Welcome

Our Lady’s College has a proud tradition of educating the minds and hearts of Brisbane’s young women for more than 50 years.

We are a vibrant, energetic, engaged learning community that both nurtures and encourages the talents of individual girls.

Here we promote a true sense of welcome and inclusion - from the first smile that greets you as you enter the college grounds through to students preparing for lessons, sports and debating competitions or musical recitals.

Inspired by the legacy of St Mary (of the Cross) MacKillop, our highly professional, experienced and dedicated staff and our students strive to live the motto and challenge of “Ad Altiora” (Ever Higher).

Lessons learnt at Our Lady’s College last long beyond the classroom as students embrace change, possess attentive hearts and enjoy a love of learning and the college ethos and Charism.

Tradition, Excellence and Community form the nexus for nurturing each girl academically, socially, physically and spiritually to be a woman of compassion, a just woman, and a woman of integrity.

We warmly welcome you to Our Lady's College.

Paula Goodwin  College Principal
Believe in the whisperings of God in your own heart.
Mary MacKillop

Our rich tradition is captured in the words of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, founder of the Sisters of St Joseph, when she said: “There where you are, you will find God” and we strive “even higher” to represent this tradition.

OUR HISTORY
Founded by the Sisters of St Joseph in 1964, today we aspire to be a community based around the wisdom and spirituality of Australia’s first saint, Mother Mary MacKillop. The values of compassion, service, justice and integrity can be clearly discerned from the many writings and actions from St Mary MacKillop.

OUR CONNECTIONS
We have developed strong connections with other Josephite colleges across the Archdiocese and Australia. This includes the Mary MacKillop Centre adjacent to the college, which offers our College community close ties to the heritage of Mary and the Josephite community in Brisbane.

PRAYER
Prayer takes a significant role in all functions at the College. We host community liturgies to celebrate key feast such as Holy Week, and our students’ faith development is nurtured through Retreats and Reflection Days offered for all Year levels.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
Students can participate in many social justice and service experiences. Our Year 8’s assist with the reading program at nearby Mary Immaculate Primary School and by Year 12 these social justice opportunities grow to include outreach experiences such as Rosies, the Tricare Visitation program and other initiatives.

We also assist a number of key charities through raising awareness and fundraising.
Teach more by your example than your word.

Mary MacKillop

Excellence

The pursuit of excellence encompasses all dimensions of college life. We have created a unique educational climate where achievement is valued, effort is prized and individual gifts are cherished.

In the classroom, we seek to provide your daughter with the educational resources and academic processes to achieve her best. To assist with this, a supported One-to-One Laptop program operates throughout every year level.

We also offer a broad range of subjects to enable students to make an informed decision of the path they wish to pursue.

UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION
We provide an excellent foundation for university studies. Students achieving good results are invited to be part of university studies whilst completing their Senior studies – laying strong foundations for future endeavours.

Many of our past students have been successful in the areas of science, education, business, medicine and law.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Students have also been successful in the vocational pathway achieving Certificate qualifications in line with Vocational Education and Training (VET). VET competencies are nationally recognised and open doors to various industries such as hospitality, hairdressing, event management and health care.

CULTURAL
Cultural activities provide opportunities for excellence in music, drama and the arts. The Instrumental Music Program allows students to participate in ensembles. Debating teams and cultural dance are highly acclaimed. Staff support students within their particular areas of expertise and all students demonstrate their appreciation of individual and group performances.
So great is the strength we possess in our unity.

Mary MacKillop

YOUR DAUGHTER, OUR PRIORITY
Your daughter is our priority. We provide a safe and welcoming learning environment where your daughter will be well known and her qualities and achievements valued. We also promote positive behaviour and encourage students to be responsible for their personal decisions and actions.

PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM
Our Pastoral Care Program is designed to enhance the sense of belonging your daughter feels at the College. The Program is tailored to meet the needs of students in each year level and inspires the qualities of respect, awareness of others, positivity and confidence.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Our Parents and Friends Association is an active committee which supports our students in social, sporting and fundraising events. Your involvement is most welcome.

SPORT
The development of leadership skills and teamwork together with a positive body image and increased self-esteem underpin our vibrant Sports Department. Students are encouraged to participate in our recreational program and/or represent the school in a variety of team and individual sports.

EMPOWERMENT
We will empower your daughter to become a confident, caring and self-directed young woman who contributes positively to an changing world.
Come visit us!