

PROSPECTUS

Education that is Bible-based and Christ-centred to prepare, equip and transform lives.

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Dubbo Christian School is a non-denominational, co-educational K–12 school governed by a parent-controlled Association known as Berakah Christian Education Ltd. (BCE). BCE oversees the governance of Dubbo Christian School, Wellington Christian School and Dubbo Christian Preschool.




OUR MISSION

To provide authentic, responsive and high-quality education that is Bible-based and Christ-centred to prepare, equip and transform lives.



OUR VISION

In partnership, to equip students with a distinctive and responsive education, to be transformational with a heart for Christ.



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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Thank you for considering enrolment at Dubbo Christian School. It is difficult sometimes for me to identify exactly what makes our school such a special place. It is a unique combination of deep and authentic Christian foundations, an inclusive, caring and service-oriented culture and a clear and committed academic focus.

We're here to learn, but to do so in an environment that recognises our Berakah Christian Education DNA. Berakah is a Hebrew word that means 'blessing'. We aim to be a learning community that is a blessing; a blessing to all who are part of it, a blessing to each other and a blessing to our wider community and our world. This outward focussed, service-oriented learning gives life to our motto "Learning in Truth". When we learn in truth, we understand that all knowledge leads us to an understanding of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As a Christian school, this is foundational to all that we do.

I believe it is the reason why our school is the way it is. We love welcoming new students and families into who we are and what we're doing.

I look forward to meeting you.

In Christ

Paul Arundell | Principal



**PAUL ARUNDELL
PRINCIPAL**



ABOUT DCS

DCS is a non-denominational, co-educational K-12 school, in the progressive regional city of Dubbo, New South Wales.

We believe each student is unique, having been made in God's image. Educating a child is a privilege given to us by God and it is from this perspective that we do what we do at Dubbo Christian School.

Growing out of a belief that it is a parent's/carer's responsibility to raise children, our vision is to partner with families to equip students with a distinctive and responsive education. In this, our hope is to help students grow into who God wants them to be and, with a heart for Christ, help them to shape their world in a positive way.

We foster a caring environment, where students feel safe to try new things, face challenges and simply to be. This involves a structured Pastoral

Care program in each class from Kindergarten to Year 12, along with the availability of a School Chaplain, Psychologist and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officer.

This atmosphere of love and care is cultivated so that students become discerning, well-equipped young people. Through our Christ-centred and Bible-based curriculum, our students learn what it means to be transformational. Throughout their schooling, students are nurtured academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually through a wide range of modern learning experiences, preparing each to confidently take their place in the world.

HISTORY

Dubbo Christian School was established in 1983 as a co-educational K–6 school with 44 enrolments and two staff in borrowed premises, along with the support of a number of committed families and a Board of Directors.

In 1987, after acquiring land and constructing our first school buildings, DCS moved to our current Sheraton Road location.

Today we offer Preschool to Year 12 education to over 700 students, employ over 120 staff and are in the process of an exciting masterplan to further develop our school facilities.

Our commitment to deliver high-quality, Christian education is at the forefront of all we do.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Since the beginning, Dubbo Christian School has partnered with parents to deliver a distinctively Christian education. This is implemented through the Transformation by Design Framework.

This framework places our Biblical worldview at the forefront of curriculum delivery, while ensuring best practice in NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) compliance, program development and teaching quality.

Our foundational belief is that all have been given the invitation to become followers of Jesus and to join with Him in becoming transforming agents of His Kingdom. The broad themes of the Bible – from our rebellion against God to His solution in Jesus – explain why Christian education is transformational.

Transformation by Design Framework has five aims

- 1 Transformational vision
- 2 Responsive discipleship
- 3 Centering all things on Jesus Christ
- 4 Crafting high-quality teaching for effective learning
- 5 Seeking to build God's Kingdom

ASSOCIATION & BOARD

Dubbo Christian School is governed by an Association called Berakah Christian Education Ltd (BCE).

BCE is made up of active and committed Christian members of our school community and is responsible for maintaining the strategic direction of our school from a Christ-centred perspective.

Association members actively own the Statement of Faith and Educational Charter (available on our website) and support the school to maintain its Christian foundations as expressed in these documents. A Board is elected from Association members, and is responsible for the vision, direction and governance of the school.

Parents in partnership

A key distinctive of our school is our partnership with parents.

It is one of the great joys we have as a school when our families work together with our staff and students to 'do school life' in community, whether in day-to-day jobs or special events.

From our earliest days, parents have played a pivotal role in the vision and operation of the school. As we've grown and developed, so has the breadth and importance of our parent involvement.

From Association membership to helping our Primary students with reading, from committee membership, planning school events, and helping on excursions, there are many opportunities for our families to be a part of the DCS community.

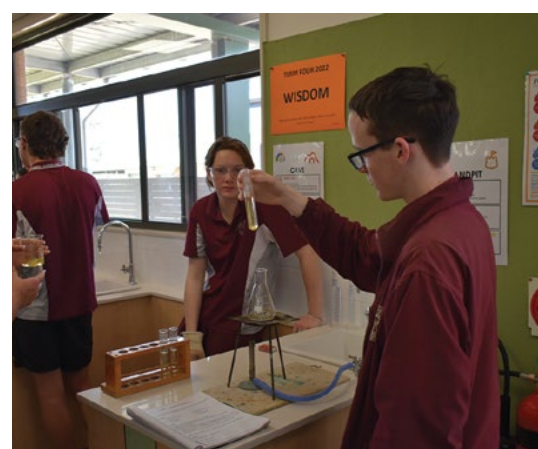


SCHOOL FACILITIES

DCS is a well-established school and we are thankful to God for His provision of the great resources that we have.

The School's facilities are tailored to support learning and community across the school and include the latest technology and design to facilitate a contemporary and engaging learning environment.

In recent years, there has been much development of school facilities with the building of new Science, Technological and Applied Studies, and Art Blocks. Along with the above, DCS also has an 800 seat Auditorium, Gymnasium, Library Resource Centre, Computer Labs, ample playgrounds and Agriculture Plot. Many community organisations hire our facilities for sport or cultural events.



"We regard educating our students as a privilege and something we strive to steward with wisdom and discernment".

DUBBO CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The mission of Dubbo Christian Preschool (DCP) is 'to provide foundational, play-based learning filled with Christ's love and teaching'.

Our Preschool is committed to nurturing young children by tapping into their curiosity and imagination as they play. These play-based learning experiences strengthen the connection between home and preschool. In this environment, children learn about who they are in Jesus, the wonderful creation He has made them to be and how they fit into community.

A central focus of our program is on preparing children for school.

Our Preschool Director would love to invite you for a tour of Dubbo Christian Preschool. Please contact us on **02 6882 0205**, or email us at **preschool@dubbocs.edu.au** for further information.



KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 6 (PRIMARY)

Learning from a very young age that kindness is key and that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13), our K–6 students are nurtured in their identity in Christ and in their schooling.

Many of our classes operate in Stages, and the curriculum is delivered by highly trained and gifted teachers who desire to help each child become who they were made to be.

This is supplemented with advanced classes for high-achieving students and learning support for students requiring tailored learning programs and assistance.

It is a blessing to work with parents in the raising of their children at this stage of their development, and one that our K–6 teachers and learning support team thoroughly enjoy.

**Our Primary school
is epitomised by
three phrases:**

- ✓ **Kind Words, Kind Actions**
- ✓ **DCS Kids Can**
- ✓ **We're all in this together**



YEARS 7–10 (SECONDARY)


Students in Years 7–10 delve into a variety of specialised subjects with a curriculum that is academically challenging, developing each student's strengths and interests to achieve their best results.

Many subjects include classes based on ability as well as extension classes, underpinned by a Biblical perspective. We ensure our practical classes are reduced in size to allow greater teacher/student interaction.

Every day, our students come together in their Pastoral Care Groups (PCG) for devotions. This time allows our students to explore the Bible and ask questions, while being a place for their PCG teacher to provide an extra level of support and care to our students.

Students are also given many opportunities to take part in various sports, creative arts (such as musicals and band), community service and other specialised co-curricular activities. Our excursions also allow for adventurous outdoor experiences and in-depth practical learning.

Along with the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Human Society and its Environment (HSIE), and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), students are exposed to a range of specialist subjects in the fields of Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), Language and Technological and Applied Studies (TAS).



“One of our great joys is having our families, students and staff ‘do life’ together as a community”.

YEARS 11–12

Our Year 11 and 12 students are encouraged to challenge themselves academically, physically and spiritually.

Our curriculum is based on the NSW Education Standards Authority syllabus documents and tied to a Christian worldview. While academic expectations are high, class sizes are small and students are given personalised attention in what is an important time in their lives. Along with this, Year 12 students also have a prayer partner who is a staff member who commits to pray and provide support throughout their HSC year.

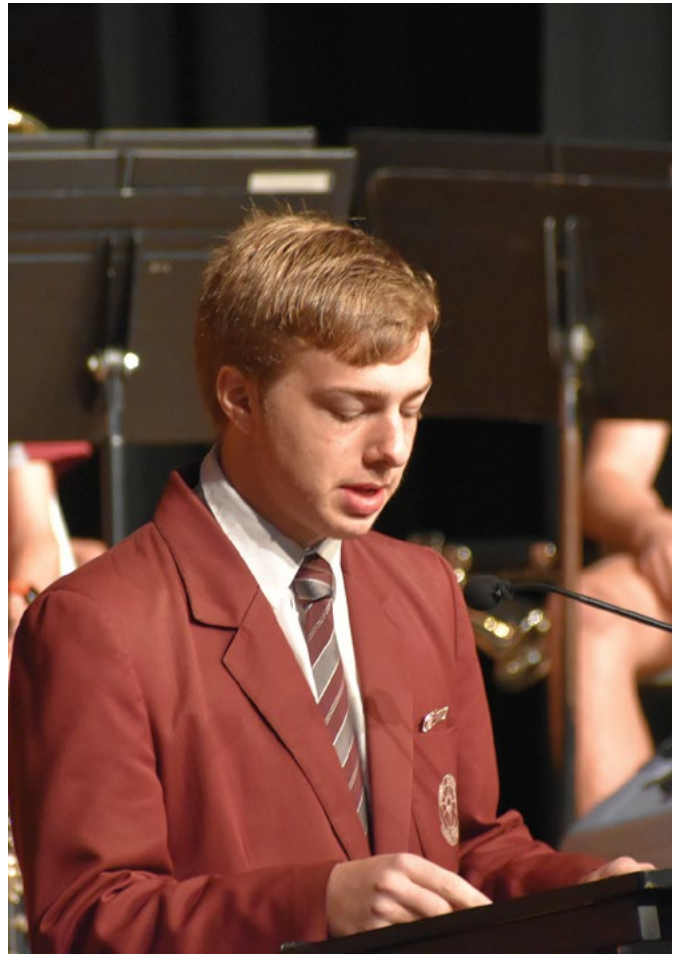
LEADING THE SCHOOL

Years 11 and 12 are key years in a young person's life when they further solidify who they are and where their interests lie. As such, our students are given opportunities to lead in their areas of interest.

In Year 11, students are given the responsibility to organise and run DCS Compassion Day, taking on various roles to raise awareness and funds for Compassion, and the children we sponsor through this international development organisation.

The students also have many opportunities to serve the DCS community at school events as well as engaging in the broader community, undertaking Work Experience and participating in outdoor education.

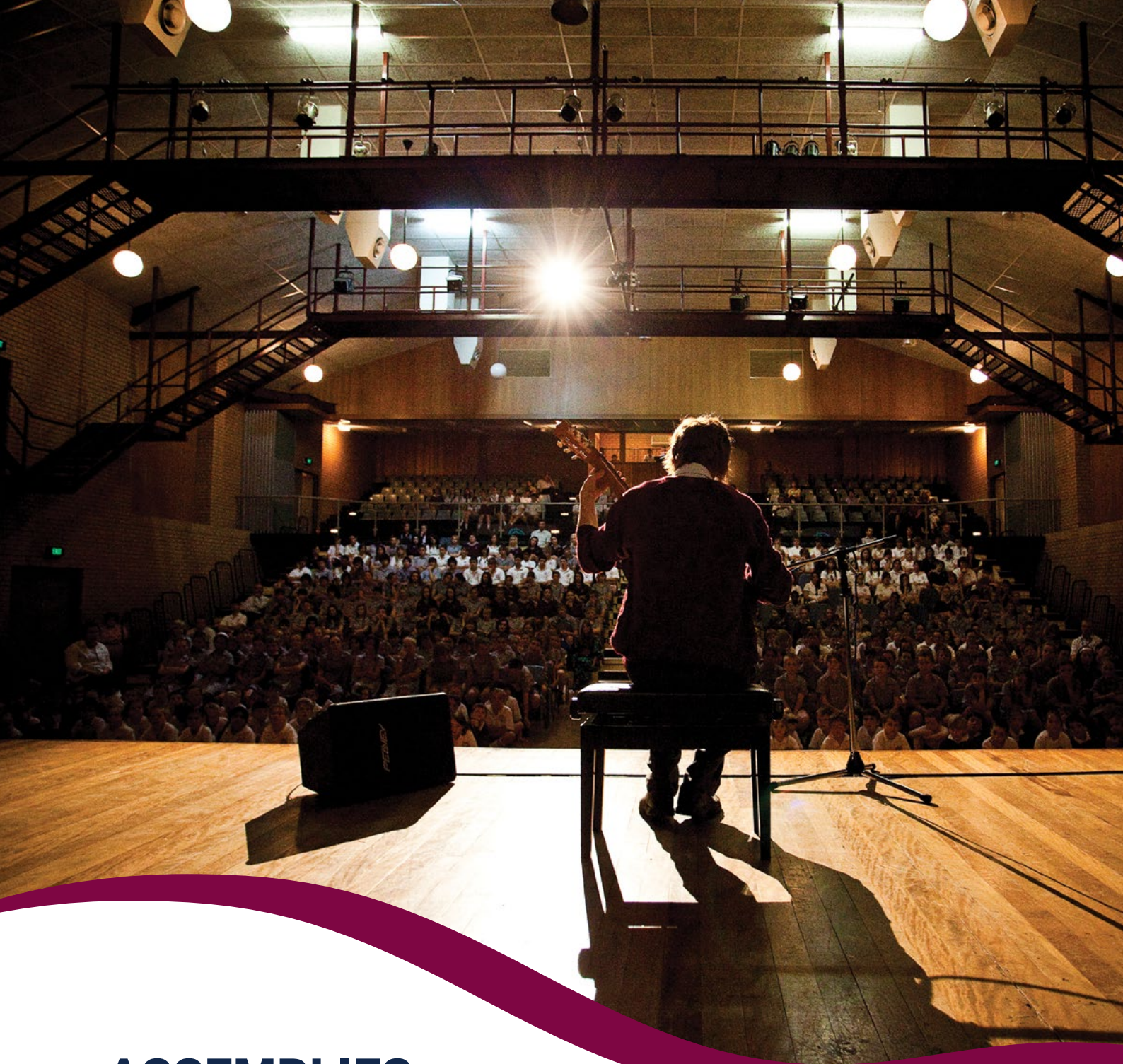
In Year 12, students are provided with the opportunity to lead the school as a Captain or Prefect. Prefects elect which areas they would like to serve the school, including Christian Leadership, Sport, Hospitality and Community Development.



Year 12 students are also tasked with leading School Assemblies.

Along with organising and leading in their chosen areas, Year 12 students are also tasked with leading School Assemblies and are given opportunities to interact with our younger students through Playground duties and Buddy programs.

In all of this, our students are mentored and cared for by their teachers and Stage Coordinator to help them succeed and thrive in all they do and to prepare them for life after school.



ASSEMBLIES

Our weekly assemblies are an important part of our school life. They allow us to come together to worship God, celebrate achievements and encourage each other as a school community.

Our whole-school assembly is held every Tuesday morning, and parents and carers are welcome to attend. This time together involves worship, led by our student and staff band, and often includes special guests and celebrations.

K–6 students meet together at the start of every school day, and every few weeks hold a Muster to celebrate student achievements.

7–12 students attend a secondary assembly every alternate Friday.



EXCURSIONS

Excursions take place across our school and are crucial for enhancing learning.

They are structured in such a way that students are challenged academically, physically and spiritually. Friendships are strengthened, obstacles are overcome and experiences are broadened as students take part.

Excursions across our school include:

- Kindergarten Zoo Excursion
- Stage 1 Dundullimal History Excursion
- Stage 2 Wambangalang/Red Hill Excursions
- Stage 3 Canberra/Lake Macquarie Excursions
- Year 7 Burrendong Excursion
- Year 9 Blue Mountains Camp
- Year 11 Snowy Mountains Hike

Along with the above, many subject-specific excursions and field trips are held for both Primary and Secondary students throughout the year.





SPORT

Sport is a vital part of school life.

Along with regular sport classes, we have extra-curricular sport options, and carnivals for Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics. The whole school participates in these events, with Primary and Secondary events held on separate days. Many of our Primary sports days are held in collaboration with Wellington Christian School. This collaboration allows for beautiful sportsmanship and encouragement across the BCE schools.

We are affiliated with the Christian Schools Sports Association (CSSA), which gives our students opportunities to compete in Regional, State and National sports competitions against other Christian and independent schools.





MAJOR PRODUCTIONS

The lights dim, the music begins, the curtain rises and a hush comes over the audience...

Dubbo Christian School has enjoyed a long and acclaimed history of musical and dramatic productions. Held in the beautiful performance space of our School Hall, which has technical elements including an orchestra pit and tiered seating for the audience, productions alternate each year between a Primary performance and a Secondary production.

All students have the opportunity to participate, whether on stage or behind the scenes. A live orchestra accompanies our Secondary productions, with a preview performance

presented to elderly residents of Dubbo and surrounds just before Opening Night. Evening shows are supported by our school families and the wider community.

These productions are an experience of a lifetime. Students who participate learn resilience, how to work in an ensemble, considering others, working to a deadline and serving our audience, not to mention a huge sense of achievement and enjoyment.

Some of the Secondary musicals presented over the years include *My Fair Lady*, *Singin' In the Rain*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *West Side Story* and *Oliver*!

UNIFORM

Dubbo Christian School students wear their uniform with pride. A summer uniform is worn in Terms 1 and 4 and a winter uniform is worn in Terms 2 and 3. A serviceable sport uniform of shorts and a DCS polo shirt is worn on sport days.

An on-site Uniform Shop stocks all student uniform needs including the DCS backpack. Black, lace-up shoes may be purchased from local shoe stores. Opening hours for our Uniform Shop can be found on our **website**.

Our Uniform Shop also operates via the Flexischools App.

FEES

Fees are based on an all-inclusive tuition cost per student which is charged each Term. Excursions, stationery and sporting activities are included, and DCS subsidises external courses for students wishing to study VET subjects as well as subjects through Distance Education. We also offer sibling discounts as part of our commitment to our families.

More information regarding fees and fee assistance can be found on our **website**.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

A Senior Academic Scholarship is available for students studying at DCS for Years 11 and 12. The scholarship will provide financial support to a selected student who demonstrates strong Christian character as well as a strong academic background. The Senior Academic Scholarship application is available on our website under **Enrolment**.





THE BIGGER PICTURE

We belong to Christian Education National (CEN), an association of Christian schools with the collective goal of providing authentic Christian education.

We partner with CEN and schools within the CEN network to share resources and support one another as we deliver Bible-based, Christ-centred education.

To find out more about Christian Education National, head to **cen.edu.au**.

We also belong to the Association of Independent Schools in NSW (AISNSW), which supports

independent schools in many areas, including ensuring rigour in the delivery of education and professional learning for staff. To find out more about the AIS, head to **aisnsw.edu.au**.

DCS is part-owner and user of the Orana Trade Centre situated opposite our school in Sheraton Road. The centre is utilised by students in Years 10–12 for a variety of vocational education and training courses.

DCS also has a strong relationship with Charles Sturt University, with many teaching students choosing to do their practicum at our school.



FIND OUT MORE



Make an Enquiry or book a School Tour by **Contacting Us**

OPEN DAY



Our annual Open Day is held in early June each year. Come along to see our school in action!

HOW TO ENROL



Complete our online Application for Enrolment on our **website**. Submit with required documentation and \$50 non-refundable application fee.



We will contact you to arrange an Enrolment Interview.



Enrolling Parents sign an Enrolment Confirmation and pay a refundable Family Bond of \$200, finalising the enrolment.



For more information

If you are interested in finding out more about Dubbo Christian School, or would like to take the opportunity for a school tour, please do not hesitate to contact us or drop in to visit.

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