

TRULY  
*Remarkable*  
WOMEN



MARY MACKILLOP  
COLLEGE





# Welcome

**Mary MacKillop College is an all-girls Catholic school for students in Years 7 to 12. We are an inclusive, welcoming and supportive College, guided by Jesus, the Gospel and the teachings of Mary MacKillop.**

Learning is a key value at our College, and our MacKillop Women have access to dedicated programs that focus on innovation and creativity. The values of Mary MacKillop are captured by our College motto, “My faith is my light”, with students engaging in faith-based learning and co-curricular activities that shape their educational journey.

We provide a safe learning environment built on strong values and clear expectations. Our teachers pride themselves on unlocking every student’s potential, allowing them to become Truly Remarkable Women.

## Steeped in Tradition

Mary MacKillop College was officially opened by the Josephite Sisters in 1964, originally known as Mt St Joseph’s Students Secondary College, later called Corpus Christi College.

The Sisters of St Joseph are a Religious Order founded in 1866 by our first Australian Saint, Mary MacKillop. In keeping with the spirit of the foundress, Josephite schools continue to have a strong emphasis on faith, community, and pastoral care, as well as modern education.

In 2009, the College was renamed in honor of Mary MacKillop. Today the College has approximately 650 young women enrolled in secondary schooling, drawn from a wide range of Brisbane suburbs.

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## Motto

My faith is my light.

## Vision

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

## Mission

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

## Values

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

## 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.

# 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 by Pope Francis to commit to inclusivity and dialogue and to actively develop knowledge and understanding of religious traditions. All students are given access to Religious Education curriculums from Brisbane Catholic Education and the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. These subjects help develop their knowledge and understanding of faiths, traditions, 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 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 on our College calendar.

## 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. 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, developing students' confidence in their abilities and applying critical thinking skills to step into their work confidently.

## 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 all 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.

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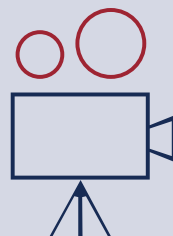
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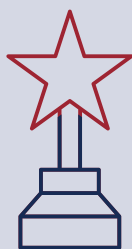
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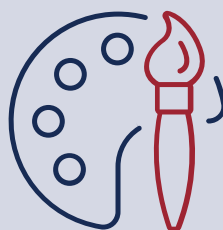
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2 students  
received  
**100%**  
in Visual Art







## Year 7 & 8

### Become

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.

#### Core

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

#### Electives

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





## Year 9 & 10

### Flourish

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

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

#### Electives

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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

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

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

#### Certificate/Diplomas

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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.

*Our Big Sister Program further supports our Year 7 students.*

## Vertical House System & Big Sister Program

We have three houses - Fitzroy, McCormack and Penola - with eight house groups of approximately 27 students. Each house group includes 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 a 'big sister' 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.











# Co-curricular

At Mary MacKillop College students have access to co-curricular activities that will allow them to flourish.

## 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
- 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
- Creative Endeavours Showcase
- Celebration of Excellence
- Nundah Festival
- Open Day, Music Showcase & Soirees
- Opening Mass & Investiture Ceremony
- Queensland Colleges' Music Festival (QCMF)



# 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 compete in the Brisbane CaSSSA competitions in multiple sports.

Sport	Coached by
AFL	MMC
Athletics	MMC
Basketball	Northside Wizards
Cricket	MMC / Toombul Cricket
Cross Country	Christy McFadden
Hockey	MMC
Netball	Netball QLD / Netball Revolution
Soccer	MMC
Strength & Conditioning	Iconz Gym
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.*







# Clubs & Committees

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

## Anime Club

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

## 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.

## eCCCos

A social justice-themed singing group that performs at special College occasions and wider community events.

## Environment Committee

Students make a difference to our environmental future through education and the promotion of environmentally friendly practices.

## 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.

## Library Committee

Supporting our Library, students contribute to decision making and forward direction strategies.

## Tech Crew

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

## Theatre Sports

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

## The Shed Café

Operated by students, our café teaches hospitality and customer service skills with all proceeds donated to charity, echoing Mary MacKillop's spirit of generosity.

## 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.





# 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 and we offer opportunities to reach out to marginalised and less-fortunate communities.**

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.

## Advocacy & Awareness

- Darkness to Daylight
- Harmony Week
- JJAMM (Joseph, Julian Tennison and Mary MacKillop)
- NAIDOC Week
- Reconciliation Week & Sorry Day
- Share the Dignity
- St Vincent De Paul Winter Sleep Out
- Student Leadership Conference
- Sudsy Challenge to support Orange Sky Laundry

## Action & Outreach

- Clean Up Australia Day
- Homeless Connect
- Indigenous Literacy Foundation
- JJAMM Week to recognise the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- Josephite Prison Ministry
- Junior Joeys for Justice
- Project Compassion: Caritas Australia
- Rosies: Friends on the Street
- Shared Meal: Nundah Community Living Association
- The Good Box
- Work and Welcome
- Youngcare















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