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Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College PROSPECTUS

Religio Scientia Cultus

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"No work of charity can be more productive of good to society than the careful instruction of women ... since whatever station they are destined to fill, their example and their advice will always possess influence."

Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy in 1831



Catherine McAuley

Welcome to Monte

from the Principal, Mrs Nicole Christensen

At the heart of Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College we believe in preparing young women for a life of significance, purpose and success. Monte has been educating and caring for young women for over 140 years and continues a tradition of excellence in Catholic education in the way of our founders, the Sisters of Mercy North Sydney.

As a school community this means we embrace and celebrate the values of mercy, compassion, respect for others, justice, dignity, service and option of the poor. These values guide our teaching and learning culture and inform our student immersion programs and social justice initiatives.

We are committed to ensuring that all our students are supported, nurtured and valued as individuals.

The development of your daughter's individual potential is very important to us, and that is why we encourage self-belief, resilience, versatility and independence. Through a wide choice of academic subjects and a diverse co-curricular program your daughter will have rich opportunities to learn and thrive.

Monte is academically non-selective, however we enjoy a strong record of academic success and have been consistently one of the top 100 performing schools in NSW.

We believe in providing our students with the best possible opportunities in education. Whilst we meet all the requirements of the NSW curriculum, we are also the only Catholic school in NSW to offer the International Baccalaureate for Years 7 to 12. Our Years 11 and 12 students can choose to study either the IB Diploma or the NSW Higher School Certificate.

Our world-class facilities are set amongst beautiful landscaped and historical grounds, in the heart of the North Sydney CBD and include; state-of-the-art learning spaces and technologies, indoor Aquatics and Sports Centre and a dedicated Performing Arts facility.

We appreciate that choosing the right school for your daughter is one of the most important decisions you will make and I invite you to experience the warmth of our College and Mercy community for yourself.

Nicole Christensen

Mrs Nicole Christensen
Principal

Our philosophy

Our philosophy and goals are expressed through the school's motto *Religio Scientia Cultus*. We are shaped and directed by what we believe, what we know and what we value.

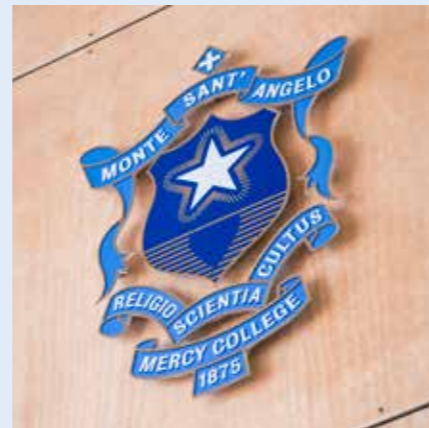
Our Star of Ocean crest symbolises the importance of a true guide in our quest for the good, the true and the beautiful. It reminds us of Jesus, the way and of Mary, Mother of Mercy, our pre-eminent guide on the journey across life's vast ocean.

Inspired by the vision of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, each young woman who experiences a Monte education is:

- Provided with a quality education rich in diversity of opportunity
- Encouraged to develop academically, to grow spiritually and to become the very best person she can be
- Encouraged to realise their potential within a strong, nurturing community based on Mercy values
- Motivated to make a positive contribution to their world

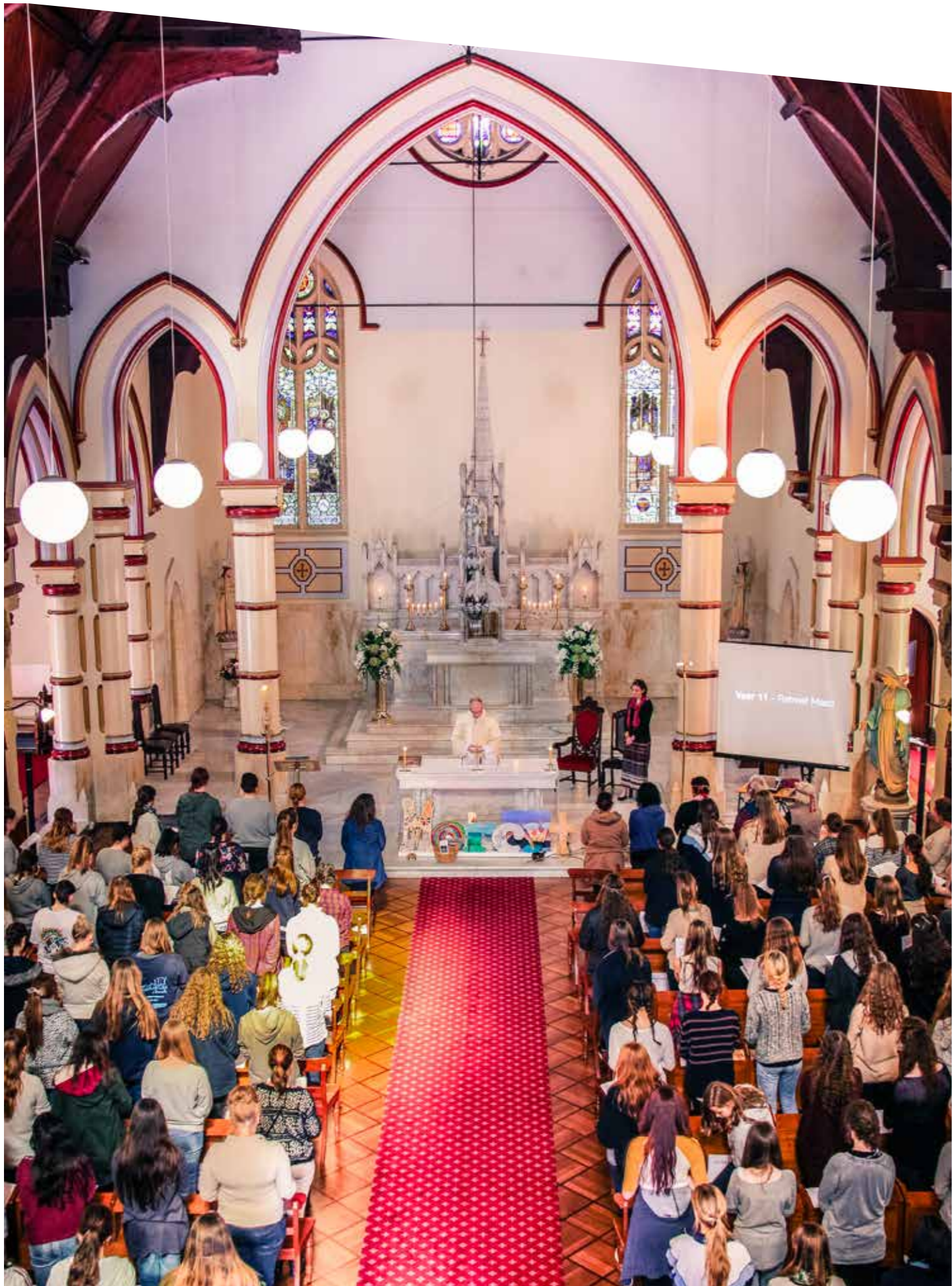
OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a leader in dynamic and innovative Catholic education. The College's Mercy mission will be enhanced by the pursuit of further educational excellence, inclusivity of our Australian social diversity and an identity of international-mindedness.



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"Our Mercy charism is at the heart of our past, present and future."



Guided by our Mercy mission

Students at Monte are formed in their Catholic faith and guided by the Mercy mission and spirit. This spirit is welcoming and hospitable, modelling fairness, justice and compassion, especially to those in need.

The Mercy tradition holds the following five core values:

MERCY

- To be compassionate and let our hearts be touched by the pain of others
- To provide hospitality and treat others with friendliness and warmth
- To celebrate our traditions and nurture our heritage

HUMAN DIGNITY

- To be respectful and treat all living beings with dignity and respect
- To value and affirm the intrinsic value and gift of each human being
- To empower each other by providing an environment which involves people in meaningful ways and encourages them to achieve their full potential

JUSTICE

- To work for the common good, locally and globally
- To be responsible stewards of the natural world and of the resources in our care
- To be advocates and identify unjust social structures and practices, including those that exclude persons, and take action for positive change

SERVICE

- To foster the intellectual, spiritual, social, psychological, cultural and physical dimensions of education
- To enhance the quality of our relationships, organisation, curriculum and services
- To work with the communities we serve to identify needs and enhance community wellbeing

OPTION FOR THE POOR

- To carry out our work, conscious of how decisions we make affect the poor
- To strive to meet the needs of the poor in creative and collaborative ways
- To use our influences and resources to assist and empower the poor

Mercy in action

Service to others is a key value of the Mercy tradition and a key component of College life. Students are encouraged to work for the common good, to be responsible stewards of our environment and to advocate for social justice.

Monte's social justice advocacy and action is informed by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and the life and work of Catherine McAuley.

At Monte, social justice action is led by the Mercy Action Group – a group of dedicated staff and students who are passionate about making a positive contribution to our society. Students are provided with opportunities to undertake Community Service and be involved in College, Church and community sponsored activities by volunteering to help others.

Focus areas are global and local and include:

- Embedding social justice within the curriculum
- St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol
- Fair Trade Campaign
- Biamunga program
- Support in Timor Leste and the "Food for Thought" program
- Supporting the work of the Mercy Foundation
- International Women's Day
- Participating in global campaigns for justice



"Our aim is to provide students with the knowledge and skills to identify the causes of social injustice and advocate for positive and effective change."





"We are committed to helping each young woman realise her individual potential."



Academic excellence and enrichment

The Monte curriculum is designed to provide the highest quality education of our times and ahead of our times. This is why we embrace both the HSC and the IB curriculums and each student has the opportunity to undertake either the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP).

Monte has consistently been one of the top 100 performing schools in NSW for more than a decade. We strive to be a place of challenge and enrichment for the mind of every student and are committed to helping each young woman realise her individual potential.

All students are encouraged to participate in a diverse range of co-curricular activities including; music, drama, debating, dance, sport, social justice and environmental action groups and more. Monte's co-curricular activities empower our young women to be proud of their participation and to support community programs beyond the gates of Monte.

CURRICULUM

In Years 7 to 10 all students undertake a course of study that meets the requirements for both the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) and the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

During the Middle School years (Years 7 to 10) we endeavour to meet students' unique social and emotional needs while enhancing their educational experience and outcomes. The College emphasises the development of advanced thinking, co-operative learning, research skills and metacognition, enabling independent study and self-awareness.

At the completion of Year 10, students elect to undertake either the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) or the IB Diploma Programme (IB DP). Both options prepare the students for opportunities at tertiary institutions locally and internationally. Each student receives extensive guidance to help them select the most appropriate program, subjects and levels, so as to tailor their programs to their own interests, abilities and future plans.

Please visit www.monte.nsw.edu.au for a detailed list of subject options.



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International Baccalaureate



In 2007 Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College became the only Catholic girls' school in NSW to offer both the International Baccalaureate Middle Years (IB MYP) and Diploma Programmes (IB DP).

The International Baccalaureate places Monte at the forefront of educational innovation. Through the commitment to internationalism, the fundamental Mercy philosophy embodied in the aims of the College is enhanced and extended.

THE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

The IB MYP for Years 7 to 10 is designed to help students participate actively and responsibly in a changing and increasingly inter-related world. The three fundamental concepts are:

- Intercultural Awareness
- Holistic Learning
- Communications

The College fulfils the requirements of both the MYP and the Board of Studies, Teaching & Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) curriculum.

THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Monte offers the IB DP as an option for students entering Year 11. The IB DP offers an educational challenge that provides scope for both academic achievement and worthwhile practical activities in outdoor pursuits and social service. It is a cross-cultural programme that allows students to gain an increasing knowledge of, and respect for, the cultures of the world.

The Diploma gives access to a wide selection of international programmes and enables the College to participate in and contribute to, educational change worldwide.



"The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."





"The College is at the forefront of learning, providing a rich and innovative learning environment."



Innovation, facilities and discovery

Our aim is to provide first class resources, facilities and learning spaces that will support the improvement of contemporary learning and facilitate transformational thinking, discovery and innovation.

At Monte, we value technology for its capacity to enhance learning. The College is at the forefront of providing a rich and innovative learning environment. Technology, enhanced by wireless delivery, is integrated into all areas of the curriculum.

Technology at Monte aims to provide each girl with an equitable and personalised technology experience, encouraging responsible use and independence.

The use of technology is guided by a vibrant and energetic group of professionals who oversee ICT Curriculum, ICT Infrastructure and ICT Helpdesk (iAssist).

Monte's state-of-the-art facilities include: The O'Regan Arts and Cultural Common, a performing arts/exhibition space and centre for innovation and learning; the all-purpose McQuoin Centre with its hall, indoor aquatics centre, gymnasium and multi-purpose sporting floor; the award-winning Year 7 learning precinct - Catherine McAuley Place; as well as the Library and Learning Centre.

While Monte is centrally located in the heart of the North Sydney CBD, the College grounds are a green oasis with manicured lawns and colourful gardens, courtyards and leafy glens.

Other College facilities include:

- 7 Science laboratories
- Visual Arts and Design and Technology complex with multiple specialist facilities
- Library
- Historic Landmark 100 year old Chapel
- Historic Hall built in early 1900's, fully restored
- Multi Purpose Hall
- Indoor heated 25 metre swimming pool and gym
- Hospitality Kitchen
- Drama Teaching and Lecture Theatre
- 2 multi-use ball courts



Transformational women's leadership

Over the last 140 years seven generations of Monte women have made their way to become transformational leaders and women of influence around the world - by drawing on the skills and attitudes they developed from their shared experience as Mercy women.

At Monte, we foster the uniqueness and leadership potential of every young woman to enable them to serve their communities and take their place in the world.

Students develop and practise leadership skills within and beyond the classroom. Exposure to local and global issues allows our young women to learn, challenge and speak out.

A representative from each Tutor Group is elected to the Student Representative Council (SRC) which meets regularly to discuss issues of interest and concern to the whole student body. The SRC is responsible for many initiatives aimed at raising the level of social awareness among students and for planning fundraising activities in support of disadvantaged groups in the wider community.

Leadership opportunities for students include:

- Student Representative Council
- Middle and Senior School Leadership
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Public Speaking
- Drama
- Debating
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations Assembly
- Co-curricular activities

"When we empower women, we empower humanity."

UN Women's Beijing +20 campaign

Co-curricular activities

All students are encouraged to take part in a diverse range of co-curricular activities and other opportunities, enhancing their leadership, resilience, wellbeing and teamwork skills for the future.

The College encourages a high level of participation as part of our "Sport for All" program.

Although sport is not compulsory at Monte, we have elite sport pathways and opportunities for participation that focus on being part of a team and expanding friendship groups.

Monte girls enjoy and experience considerable success in the Catholic Girls' Secondary Schools Sports Association and the Independent Girls' Schools Sports Association competitions and carnivals.

Monte's co-curricular music ensembles cater for a wide range of student abilities, experience and interest. All members of our ensembles attend the annual Music Camp and take part in band, choir or string ensemble rehearsals and workshops. All students of Music Enrichment and Elective Music classes join ensembles, along with many of our young women who take individual voice, instrumental and musicianship lessons through our Music Academy.

Our community also enjoys Drama evenings, House Plays, Debating and many clubs where students have opportunities to discover and develop their individual skills, talents and interests.

Please call us or visit our website to learn more about the wide variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities offered at Monte for both competition and enjoyment.



"Diverse opportunities encourage young women to discover and develop their individual talents, skills and interests."





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Student wellbeing and empowerment

Monte prides itself on the role the staff and community play in the shaping of our young women. Our aim is to ensure every student is cared for with dignity and compassion to ensure they grow into self-confident young women capable of acting with honesty and integrity and above all, mercy.

The Pastoral Care Program is run within Year levels. Tutor Groups meet each morning, enabling the interaction and participation of students and teachers in a small, personal environment. Each Year Group meets as a whole form on a regular basis to experience the integrated program of social and emotional care. Pastoral Care camps are held throughout the year and complement the program of development and personal growth.

Initiatives focus on:

- Building resilience
- Expecting and role-modelling positive behaviours
- A safe school environment where students are able to reflect, give feedback and contribute to the betterment of the community
- Restorative practices for discipline issues
- Social and emotional learning.

Access to specialist care services is available as required for students with health, welfare, study and special needs. Resources include:

- College Counsellor who provides specialist assistance
- Health Centre with an experienced Nurse
- Higher Education and Careers Office

Our community

Monte's welcome is warm and generous and, through our tradition of hospitality and celebration, support and assistance, the spirit of community thrives.

Community connectedness ensures students are supported in an educational partnership with their families, former students, staff, the College Board, the Sisters of Mercy and friends of the College.

The Monte Parents' and Friends' Association (P&F), representing current and past parents and friends of Monte, is a vibrant part of our College community. The Monte P&F supports the College through hospitality and service to others. Led by an Executive Committee and supported by an extensive network of parent volunteers, the P&F works in partnership with the Principal and College to create an inclusive, engaged parent community.

Our thriving Monte Alumni Association, founded in 1923, enjoys a close relationship with the College and promotes social and business networking among more than 7,000 former students throughout Australia and the world.

Special community liturgies and events include: Year 7 Welcome Mass and Dinner, Grandparents' Day, Mother's Day Liturgy, Father's Day Liturgy, Father/Daughter Pizza Nights and socials, the Year 12 Mother/Daughter High Tea, Monte Bursary Rugby Lunch and the Monte Blue and Blue Bursary Lunch.



"Community connectedness ensures students are supported in an educational partnership with their families."





"Learn more about what Monte has to offer you and your family."



Apply for enrolment

Thank you for considering Monte for your daughter's secondary school education. An application may be lodged with the College Registrar at any time after your daughter's birth.

Whilst giving priority to Catholic girls, Monte has a tradition of welcoming students of different faiths who wish to experience and contribute to the richness of our curriculum and community.

A competitive fee structure has been maintained without compromising the high standards and many opportunities that Monte offers. Scholarships and bursaries are awarded each year. Please visit our website for up to date information on our fees, scholarships and bursaries.

To learn more about what Monte has to offer you and your family, please join us at our annual Open Day or one of our College Information Tours.

To discover more about our Mercy heritage, program of academic excellence and innovation and to keep up to date with all the latest video news and features of Monte, please visit our website, or follow us on social media.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Monte.

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