



MARY MACKILLOP
COLLEGE



Her
Remarkable
story starts here



Welcome

Welcome to Mary MacKillop College, a joy-filled, faith community deeply committed to girls' education and to helping each young woman discover her own remarkable. .

We know that choosing a secondary school is a significant, big-life moment, and we do not take lightly your interest in partnering with us during your daughter's teenage years. We are deeply honoured to walk alongside families and their daughters, supporting them with care, belief and purpose as they grow into confident, capable young women.

At Mary MacKillop College, community sits at the heart of everything we do. We encourage families to continue engaging with us as part of your discernment, as it is through relationship, connection and shared values that strong partnerships are formed. When students walk through our gates each day, they are welcomed into an inclusive community where they are known by name, supported to belong, and encouraged to flourish - academically, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

We are proud to be an all girls school and passionate about the transformational power of girls' education. Research and experience affirm that girls thrive in environments designed to nurture their unique strengths, voices and learning styles. In an all girls setting, young women are more likely to step into leadership, engage confidently in STEM, take intellectual risks and express themselves freely - unrestricted by gender stereotypes or social pressures.

Our students develop not only academic strength, but also resilience, empathy and a strong sense of identity, graduating with the confidence to lead and the courage to make a difference.

Our shared vision is grounded in future focused learning and teaching. We continue to invest in best practice education through purposeful partnerships and professional learning, embedding creativity, curiosity, resilience and self determination across all learning experiences. These dispositions equip our girls with the adaptability, critical thinking and confidence they need to navigate an ever changing world.

Wellbeing is foundational to learning at Mary MacKillop College. Through strong relationships, restorative practices and a clear focus on character and integrity, we create environments where young women feel safe, supported and empowered. When wellbeing and learning are intentionally connected, girls are able to thrive - not only in the classroom, but in all aspects of life.

As you and your family consider the journey ahead, please know that we are here to listen, support and partner with you, walking alongside your daughter as she discovers who she is becoming. May Mary MacKillop's light of faith inspire and guide you as you discern the path ahead, and may it shine brightly as your daughter grows into the remarkable young woman she is called to be.

The McCormack Building

The McCormack Building is a beacon of innovation and excellence at our College. This cutting-edge learning precinct enhances the educational experience for our Remarkable Women, fostering an environment that encourages collaboration, creativity, and curiosity.

As the largest and most ambitious project undertaken by the College in the last decade, the McCormack Building seamlessly blends modern design with the rich history and traditions of our College. It empowers our students to become successful global learners, meeting the requirements of a modern education. The architecture tells the story of Mary MacKillop College by welcoming students into a calm and inspiring learning environment that encourages them to be remarkable.

Key Facilities:

- Advanced Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Laboratories
- State-of-the-Art Library
- Flexible Learning Spaces
- Large Undercroft
- Lift & Accessibility Features
- Modern Amenities



Modern Facilities

Nestled in the heart of Nundah, our College is a vibrant hub of innovation and excellence, providing a rich educational environment that supports the diverse needs of our Remarkable Women.

Facilities:

- Cutting-Edge Classrooms
- Outdoor Learning Areas
- Creative Arts Studios
- Refurbished Performing Arts, Drama & Music Spaces
- Visual Art Precinct
- Podcasting Facilities
- Film, TV & New Media Facilities
- Onsite IT Department
- Multipurpose Sports Centre
- Covered Amphitheatre
- 12 Refurbished Air-Conditioned General Learning Classrooms
- Design & Technologies Classrooms
- 2 State-of-the-Art Hospitality Facilities
- Improved Campus Access

College Mission

We forge a culture of creativity, excellence, justice and compassion as we nurture, challenge, educate and empower one another.





Our Teachers

At the heart of our College's successes are our dedicated teachers, authentic girl whisperers: the secret to your daughter's flourishing. These educators have chosen to specialise in developing young women in an all-girls learning environment, ensuring that all students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

As an intimate learning environment, we cultivate an atmosphere built on positive, authentic relationships where your daughter is more than just a number; she is seen as our future.

Our Academic Staff includes:

- 100% Teachers teaching within their Areas of Expertise
- 2 Highly Accomplished Lead Teachers
- 1 Highly Accomplished Teacher
- 2 Teachers preparing for their Highly Accomplished Qualifications
- Leadership Formation Opportunities
- Continual Professional Development

By choosing to educate your daughter at Mary MacKillop College, you are ensuring she is supported by a team of passionate and highly qualified educators who are dedicated to her success. Our teachers are not just instructors; they are mentors and role models who inspire our students to achieve their potential.

We pride ourselves on *knowing each girl by name*: a vision from the Josephite Sisters when they first opened the College over 60 years ago. This personalised approach is at the core of our educational philosophy, ensuring that every girl feels valued and supported throughout her journey at our College.

Religious Life

Our motto *My faith is my light*, provides a valuable anchor for our students to guide all faith traditions and practices. Students are part of a joy-filled community that promotes and encourages individuality, innovation and creativity, all inspired by Jesus, the Gospel and Josephite traditions.

Religious Education

We are called to commit to inclusivity and dialogue, and to actively develop knowledge and understanding of religious traditions. All students are given access to the Religious Education curriculums from Brisbane Catholic Education and the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. These learning areas help develop their knowledge and understanding of faiths, traditions, the history and ethics of Christianity, other world religions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Spiritualities. Students are challenged to develop their critical thinking skills, which complement the skills developed in other key learning areas.

Prayer & Liturgy

Prayer and Liturgy are visible and tangible expressions of our life-giving faith. Students engage in daily prayer practices in house group, and during MacKillop Minutes. These daily activities allow students to nourish their spirituality and faith. Communal prayer develops a sense of belonging and promotes social and emotional wellbeing.

Students and parents regularly engage in Liturgy, which is a more formal and communal expression of faith. College, House and Year-Level Assemblies are often accompanied by student-led liturgies where students read from the scriptures and the sacred writings of spiritual leaders such as the Pope and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. At significant times of the year, the College celebrates Mass to signify the important times in our College life.

Spiritual Formation

Throughout the year, students are involved in retreats and spiritual formation opportunities. These experiences draw students together to reflect on the challenges and opportunities which life presents. Retreats are an important way for our MacKillop Women to become, flourish and lead the way as young people who will make a positive difference in their community, at school and beyond the College gates.



MacKillop Learning

MacKillop Women engage in evidence-based learning experiences that promote life-long learning habits.

Our programs offer age and stage-appropriate learning that fosters the development of skills necessary to thrive in our ever-changing world. We pride ourselves on authentic learning that embodies the spirit of Mary MacKillop, resulting in Remarkable Women who are critical thinkers, problem solvers and advocates for social justice.

We encourage motivation, self-belief and resilience, which develops students' confidence in their abilities, critical thinking skills, and creativity.

The College has a Gifted and Talented Program that engages students in a wide variety of activities and competitions to continue to foster their curiosity and grow their love of learning.

Laptop Program

We have an inclusive one-to-one laptop program where all students receive a device. We provide onsite technical support for students to ensure they are always ready for learning.

Academic Staff

We are partners in your daughter's education and our academic staff are experts in their fields. We know our students by name and plan lessons to accommodate their personal learning needs to ensure academic growth is maximised.

As accomplished teachers, we support our students by actively engaging in work with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority.

We will help your daughter to become a Truly Remarkable Woman.

Learning Dispositions

MacKillop Learners are curious, creative, self-directed, and resilient as they seek, strive and soar in academic, cultural, sporting, spiritual and justice pursuits.





Year 7 & 8

Become A MacKillop Woman

As students begin their journey at our College, they become MacKillop Women by engaging in an extensive two-year transition program, focused on student wellbeing to ensure they are actively engaged in their learning. Students experience all aspects of the Australian Curriculum and are able to find their talents and abilities. To support student transition from primary to secondary school, our Year 7 students take part in our Integration Program. This includes a core teacher and integrated study of English, History, Geography and Religion. This helps to reduce the cognitive overload for students as they move into this new phase of their high school journey.

Core

- English
- Health & Physical Education
- Humanities – Geography – History
- Japanese
- Mathematics
- Religious Education
- Science

Electives

- Design Technologies
- Design Technologies – Food Specialisation
- Design Technologies – Materials Specialisation
- Digital Technologies
- Drama
- Economics & Business
- Media Arts
- Music
- Visual Art



Year 9 & 10

Flourish as a MacKillop Woman

Students begin to refine their educational journey by choosing elective subjects that enhance their love of learning, allowing them to flourish as MacKillop Women. Students are challenged to develop the dispositions of curiosity and self-directed learning.

Core

English
Health & Physical Education
Humanities
– Geography
– History
Mathematics
Religious Education
Science

Electives

Design Technologies
Design Technologies – Food Specialisation
Design Technologies – Materials Specialisation
Digital Technologies
Drama
Economics & Business
Media Arts
Music
Visual Art

Year 11 & 12

Lead the Way as a MacKillop Woman

Our students lead the way as they move to the Senior phase of learning. We know that success looks different to everyone, so we are passionate about helping our students realise their full potential, regardless of what path they may choose in life. Our Senior program allows students to engage with flexible learning options and pathways that may involve General and Applied subjects, university subjects, diplomas, certificates, trades, online learning, and short courses. We will ensure your daughter is well prepared for her future and ready to leave her mark on the world.

Subjects

Biology
Business
Chemistry
Design
Digital Solutions
Drama
Engineering
Essential English
Essential Mathematics
Film, Television & New Media
General English
General Mathematics
Geography
Hospitality
Japanese
Literature
Mathematical Methods
Modern History
Music
Physical Education
Physics
Religion & Ethics
Specialist Mathematics
Study of Religion
Visual Art
Visual Art in Practice

Certificate/Diplomas

Certificate II in Active Volunteering
Certificate II / III in Health Services Assistance
Certificate III in Business
Certificate IV in Justice Studies
Diploma of Business



Student Wellbeing

Pastoral Care is the cornerstone of a Josephite Education and is embedded in all aspects of our College. Our Pastoral Care Program creates **Truly Remarkable Women: students who are confident and capable to move through life.**

The MacKillop Way – *Wellbeing for Learning*

Our Wellbeing Program and Personal Development (PD) lessons provide a suite of structured learning sequences, tools, and strategies to help our young women envision what is possible – stretching their souls, learning to see clearly and deeply, listening, taking risks and facing challenges at every step along the way.

College Values

Spirit, Courage, Integrity, Service, Unity and Wisdom guide our thoughts, words and actions to live principled lives together.

Vertical House System & Big Sister Program

We have three houses: Fitzroy, McCormack and Penola, with eight House Groups of approximately 27 students from Years 7 – 12. This vertical structure fosters interactions across year levels and promotes leadership skills, allowing older students to mentor and care for younger students. Each Year 7 student is allocated Big Sisters as she commences her journey at the College. Our Big Sister Program further supports our Year 7 students, providing them with an avenue to ask questions, learn, and come to understand what it means to be a MacKillop Woman.

Students remain in the same House Group with the same teacher for the duration of their time at the College. The House Group meets each day providing opportunities to grow in confidence and experience a sense of belonging and community.

Camps & Retreats

At Mary MacKillop College, retreats, reflection days and camps are an integral part of the curriculum. These experiences promote wellbeing, self-esteem, connections, and spirituality. They provide an opportunity for moving away from our everyday lives to reflect on our relationships with ourselves, our families, our friends, the world, and our God.



Social Justice

MacKillop Women are people of purpose, and we express this intent in our Social Justice Program. We are inspired by Jesus, the teachings of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph to offer opportunities for our community to reach out to the marginalised.

We partner with local and national charities, and social justice organisations to provide multiple opportunities for our MacKillop Women to engage in outreach and advocate for action. These opportunities are facilitated by staff and led by our Remarkable Women.

Community Partnerships

- Brisbane City Council – LMYELN & LMYAC Programs
- Cancer Council Queensland – Rock the Chop
- Caritas Australia – Project Compassion Campaign
- Challenge DV – Darkness to Daylight
- Mater Foundation – International Women’s Day Fun Run
- Multicultural Australia – Work & Welcome Program
- Nundah Northgate RSL – ANZAC Day
- Orange Sky Laundry – Sudsy Challenge
- Share the Dignity – Product Drive
- Sisters of St Joseph – Community Engagement
- St Vincent de Paul – Christmas Hamper Appeal & Ozanam Leadership Program
- Xavier Catholic College – Tiwi Immersion Experience

Community Outreach

- Nundah Community Living Association – Shared Meal & Nundah All Stars Musical
- Rosies – Outreach Program

Social Justice Groups

- Junior Joey’s for Justice – Years 7 & 8
- Planet Protectors – Years 9 & 10
- MacKillop Action Group – Years 9-12
- Brekky Crew – Years 9 & 10
- The Shed Café – Years 11 & 12
- Senior Service – Years 11 & 12
- eCCCos Social Justice Singing Group – Years 7-12

Advocacy

- Harmony Week
- JJAMM Conference
- JJAMM Week
- NAIDOC Week
- Reconciliation Week



Community

“Whatever the question, community is the answer.”

Margaret Wheatley

At Mary MacKillop College, community is not simply something we belong to; it is something we consciously build every day by nurturing purposeful and strong relationships between students, teachers and families. We know that young women flourish when they are known, when they feel safe to be themselves, and when they are surrounded by adults and peers who walk alongside them, cheering them on.

PACE: Our Biggest Cheerleaders

One of the great strengths of our College is the partnership we share with our parents and carers. Our PACE (Parents and Community Engagement) committee embodies this beautifully. This strengthened approach fosters deeper connections between families and the College, encouraging meaningful involvement in your daughter’s educational journey. Together, we look forward to welcoming you into this partnership, ensuring parent voices are heard, valued and influential in shaping our Josephite experience now and into the future.

Alumnae: Honouring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

Mary MacKillop College stands proudly in a long and rich tradition of girls’ education, grounded in the visionary leadership of St Vincent de Paul and the Josephite Sisters, who believed deeply in opening pathways of choice for young women. Our Alumnae are a living expression of this heritage, and we place great value on staying connected with the many women who have walked these halls before. We warmly welcome our Alumnae back to the College, celebrating their stories and inviting them to share their experiences with current students - because we know that girls can’t be what girls can’t see.

College Vision

We are an interconnected, joy-filled contemporary Catholic learning community, inspired by Josephite traditions to be people of purpose and achieve our potential.



Sport

Move. Mentor. Challenge.

Move Everyday.

Mentor Share our knowledge, sportswomanship and love of sport with our peers.

Challenge Challenge yourself and don't be afraid. Sport is for everybody. Give it a go.

We provide an extensive sports program at no additional cost. Sports are run by experienced, professional organisations that facilitate skill development and offer pathways beyond school.

Sport is open to every student, regardless of their ability and experience. We support beginners and challenge experienced players and athletes.

Teams participate in the Brisbane Catholic Secondary Schoolgirls' Sports Association (CaSSSA) competitions across multiple sports.

Sport	Coached by
AFL	MMC
Athletics	MMC
Basketball	Northside Wizards
Cross Country	Christy McFadden
Netball	Rob Hopper
Soccer	Virginia United
Swimming	Nudgee College Swimming
Touch Football	Corey Smith
Volleyball	MMC

We invite students to explore their sporting passions, try something new and seek out challenges in order for them to grow.





Music

Mary MacKillop College has a vibrant Music Program, offering students the chance to improve as musicians and to develop a love for making music.

Co-curricular Ensembles

We offer an extensive range of co-curricular ensembles which all MacKillop Women are welcome to join:

- Chamber Strings
- Chamber Winds
- Concert Band
- Guitar Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- Rock Band
- String Ensemble
- Vocal Attack

Private Music Lessons

The Music Department partners with a dynamic team of instrumental tutors for private tuition:

- Voice
- Piano
- Guitar, Bass Guitar
- Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe
- Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
- Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
- Percussion

Performances

Our Music Program provides a multitude of performance opportunities for MacKillop Women throughout the year:

- Annual Music Camp
- Celebration of Excellence
- Music Showcase
- Music Soirees
- Nundah Festival
- Open Night
- Opening Mass & Investiture Ceremony
- Queensland Colleges' Music Festival (QCMF)



Clubs & Committees

We encourage our students to discover their strengths and passions to realise their full potential.

Anime Club

A culturally immersive student-led club for those who enjoy learning about Japanese life and popular media.

Academic Committee

A group of motivated students dedicated to enhancing and promoting a love of learning. The committee collaborate on initiatives that promote academic support and engagement.

Arts Committee

A committee dedicated to promoting The Arts and organising various Arts activities throughout the year to enrich students' cultural and creative experiences.

Crochet Club

A space for like-minded crafters to unite on projects, be creative and learn new skills.

Debating

Guided by experienced peer mentors and coaches, students develop confidence and public speaking skills. Teams participate in Queensland Debating Union and Brisbane Girls' Debating Association competitions.

Drama Club

Exploring the world of improvisation to foster collaboration, spontaneity and storytelling through games and performances. Teams participate in the QLD Youth TheatreSports competition

Homework Help & Maths Tutoring

Before and after school sessions led by classroom-based school officers to help with homework, assessments, study skills and time management skills.

Science Ambassadors

Partnering with the University of Queensland, students take on the role of promoting science within the College community.

Sports Committee

A group of enthusiastic student leaders who support the organisation and promotion of College sporting events.

Tech Crew

Supporting our Music Department, students learn stage, audio and lighting skills used in creating vivid live performances.

TheatreSports

Exploring the world of improvisation to foster collaboration, spontaneity and storytelling through games and performances. Teams participate in the QLD Youth TheatreSports competition.

Tidda Girls

A First Nations group where students meet, yarn, and participate in traditional practices. Individual check-ins with the Indigenous Liaison Officer centre on wellbeing, mental health, schoolwork, engagement, and attendance.



Our History

60 years of tradition empowering girls to reach their potential

From humble beginnings, in a house called Maryvale on the corner of Bage Street, the Sisters of St Joseph opened an all-girls Catholic College 60 years ago with the bold hope of educating women for the future. Sr Vincent, deeply believing in girls achieving their potential, worked with the community to open Mount St Joseph's School in 1964.

As the College's first principal, Sr Vincent was renowned for her inspiration and determination to have the girls pass their Scholarship exams. She was adamant that girls should be allowed to continue their studies to become their best and pursue any career they felt called to. Her vision was for an education that enabled girls to achieve their potential, be guided by their faith, and aspire to shine their light as brightly as possible.

According to Sr Vincent's early writings, the College was founded "to provide the very best in professional excellence and a high standard of moral behavior, with a varied and interesting curriculum geared towards the future rather than the past". This vision continues to guide us today. It remains as relevant now as it was in 1964.

Our College motto, *My faith is my light* has accompanied every girl who has passed through our front gates over the past 60 years. This motto is cherished by all as we journey through the College and contribute to its story.

Together, we now write the next chapter, adding to the story and spirit of the Josephites' vision. We are committed to providing a contemporary education and continuing Sr Vincent's legacy of educating girls in the Josephite tradition.











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