

# SCHOOL Clairbourn



PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 8



Academic Excellence with Leadership, Ethics, Service, and Values



## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Founded in 1926, Clairbourn School is an independent, coeducational day school for students in preschool through eighth grade. The Clairbourn model of education includes a rigorous curriculum, inspired teaching, clear values, and a strong sense of community. Our students acquire essential 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and knowledge and develop the ethical and intellectual habits of mind that lead to success in school and in life.

At all grade levels, small classes are designed to motivate, engage, and support students to reach high levels of achievement. Learning is active and teaching is a dynamic blend of both the traditional and the innovative.

Broad co-curricular programs allow students to expand their learning well beyond the core curriculum. They can be athletes, actors, and artists; they can be leaders in their school and communities; they learn to be responsible, to be respectful, and to be caring. Clairbourn's campus includes outdoor spaces for students to study and interact with the natural environment.

Our families are an integral part of Clairbourn's vibrant, supportive community, demonstrating to their children the value of education through participation in the life of the school.



## CLAIRBOURN IS KNOWN FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS WHO:

- Have mastered a rigorous academic curriculum and go on to achieve success in respected private high schools
- Are guided by high ethical principles – both personally and academically
- Think creatively, analytically, and logically
- Communicate effectively
- Possess a well-developed aesthetic sense
- Understand the interconnectedness of learning
- Value diversity in its many forms

## CORE VALUES

Clairbourn School was founded in 1926 based on Christian Science values. Since 1967, we have been serving students of all faiths and backgrounds who are seeking an excellent private school education. Clairbourn teaches basic human values and is universal in its approach to teaching children of many cultures and religions. There is no religious instruction in the classroom. The school's core values of honesty, respect, responsibility, spirituality, and citizenship continue to inform our educational philosophy that all children have unlimited God-given potential.

## ACCREDITATION

Clairbourn School is accredited by:

**CAIS (California Association of Independent Schools)**

**WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges)**

## THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Clairbourn's Preschool Program, for three and four-year-olds, is designed to encourage children's natural love of learning in an environment where they feel comfortable, confident, and secure. It provides a foundation for learning and sets the stage for a positive approach to education which is a vital ingredient of school readiness. Children in our Preschool Program are ready to enter kindergarten with a positive self-concept, the spirit of inquiry, and critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

- Developmentally appropriate teaching practices that include the introduction of pre-academic skills and background knowledge
- Teacher-directed and child-initiated activities
- A focus on the whole child, including language, cognitive, social/emotional, physical, and spiritual development and competencies
- Classrooms filled with a wide variety of learning materials, from books and blocks to state-of-the-art technology used to enhance the learning experience
- A focus on the acquisition and application of universal values as guided by the Clairbourn Code of Ethics which includes respect, responsibility, citizenship, spirituality, and honesty
- A fun, nurturing, safe, and beautiful environment



## ELEMENTARY PROGRAM: KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 5

The Elementary Program covers kindergarten through fifth grade. The curriculum combines traditional core knowledge with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that prepare students for a world being transformed by technological advances and a global economy.

### GRADES K-5 PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

- A rigorous, sequential curriculum taught in an intellectually safe learning environment that fosters inquiry and critical thinking
- A formal code of ethics that promotes positive universal values such as honesty, respect, and responsibility and builds an inclusive and ethical school community
- Small class sizes with a highly-qualified, experienced teaching staff that values and encourages each individual child
- A strong array of co-curricular enrichment classes in art, library, computer/technology, music, world language experience (Grades 3-5), and physical education, all taught by subject specialists
- An inclusive learning community that cultivates an appreciation of individual differences and contributions
- Extensive classroom libraries. Individual student computers for classroom use in Grades 4 and 5
- A wide array of assemblies, speakers, and experiences that expose students to diverse perspectives and develop a breadth of understanding



## MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM: GRADES 6 – 8

Clairbourn's Middle School provides a challenging and balanced course of study, a high level of personal attention, regular communication with parents, and a supportive learning environment. Grade-level deans work with students to develop strategies and attributes for success in the academic and social arenas. The universal values of respect, responsibility, citizenship, spirituality, and honesty, from Clairbourn's Code of Ethics, are important aspects of each student's learning experience at Clairbourn. Our program is designed to prepare graduates for success in respected private high schools as well as to challenge students to become strong thinkers and learners and confident and caring human beings.

### PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

- A highly-qualified, experienced teaching staff
- Small class sizes
- Departmental structure with core teachers specializing in English, history, math, science, French, Latin, and Spanish
- Specialist teachers in art, music, technology, P.E. and drama
- A "bring your own laptop" program
- Opportunities to build strong communication and presentation skills
- A wide array of assemblies and outside speakers that expose students to diverse perspectives and a breadth of experiences
- Involvement in service activities that promote an understanding of community and global responsibility
- Annual outdoor education class trips with an emphasis on the environment, leadership, and team building
- Optional travel opportunities to Costa Rica and Australia



## DAYCARE AND AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

The following options are available to families who desire convenient, safe before and after-school programs for their children:

### BEFORE DAYCARE AND AFTER-SCHOOL

Clairbourn provides opportunities for before and after-school daycare for all ages, starting as early as 7 a.m. and extending as late as 6 p.m.

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES

Clairbourn also makes available a variety of after-school classes, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., which provide students with the opportunity to participate in focused and engaging activities. Classes typically include offerings in the areas of science, world languages, fitness, the arts, and academic support and advancement. Middle School students may also participate on our after-school sports teams and in drama productions.







## CLASSROOM & CAMPUS FACILITIES

Clairbourn's classrooms are flexible, engaging, and inviting spaces that include a variety of technology resources for both student and teacher use. Recreational spaces include three playgrounds, a sports court, swimming pool, and athletic field. Botany and ecology studies are enhanced by visits to "The Jungle," a natural area at the edge of campus, and by activities in our greenhouse and outdoor garden classroom.

Clairbourn's Library holds a collection of 15,000 books and includes technology resources to support online research. The Library subscribes to a variety of age-appropriate pre-screened sites that allow even our young students to access online resources safely and easily.

The Art Studio, used by kindergarten through eighth grade, allows students to engage with a variety of media. Pottery wheels and a kiln are available for instruction in ceramics. Our music program takes place in the Music Room filled with Orff percussion instruments, a baby grand piano, and orchestra and band instruments. Clairbourn's Media Lab includes 23 computers with touch-screen monitors, 3-D printers, programmable robots, and a wide array of educational and productivity tools.

There are two science labs on campus. The Middle School Science Lab, used daily in Grades 6 through 8, features a lecture area, a well-equipped hands-on lab zone, and a variety of technology resources. The Lower School Science Lab is a space designed to supplement classroom instruction by providing lab facilities for hands-on science exploration in Grades 1 through 5. Our greenhouse provides an outdoor lab setting for plant studies.

All classrooms and labs are equipped with interactive whiteboard technology.



## ENDORSEMENTS

"This is a great environment, and it is academically challenging."

**JULLIAN WILLIS '15**

"Clairbourn's welcoming and supportive environment ensures that students will succeed and be prepared for high school and throughout the rest of their lives."

**DEIJAH BRADLEY '15**

"Clairbourn is a place where our daughter has been able to grow academically and socially in a safe, nurturing environment. The morals, values, and ethics that Clairbourn stands for and instills in its students are so important. We love Clairbourn!"

**DIANA MORRISON WHITAKER, mother of LAUREN '17**

"My children have had a wonderful time at Clairbourn. My eldest is now a high school graduate with honors. I believe my kids have a strong foundation and were really prepared to take on the challenges of high school."

**GARY FOREMAN, father of GABE '17 and GABRIELLA '12**

"Clairbourn is a very special school. Academics are clearly a top priority. The faculty and staff are all loving, smart, and giving people."

**DARREN AND RACHEL SALVIN, parents of DYLAN '23**

"We couldn't be happier about our decision to join the Clairbourn family 10 years ago. From pre-k through 7<sup>th</sup> grade now, Clairbourn has provided a challenging and nurturing environment for our two very different children, giving them both an opportunity to grow into dynamic and thoughtful young people."

**DR. CHRISTINE BROWN, mother of JAMES '17 and ELISE '18**



## GET STARTED!

Request a campus tour by calling or emailing our admissions director at 626-286-3108 ext. 139 | [admissions@clairbourn.org](mailto:admissions@clairbourn.org), or visit us on the web at [www.clairbourn.org](http://www.clairbourn.org) to see our virtual tour, submit an inquiry form, or apply online.

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