



St Mary MacKillop College

CHOOSE LIFE WITH COURAGE

Prospectus





*"Choose life, choose opportunity, have a go
and believe in yourself - these are things I
learned in my time at MacKillop."*

Stevie-Jade Turner, CPA
MacKillop graduate 2006

Realise your child's potential

Welcome to St Mary MacKillop College

Busselton's leading co-educational Catholic school for students from Pre-K to Year 12

Relationships are key to everything we do here at MacKillop. Families and students all feel a connection to community. They feel safe, they feel happy - and that creates an environment where we can ask a lot of our students, and they respond.

Our College motto is Choose Life With Courage. What I love our students to understand is that there are so many opportunities for them to be courageous in their life at school. The way they approach new friends ... to being inclusive to other students ... to the way they embrace new opportunities. We need our children to understand they are courageous.

I thank you for your interest in St Mary MacKillop College, and encourage you to come and experience a sense of the genuine relationships and community that exists here. I invite you to visit the College website, book a tour or contact our Registrar for more information.

Kind regards,



Frank Norton
PRINCIPAL



Our passion and purpose

Our FIRST values

FAITH: in God, in ourselves and in others

INCLUSION: welcoming, belonging and collaboration

RESPECT: for each person, for diversity and for the environment

SERVICE: “never see a need without doing something about it”

TRUTH: being genuine about who we are and aspire to be

MOTTO: Choose life with courage

Living with courage challenges us to be passionate people and dare to be more than we imagined possible. One of the outstanding qualities of Mary MacKillop, courage calls for discernment, compassion and integrity, seeking to make a positive difference and transform the world.

Nurturing spiritual growth

St Mary MacKillop College stands for delivering a quality, holistic education that is grounded in the Catholic tradition, nurturing your child’s spiritual wellbeing in relation to their social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.

Spiritual development at the College is as much about valuing relationships, community and interconnection as it is about growing each child’s personal faith journey. In Religious Education classes, students explore values and ethics, social justice and service learning within the context of Christian faith, and these are integrated across all learning areas and the life of the College from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Children experience a sense of the sacred through prayer, retreat and reflection, and are guided towards a fundamental understanding of the Catholic Church and its sacraments. All students participate in liturgies throughout the year as well as regular class and College Masses.



More than Pastoral Care

At St Mary MacKillop College we believe the most fundamental feature of any learning environment is in the degree of care, compassion and inclusiveness extended to each student.

The College has a strong focus on integrated learning approaches to build positive relationships, mental health, wellbeing and resilience at all year levels. A well-established program provides co-curricular skills development in team building, study habits and stress management as students enter Secondary year levels. The Homeroom teacher and Head of Year also support your child from Year 8 through to Year 12, allowing supportive relationships to develop over time.

This connection and collaboration extends beyond the College to provide an inclusive and supportive community for parents as well as students. The College aims to build a partnership with parents within the broader scope of life-long learning, and facilitates after school homework classes as well as parent workshops that range from developing your child's courage to managing cyber-safety.



A life-long love of learning

St Mary MacKillop College is a caring, supportive learning haven where all children are nurtured and inspired to be independent, life-long learners.

Pre Kindy

Children learn by doing, and the Pre Kindy program at St Mary MacKillop College provides a rich, meaningful, play-based and multi-sensory environment to maximise interaction and exploration. Based on the Early Years framework of belonging, being and becoming, an organised and constant daily routine offers the familiarity and security children need in order to develop the ability to make choices, take risks and be creative.

Early Learning Centre

Children in our Early Learning Centre are confident to experiment, inquire and investigate to gain knowledge through play, within a safe environment where they can ask questions, problem solve and engage in critical thinking.

Every child is valued as an individual with innate curiosity and potential, who strives to understand the world and his/her place within it. Teaching strategies are based on sound knowledge of each individual child. We tailor a variety of learning experiences and interactions that are relevant and respectful of each child's background, interests and abilities, while at the same time challenging each one to a higher level of thinking.





Growing confidence

Primary School

Students in Primary classes gain a firm foundation in literacy, numeracy and religious education, integrating their learning across the whole curriculum, including science, technologies, humanities and social sciences.

A dedicated science learning space and innovative 'outdoor classroom' encourages an early passion for scientific enquiry and discovery, while specialist teaching in Visual Arts, Italian, Music and Physical education enable students to discover their unique passion and talents. Classes also participate in drama, music and dance performances for assemblies, liturgies and other College celebrations throughout the year.

Digital learning

All students gain digital learning and research skills with portable devices as part of the Digital Technologies curriculum. Year 3 and 4 students also benefit from a 1:1 iPad program integrated within classroom teaching practices to engage and develop life-long learners.

Students from Year 5 participate in the College's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program, and digital learning across the curriculum provides students with the skills, knowledge and awareness to become responsible digital citizens. Students learn to collaborate digitally and harness 21st century learning opportunities within a secure anytime, anywhere access framework that enables individualised learning opportunities.





Developing their unique potential

The College provides differentiated curriculum opportunities for Primary students to recognise and develop their strengths in literacy, numeracy, creativity and enquiry.

Enrichment opportunities in Years 3 and 4 offer differentiated literacy and art curriculum for academically and creatively exceptional students to extend and deepen their learning within the classroom. An Accelerated Reader program also matches the careful and critical reading of literature in the classroom to each child's reading level and goals.

Our **Gifted and Talented Education** program, aptly named The Curiosity Academy, provides further challenging and motivating learning opportunities for students in Years 5-8 who demonstrate exceptional academic or collaborative capacity and creative thinking.

Learning Support: Students who may require additional support in certain areas are also given the support and assistance they need to realise their full potential. The Learning Support team are well versed in a myriad of cognitive, physical and emotional conditions, and work with teaching staff to determine strategies and alternative programs where appropriate.

Developing their unique potential

Middle School

St Mary MacKillop College carefully introduces your child to a supportive Middle School environment designed to help them find their feet during this period of change. A tailored program supplements the Year 7 and 8 curriculum to nurture personal growth and wellbeing as well as social and academic development and digital citizenship.

In Middle School, academic extension classes aim to challenge and enrich students who demonstrate a high capacity and potential in each learning area. The streaming process begins for Mathematics from Year 7, and Humanities, Science and English classes from Year 9.

In Years 7 and 8, students study core subjects (as above), Italian, Religious Education. Health and Physical Education. In addition students rotate through a range of practical and creative subjects. This exposure enables them to discover where their strengths and passions lay, informing their decisions on future course selections. Semester electives in Year 9 further develop these skills and interests in Performing and Visual Arts, Italian, Technologies and Physical Recreation with the help of passionate, specialist teachers.





Senior School

From Year 10 to Year 12, your child can focus academic, practical and creative pathways towards their unique interests and abilities, aimed at contributing to the world with passion and purpose. With 21 ATAR level courses and 24 WACE General or Certificate courses offered in Year 11 and 12, the College prepares all students to complete their WA Certificate of Education (WACE) and graduate with excellent prospects for university, TAFE, apprenticeship, career training or employment.

Qualified and passionate specialist teachers and a range of excellent purpose-built facilities onsite at the College enable students to pursue their passions towards university and industry level standards. These include online and interactive library spaces, science laboratories, design and technology centre, commercial kitchen, fitness room, dance studio and high tech theatre stage.

Certificate courses create a direct pathway between school and career options with sixteen (16) nationally recognised qualifications offered across business, manufacturing, service, physical education and performing arts industries. Students gain VET qualifications alongside their WACE Certificate, as well as credit transfer and/or advanced standing into further training courses or towards alternative university entry pathways.

A specialised pathway in **Manufacturing Industry Studies (MIS)** includes Certificate courses in Building and Construction, Engineering and Furnishing, as well as industry recognised qualifications such as White Card and Senior First Aid. Students who complete the MIS Pathway also study Religious Education and gain a firm foundation in literacy and numeracy, with a focus on manufacturing industry knowledge and skills.

Making a difference

Creating a balance

St Mary MacKillop College inspires students to choose life with courage, not only for themselves but for others.

A holistic education strikes a balance between academic excellence and the development of a student's social, emotional and creative potential. Our students are equipped to graduate with purpose, a spirit of service and a desire to contribute positively to their community.

An extensive co-curricular program presents opportunities for students to grow and interact with their community in a wide range of activities that encompass visual arts and performance, sports, science, literacy and the environment. The unique skills, gifts and talents of students are valued in both competition and service, where self-discipline, positive self-esteem and courage are rewarded and leadership skills developed.



Leadership development

An innovative Leadership Development program in collaboration with '4 the Team' aims to equip students from Years 5-12 with the skills to become effective leaders. Workshops and activities aimed at each year level provide a practical understanding of leadership and develop skills in teamwork, public speaking and event management.

Christian service learning

A well-established Christian Service Learning program builds on the Gospel values and the example of Mary MacKillop with her ideal that we should 'never see a need without doing something about it', exploring areas where a child's developing skills and unique talents can contribute to their expanding world.

Students develop a deeper understanding of faith in action by learning where time, money, awareness and community building can assist others. Opportunities to serve beyond the College build confidence in each student's ability to make a difference, with a service immersion experience available to Senior students, travelling to Timor Leste in Year 12.

The College also encourages students to be proactive in the College and wider community as stewards of the earth and its inhabitants, with initiatives such as rainwater tanks and solar panels also implemented across the College. Students are engaged in the recycling process across the Primary campus, with interactive, sustainable gardens and an outdoor science classroom providing opportunities for students to learn first-hand how sustainability works.



Choose life with courage

Book a tour

We believe that the experience of St Mary MacKillop College speaks for itself, so we invite you and your child to come for a guided tour of our unique environment.

To book a tour of the College, go to our website **www.mackillop.wa.edu.au/visit-us**

Enrolments

We look forward to welcoming you to the MacKillop community.

St Mary MacKillop College has an annual student intake of at least one class at pre Kindy, two streams at Kindergarten and a further two streams at Year 7. The College may also have limited places available in other year groups. Please see our website for details **www.mackillop.wa.edu.au**

Pre Kindy

Children may commence Pre Kindy once they have turned three. A *Pre Kindy Application* form can be downloaded from the College website.

Kindy - Year 12

For all other year groups, please download an *Application for Admission* form from our website, complete and return to the College.

Enrolment Enquiries

For enrolment enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our **Registrar**, Jenny Van Hees:

Phone: 08 9752 7406

Email: jenny.vanhees@cewa.edu.au

Getting to MacKillop

School Hours:

PRIMARY 8:35am to 3:10pm

SECONDARY 8:45am to 3:20pm

Transport: School Bus services pick up and drop off students at St Mary MacKillop College from each of the following regional areas:

Busselton and Vasse
Geographe and Capel
Dunsborough and Yallingup
Cowaramup, Margaret River and Nannup

Location

College Avenue, West Busselton WA

Phone: 08 9752 7400

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