the needs and opportunities of local and global mission. They will work and pray to make Christ known and see people won to faith and obedience. They will be marked by compassion and practical concern for the lost and needy. They will be passionately committed to the fulfilment of the Great Commission, to make disciples of all nations.

## HUMBLE AND FAITHFUL IN LIFE AND MINISTRY

**Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.** Hebrews 10:24

Graduates will live lives of holiness, prayer, humility and faithfulness. They will be willing to acknowledge their shortcomings and mistakes and be open to receive constructive criticism and advice. They will do nothing out of selfish ambition, but in humility will put others before themselves (Phil 2:3). They will be prepared to suffer for the sake of Christ, knowing that 'we must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God' (Acts 14:22).



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