



CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE

By Effort and Faith





Welcome

TO CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE

At Clairvaux MacKillop College our vision is to encourage our students to shoot for the stars – to aspire beyond what people think is possible. We have built an environment here at Clairvaux MacKillop College to help our students achieve that. Our students excel in their chosen subjects and receive a well-rounded education from committed teachers and support staff who seek to extend, challenge and motivate.

We also take very seriously our responsibility to inspire our students – academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and morally. Near enough is never good enough at Clairvaux MacKillop College. Our students are wonderful and we encourage them to recognise this and believe in themselves. Our students aspire to be the best they can possibly be. We recognise that your family is making an investment in your child's future. We have structured our facilities, fees and the ways that your family can be a part of our community to acknowledge that commitment.

Clairvaux MacKillop College is a school of choice for our families for those reasons. I would welcome the chance to speak with your family and to discuss the future education of your children. I highly encourage prospective families to attend the College 'Windows Days' and take a tour of our outstanding facilities, especially our new state-of-the-art Resource Centre.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr Andrea O'Brien
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. For 50 years, we have built a community of students and staff working together towards common goals, striving to be welcoming, open and supportive of each other.

We were formed by the amalgamation of two Catholic Colleges – Clairvaux College and MacKillop Catholic College and we draw deeply from the traditions and charisms of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St Joseph.

Over the years we have built a reputation for academic excellence, of students with a balanced outlook on life who have developed self-discipline, self-motivation, responsibility and accountability.

Our vision is to continue that work. We encourage our students to be welcoming, open and supportive. We encourage them to interact with their world with justice, respect, 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 education 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 every student's course of study in all year levels. Students are encouraged to develop and explore their faith and values through Retreat Days, 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, which introduces students to secondary learning and their new subject areas.
- the Junior Centre, which provides an introduction to career options and senior school for our Years 9 and 10 students.
- the Senior Centre, which helps students to make choices that best prepare them for future study or employment.

Within the curriculum, the Life Skills program flows across the College and strengthens students' development in key areas of life, mental health and identity. Students become more confident, more secure in their sense of identity, their ability to meet the demands of life and who they are and their place in the world. 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



'Many of the teachers at CMC have a great passion for the subjects they teach and have provided me with an overwhelming amount of support and encouragement. Many have also suggested extra-curricular events that I can attend to expand my interests particularly in areas related to maths and science.'

Rochelle Chrzanowski, current Clairvaux MacKillop College Student



Academic Excellence

ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

One of our strengths is in the breadth of subjects to cater for the needs and interests of our students.

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

Our Curriculum is responsive. Our teaching uses the Classroom Instruction That Works framework and the Thinking Skills framework across the College. It helps us use the latest research-based teaching strategies to ensure each student learns effectively within the classroom environment.

Our curriculum is challenging. Academically and vocationally, we teach our students 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.

Technology is woven throughout our teaching and learning. The College provides modern laptops to every student from Years 7 to 12, featuring the latest programs and software to meet the demands and challenges of a changing world. For our students, new ideas and research provide the foundation for continual learning and growth.

Beyond the classroom, Clairvaux MacKillop College is strong in sport, arts, music, drama, performing arts and technology.





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 and complements the academic life. 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. The College is steeped in sporting history, boasting many state and national stars from a variety of sports. They strengthened their skills in district sport, regional representative sport and our intra-school House sport. But it's more than just talent and skills ... our students also learn spirit, character, decision-making and leadership.

Students can participate in a wide variety of sports at the College.

Arts and Culture

The performing arts at Clairvaux MacKillop College is an energetic and stimulating part of the College community. Encompassing drama, music and dance, 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 can receive tuition in more than 15 instruments.





‘The College Musical program is outstanding and I have really enjoyed being part of the different ensembles. I’m looking forward to advancing my instrumental talents.’

Adam Haks, current Clairvaux MacKillop College Student



'We have three 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 July Mortimer, Clairvaux MacKillop College Parents



Our Community Focus

WORKING TOGETHER

Clairvaux MacKillop College is an open and welcoming place. From the front office and the classroom to the student body and the input of parents, we have an active, supportive school community. We welcome involvement by parents, grandparents, family and friends – from sport and cultural activities to the Parents & Friends Association and Tuck Shop.

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 education 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 web site, which has more information in greater detail about what it is that we offer.
- Contact our College office and request an enrolment pack.

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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