



# CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE

*By Effort and Faith*







# Welcome

## TO CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE

Welcome to Clairvaux MacKillop College where the College's mission is to work actively as a Catholic, Christian, inclusive learning community. Inspired by our Catholic tradition, we strive for excellence imbued by the charisms of our Founders: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Blessed Edmund Rice. As a community, we embrace the future with confidence in that our students will grow to make a positive contribution to society.

Our dedicated, committed and compassionate staff members embrace flexibility in their curriculum design, have currency of teaching and learning practices and value engaging students in their interests and learning. We offer a broad range of subject and vocational options, exciting extra-curricular activities, sporting competitions and spiritual experiences.

Through the action of *Commitment, Compassion, Celebration*, we live the spirit of the college motto *By Effort and Faith*. All members of our vibrant learning community are valued, respected and encouraged to embrace the notion of self-responsibility as learners who understand the value of being a life-long learner.

Clairvaux MacKillop College is a college of choice for our families. Interested families are encouraged to attend the College's "Windows Days" and learn about the culture that is Clairvaux MacKillop College. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with families to discuss the schooling opportunities that are available.

Mr Brian Eastaughffe  
Principal  
Clairvaux MacKillop College





# *Proud of our History*

**CONFIDENT IN OUR FUTURE**

Clairvaux MacKillop College is a co-educational secondary college in the Catholic tradition, developing an identity of faith, hope and love. We have built a community of students and staff working together towards common goals, striving to be welcoming, open and supportive of each other.

In 1987, Clairvaux MacKillop College commenced on its present site after the amalgamation of Clairvaux College and MacKillop Catholic College. The culture of the college has its foundations drawn from the traditions and charisms of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Over the years we have built a reputation for our students to value their learning. We also aim to nurture the wellbeing of our students so that they develop a balanced outlook on life where responsibility to self-discipline and self-motivation is embedded in their accountability to themselves and others.

Our vision is to continue that work. We encourage our students to be welcoming, open and supportive. This enables them to interact with their world with justice, respect, commitment, compassion, forgiveness and patience. These characteristics, attitudes and life skills will assist them to contribute positively and openly to their community.







'A strength of our community is the wide diversity of our families and students. This is enhanced further by the passion and resourcefulness of a dedicated staff committed to providing quality teaching and learning. Our greatest resources are our people - our students and families and our staff.'

Mr Thomas Mills, Clairvaux MacKillop College Teacher 1983-2014



‘Apart from guiding our children academically, we have found that the College is true to fostering genuine Christian values and a focus on our own family’s Catholic faith.’

Robert and Michelle Baldi, Clairvaux MacKillop College Parents





# *A strong Foundation*

**OF FAITH**

Our College is based on a strong Christian foundation, built on the charisms of Blessed Edmund Rice and Saint Mary MacKillop.

Our College follows the tradition of both of our founding religious orders. Edmund Rice and Mary MacKillop were people of faith, compassion and action – generous and visionary in education. Their values are at the heart of our College as we teach our students to reach out to and accept others for their diversity, support those in need and value their learning as a key part of their life.

The living out of Christian values in everyday life is actively encouraged. Members of our community continually strive to be at peace with themselves, with each other and with God.

Religious Education forms part of each student's course of study in all year levels. Students are encouraged to develop and explore their faith and values through retreats, liturgies, reflection days, College Founders' Day and masses.





# *A caring heart for students*

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Clairvaux MacKillop College is committed to educating the whole person – academically, spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally and morally.

Pastoral care programs provide support and care for students, establishing a partnership between your family and the College. Our students are supported as they develop and blossom into well-rounded and resilient young men and women.

As they progress through the College, our students move through dedicated Pastoral Centres. These include:

- the Formation Centre, for our Years 7 and 8 students
- the Junior Centre, for our Years 9 and 10 students
- the Senior Centre, for our Years 11 and 12 students.

Within the curriculum, the Ways and Means (WAM) program is offered to all students. The aim of the program is to enable students to become more confident in their ability to meet the demands of life, and to be more secure in their sense of identity so that they can take their place in the world feeling comfortable in who they are. This program is a key to their on-going health and well-being.

Student leadership is also a key focus at Clairvaux MacKillop College. The natural leadership skills of our students are nurtured and we offer constant opportunities for student leadership, through the mentoring of younger students and support of each other.







'During their time at Clairvaux MacKillop College our 4 children each experienced first-hand the warm, welcoming, family feel of the College. Their varying academic skills, interests and needs were nurtured in an environment that has fostered lasting values and friendships and our whole family feels part of the Clairvaux MacKillop College community.'

Peter and Loretta Domjahn, Former Clairvaux MacKillop College Parents





‘Clairvaux MacKillop College has a welcoming and nurturing school community which encourages students to perform to the best of their ability in all aspects of college life. CMC has provided me with a wide variety of academic and extra-curricular opportunities which has developed my leadership ability. Members of staff are supportive, committed to student’s academic learning and teaching and celebrate the successes of all students.’ Aleisha Parkes, current Clairvaux MacKillop College Student



# Academic Excellence

## LEARNING AND TEACHING FOR ALL

In a broad sense curriculum is understood as all activities and experiences in a school community which promote a student's learning and development as a whole person.

Our curriculum is meaningful and diverse.

The range of our curriculum provides students with the opportunity to experience success in their learning while giving them the freedom to consider and explore directions for their future – whether that is further study, employment, industry placements or traineeships.

The curriculum is a conduit for fostering lifelong learning in our students. Our approach to classroom learning and moving student learning forward receives its directions from the Excellent Learning and Teaching Strategy of Brisbane Catholic Education.

Academic excellence is about each student maximising their capability to learn and being focused on their learning goals. Students have the support and guidance of their committed teachers in their learning.

Our curriculum is challenging. Academically and vocationally, our students are given opportunities to think, analyse, question and discover for themselves. We have a love of lifelong learning at the College and we pass this passion on to our students.







# Beyond the Classroom

## OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

At Clairvaux MacKillop College, we are committed to developing the whole person. Our wide ranging co-curricular program encompasses sport, the performing arts and community involvement. This complements the academic life of our students. Participation in College activities promotes positive values that relate to our vision and mission and helps to develop strong friendships, build spirit and promotes the personal growth of our young students.

### Sport

For us, sport is a passionate affair as the College is steeped in sporting history. Many of our students gain state and national representation in a variety of sports. They strengthen their skills in district sport, regional representative sport and our intra-school House sport. It is more than just talent and skills...our students also learn spirit, commitment, decision-making and leadership.

Students can participate in a wide variety of competitive and non-competitive sports offered by the College.

### Arts and Culture

The performing arts at Clairvaux MacKillop College is an energetic, vibrant and stimulating part of the College community. Encompassing drama, music, dance, visual art, film, television and new media, the performing arts provides students the opportunity to develop their creativity and self-confidence as a part of their curriculum and beyond the classroom.

Students have the opportunity to participate in statewide music festivals, our College musical, College Arts Festival, dramatic performances and dance eisteddfods. Tuition in a range of instruments is also available.







‘The Clairvaux MacKillop College Music Program is amazing and has provided me with many ensemble performance opportunities, allowing me to explore an array of musical genres. I am really looking forward to expanding my musicality by learning a third instrument.’

Alexander Burovanov, current Clairvaux MacKillop College Student





'We had 3 children with vastly different educational levels and interests. One of our children has special needs requirements and the Edmund Rice Centre has been so supportive and highly endorsed by other education institutions. From our experience we would highly recommend Clairvaux MacKillop College to any parent trying to navigate the best start for their children in education and life.'

Phil and Juily Mortimer, Former Clairvaux MacKillop College Parents





# Our Community Focus

## WORKING TOGETHER

Clairvaux MacKillop College is an open and welcoming community. We welcome involvement by parents, grandparents, family and friends through sport, cultural activities, College Board, Parents and Friends Association and Tuckshop.

Our students are also very involved in the wider community. They have a core focus on missions, raising funds for Christian charities and building awareness for a range of worthy causes. Students have a passion to care for, support and encourage people. A spirit of service is promoted through House activities and all students are encouraged to be aware of the need for social justice.

### Edmund Rice Centre

The Edmund Rice Learning Centre is the genuine expression of our belief in inclusive education. The Centre meets the specific needs of students with high-level physical and intellectual impairment through one-to-one teaching and involvement in class. In Years 11 and 12, students are able to undertake the Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA), allowing students to be successful in demonstrating skills for living and for employment.





# Enrolments

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss your child's schooling with us, there are a number of ways you can do so:

- Book a place on a Window's Day Tour. You can see our College for yourself and have your questions personally answered by the Principal and school leaders
- Visit our website, which has more information in greater detail about the learning community that is Clairvaux MacKillop College
- Contact our College office and request an enrolment pack or visit our website for the online enrolment application process

Further information can be obtained from:

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'As a long standing member of the Clairvaux MacKillop College staff, I have been fortunate to work with many dedicated teachers to ensure students are given the best opportunities. The breadth of choice available in curriculum and co-curricular areas assists students in gaining a sense of success, both as individuals and as members of a strong and supportive community that values cohesive relationships and generosity of spirit.'

Susan Smith, Current Teacher, Clairvaux MacKillop College











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