

*"There where you are, you will find God."*

Mary MacKillop

# Welcome



**OUR LADY'S  
COLLEGE**  
ANNERLEY



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

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 working in partnership with 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 are encouraged to embrace change, possess attentive hearts and

to live the College ethos.

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

We warmly welcome you to Our Lady's College.

Paula Goodwin  
**Principal**







*Believe in the whisperings of God in your own heart.*

Mary MacKillop

tradition



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.” At Our Lady’s College we strive “ever higher” to be the face of Jesus to others and to see the face of Jesus in others.

#### 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, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The values of compassion, service, justice and integrity can be clearly discerned from the many writings and actions of Mary MacKillop.

#### OUR CONNECTIONS

We have developed connections with other Josephite Colleges across the Archdiocese and Australia. Staff and students have opportunities to attend conferences that focus on the Josephite ethos and heritage.

#### PRAYER

Prayer has a significant role in all functions at the College. We host community liturgies to celebrate key feasts such as Holy Week and Ash Wednesday. Our students’ faith development is nurtured through Retreats or Reflection Days for each year level.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

Opportunities are offered at each Year Level to participate in social justice and service experiences. Students run events to fundraise for significant Catholic charities, and use lunch times and assemblies to raise awareness of key issues. Service initiatives include Rosies Street Outreach, visits to the TriCare Nursing Home and local immersion experiences.







*Teach more by your example than your word.*

Mary MacKillop

excellence



### BE THE BEST

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. In addition, high performing Year 11 students have the opportunity to be part of a mentoring program aimed at forging higher education pathways for senior students.

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Students have been successful in the vocational pathway achieving

certificate qualifications that are nationally recognised and open doors to various industries such as hospitality, hair dressing, 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.



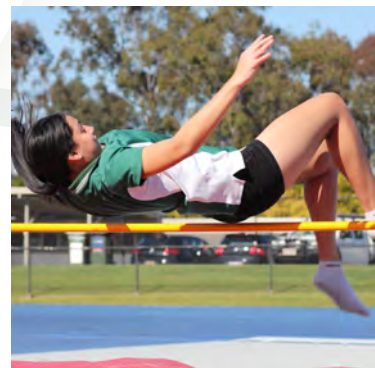




*So great is the strength we possess in our unity.*

Mary MacKillop

community



## **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 address the well being of adolescent girls and meets the needs of students in each year level. Through the guidance and support of

Pastoral Middle Leaders and Pastoral Care Teachers an appreciation for the qualities of respect, positivity, resilience, confidence and awareness of others is fostered.

## **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.

## **CULTURE**

A range of cultural activities are available to creatively engage your daughter in the community as well as provide her with an opportunity to showcase her own gifts and talents. Students are invited to develop their cultural interests through a variety of groups and programs in the area of Music, Art, Drama, Japanese and Spanish.

## **EMPOWERMENT**

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



A photograph of three young women in school uniforms standing outdoors under a large tree. They are all smiling and looking towards each other. They are wearing dark green blazers with a crest on the left chest, white and blue striped shirts, dark green ties, and wide-brimmed hats with green and white bands. They are also wearing white and blue vertically striped skirts. The background is a large, leafy tree with sunlight filtering through the leaves.

*Come visit us!*