



Enrolment

Information Booklet



*"Never see a need without doing something
about it"*

Mary MacKillop 1871

Welcome

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to explore the opportunities available to your child at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College.

As a Catholic school, we strive to develop Christian values within our students. Nurturing the whole person developing their spiritual, physical, social and emotional wellbeing which will guide their decision making, enhance their personal growth, and impact on the quality of their whole lives.

We bring the Josephite Charism to all members of our College community.



Principal's Message

Education is progressing at an ever-increasing rate. Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College is committed to constant review supported by data and research, to ensure best practice in contemporary learning in order to engage and connect our students in learning. It is our aim to assist them in developing the confidence and competence as well as the relevant skills and aptitudes they need to enter the world as good Christians and ethical global citizens.

Our students are engaged in a learning environment that is real and purposeful, that embraces 21st century learning pedagogies and technologies. All key learning areas use teaching, learning and assessment styles that draw on each child's strengths. Upon entering the Senior School, each student will have been provided with the opportunity and support to reflect on his or her special interests and abilities in order to identify the ideal pathway towards further study or career opportunities.

The Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College Vision Statement speaks clearly of our strong desire to build partnerships with families as together we nurture our students as they develop within a child safe environment. It is in this spirit of collaboration that I warmly invite you to consider Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College as you discern the next stage in your child's educational journey.

Mr. John M Freeman
Principal

College Vision

Our Catholic Secondary College is a welcoming, co-educational, child-safe learning community in the Josephite tradition. The Wisdom of the Lord teaches us to remember the past, honour the present and inspire the future of all those students, staff and families entrusted into our care.

College Mission

Guided by the Gospel values as exemplified by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, we express this vision by:

Strengthening FAITH & IDENTITY

Ensuring CHILD SAFETY

Striving to do our PERSONAL BEST

Building and Exercising Authentic Catholic LEADERSHIP

Exercising Responsible STEWARDSHIP

Democratic Principles

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College adheres to and promotes the principles and practices of Australian democracy:

- We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government.
- We respect and observe the rule of law, and believe that no person is above the law.
- We believe in equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes.
- We believe not only in the freedom of religion, but also the need to practice tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs.
- We believe in the value of freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom.
- We believe in the values of openness and tolerance, and value and respect all members of the school community regardless of background.

As such, Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College adheres to the reporting requirements under Commonwealth and State funding agreements and makes available on request reports on all aspects of school performance to members of the school community.

Expectations and Guidelines for behaviour

Students and families are expected to:

- Treat all people with the respect and dignity they deserve. It is the legal responsibility of the College to ensure that discrimination and harassment do not occur in the College Community. If they do occur, complaints will be taken seriously by the College.
- Behave in a responsible and cooperative manner, enabling all members of the College Community to feel safe and respected.
- Respect the right of every individual to learn by consistently behaving in a responsible manner in all classes.
- Participate in and support fully the Religious Education and liturgical programmes of the College.
- Co-operate with the Teachers instructions and all College Policies and procedures.
- Respect the College environment and the property of others.
- Complete school work and homework requirements to the best of their ability in a timely manner.
- Be fully supportive of all College activities and participate as much as possible.
- Consistently strive for excellence in all the they do.
- Be punctual to school and to all classes.
- Wear the correct College uniform with pride and dignity.
- Represent the College in a manner which brings credit to themselves, their family and the College Community.
- Abstain from all dangerous, threatening or illegal activities, including the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs and dangerous weapons.
- Adhere to the College's Mobile Device Policy, as it is amended from time to time.
- Accept the consequences of breaches of the Student Code of Conduct.

Enrolments

Our enrolment process includes multiple opportunities for your family to become familiar with the College environment and values, so that your child is ready to begin their Mary MacKillop College experience.

The enrolment process for Year 7 will begin when your child is in Grade 5.

- ♦ Grade 5 Discovery Day
- ♦ Grade 6 Activity Day
- ♦ Information Sessions
- ♦ Enrolments Close May 31st of the year preceding entry

Required documents for application

- Completed Application for Enrolment Form (online)
- Birth Certificate
- Sacrament Certificates (if applicable)
- \$150 non-refundable non-transferable enrolment deposit

Enrolments for other Year levels welcome!

Contacts

Enrolment enquiries College Registrar

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Courses

The Year 7-10 Curriculum is based on the Victorian F-10 Curriculum.

At Year 7-9 this includes:

- **Religious Education**—Students study the Religious Education curriculum of the Diocese of Sale, 'To live in Christ Jesus'.
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
- French
- Health and Physical Education

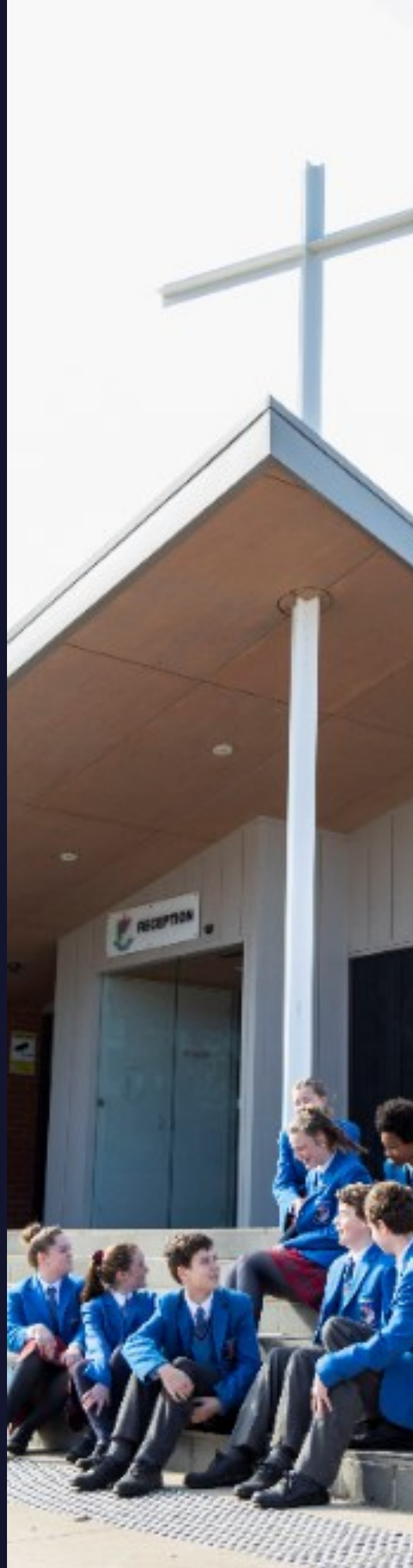
In Year 7 and 8 students are allocated classes from a range of introductory subjects from the Arts and Technology Learning Areas to allow them to experience the expectation of subjects in these learning areas.

Year 7	Year 8
Art	Visual Communication and Design
Food Technology	Textiles
Music	Drama
ICT—Information Communication Technology	Product Design Technology

Pathways

At Year 10, 11 and 12, students choose their personalised program from either

- Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)
- Victorian Certificate of Education - Vocational Major (VCE-VM)
- VETiS courses are available in both VCE and VCE -VM Pathways.



Developing the whole person

Spiritual Development

Our College supports students to find God in everyday life and activities, We believe that a student's spiritual journey and values are an important tool in negotiating the social and emotional challenges that occur during adolescents. The College's strong connection with Mary MacKillop can be seen around the College with faith and prayer markers visible for students to remind them of their encounter with Christ.

Student Leadership

Student leadership is encouraged at all year levels with class captains. At the senior school level there is a number of opportunities for students to participate in leadership with the Student Mission team - College Captains and Vice Captains, Justice team and House Captains.

Academic

In the junior years, the academic program at Mary MacKillop College builds core skills and knowledge. Through Years 7 and 8 students are given a taste of all subject areas. Students are encouraged and supported to develop more initiative and greater capacity for independent thought and work as they progress through the College. By graduation, each student will have been helped to reflect on his or her special interests and abilities and will have identified a pathway for further study or careers.

Sport

All students in Years 7 through to 10 are involved in the school's multi-activity Physical Education Program. Activities undertaken are both team-based ball sports and individual sports. Our students are involved in the following levels of sporting competitions , events and inter-house competitions:

- Swimming
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Inter-school competition
- School Sports Victoria (SSV)

Arts

In Year 7 and 8 all students participate in Performing Arts. This subject is a combination of classroom music theory and introductory drama skills. Students who wish to learn an instrument that is part of a concert band ensemble may enroll in the College Instrumental Music Program.

Extra Curricular Activities

Extra Curricular activities assist in the holistic development of every student. At each year level students are able to participate in a range of extra curricular activities. Some of these such as camps and excursions form part of the compulsory components of learning at the College, whereas you child may select from a wide range of other activities:

College Production
Junior and Senior Choirs
Instrumental Music Program
Instrumental Band
Science Club
School Sports Victoria (SSV) Sport
Debating
Tournament of the Minds
STEM
And more!

Learning Adjustment

Providing adjustment

The Learning Adjustment Program at Mary MacKillop College offers students with extra, disability-based needs, adjustment to participate in all areas of schooling in our community.

Using an inclusive model, students predominately remain with their peers in the mainstream classroom, accessing support from teachers and learning assistants to access the curriculum at their current level. Care is taken to design learning adjustments to ensure our students are able to experience success, progressing through goal-based programs targeted at the individual's needs, and fostering a culture of success.

Program Support Group (PSG) meetings are offered each term to share and review goals and achievements and to make sure needs are met as your child progresses throughout their secondary schooling.

Personal Learning Plans (PLP) are designed early on, to make sure all teaching staff have a clear understanding of your child's needs. A PLP is made in conjunction with parent feedback, allied health reports and assessments, and employ evidence-based practice to meet extra needs.

Teachers are in regular contact with the Learning Adjustment Coordinator to ensure their practise caters for the variety of needs they manage. Teachers are able to discuss extra needs as they arise and work collaboratively to build complex responses to individual needs. Students who access Learning Adjustment are further supported by wellbeing and pastoral care to ensure the whole person is supported through the challenges of the teenage years.

Through their inclusive learning, our students access meaningful, rigorous and dignified learning programs, personalised to get the most out of their time at Mary MacKillop College. Students have access to Allied Health professionals including a speech pathologist.

Providing extension

The Tree Tops Program is a special initiative offered to Years 7-9 students to facilitate accelerated academic growth. It is offered to students whose results reflect a diligent approach to learning and consistent standard. The benefits are making connections to like-minded peers and the opportunity for students to collaborate and think deeply within an academic context.

The program offers a range of enrichment activity days focussing on literacy, numeracy and problem solving which are held each term. Students are excused from classes for the day to participate in the workshops. These days are hosted by 'experts in their field', such as published authors and poets, mathematicians, historians and scientists. Activities have included escape rooms, collaborative poetry writing, maths games and robotics.

Additional programs such as Tournament of the Minds and Tree Tops assist high ability students to develop skills in a real world context and take ownership for their learning. These metacognitive skills are transferrable into classroom activities and assist students in their progression through curriculum focused learning.



Student Wellbeing Program

We have a strong focus on student and staff wellbeing, supported by a shared set of values and programs in order for everyone to feel safe, valued and well cared for throughout their school years and beyond. Feeling comfortable at school and being happy and healthy has a direct impact on each student's capacity for optimal learning – and for them to be the best they can be. Equally, enjoying school and being engaged in learning influences a student's wellbeing – in particular, their confidence and resilience.



Student Transition

We know that the commencement of secondary schooling is a major step and a time of big change in your child's life. We ensure that the transition is well supported and provides your child with opportunities to feel connected and settled into this new phase of learning. Each of the following programs assist both you and your child to build new friendships, meet teachers and experience the values of the College in action.

Year 7 Orientation Program

- **ICT Information evening**

Our ICT Information evening is where students receive their Mac Book.

- **Year 7 Activity Day**

Activity Day is a series of homeroom based activities aimed to instill a sense of belonging and provide further opportunities for students to meet new friends.

- **Year 7 Orientation Camp**

Year 7 Camp helps students to consolidate friendships and meet a broader range of students in their year level. They are encouraged to extend themselves both socially and physically while having fun across a broad range of camp activities.

- **Year 7 Families Welcome Mass and BBQ Dinner**

Year 7 students and families are invited to attend a Welcome Mass and shared BBQ dinner.

- **Peer Support Program**

The Peer Support Program is run for Year 7 students by a group of trained Year 10 students.

For families looking at transition to other year levels please speak to the Registrar.

Uniforms

All students are expected to wear the full regulation College uniform (Summer or Winter) whilst at school and travelling to and from the College. All items of the uniform including the shoes, must always be kept clean and tidy.

Sports uniforms is not worn to and from school except for year level sport day and SSV School Sports Days.

All College uniform items can be purchased through Panther's Mensland in Wonthaggi or Leongatha.

Buses

Students travelling to the College from Korumburra, Leongatha and Foster are able to travel to and from the College using Department of Education buses.

Students travelling from the Koo Wee Rup, Cowes, Wonthaggi and Inverloch are provided with transport by contract buses.

There is no additional cost for the bus, this is incorporated into the school fees.



"The Wisdom of the Lord teaches us"



Faith in their Future