



What's Your Dream?

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RESPECT
JUSTICE
COMPASSION
HOSPITALITY
SERVICE
COURAGE



We Welcome You

Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy and was committed to education and serving the poor. Her teaching reflected her faith in God and belief in the Gospel. Students at Catherine McAuley College are encouraged to be lifelong learners, impelled to thrive and serve in a supportive environment.

Catherine McAuley College has been woven into the fabric of Bendigo since 1876 when Sister Aloysius Martyn and the Sisters of Mercy first arrived in Sandhurst from Ireland. With over 140 years of heritage and tradition to draw upon and inspired by the pioneering spirit of our founders, we are committed to continuing their legacy of service, offering an outstanding Catholic education to the families of Central Victoria.

We are dedicated to developing students who are critical and creative thinkers, with the skills to be self-motivated in the pursuit of knowledge. Our students are empowered to see themselves as positive agents of change, who are called to participate actively and ethically in society as young men and women of Mercy.

Learning settings and programs at Catherine McAuley College are innovative, stimulating and inclusive. The new Sister Aloysius Martyn Arts Centre at the Coolock Campus together with Allied Health, Food Technology and canteen facilities at the St Mary's Campus reflect the contemporary spaces that are evolving from our master plan. They are complemented by an integrated approach to learning that engages and challenges our students to discover and live their dreams.

Established partnerships with Mercy Health, Australian Catholic University, Cricket Australia and the City of Greater Bendigo will provide outstanding learning opportunities and facilities for our students and the community in the next twelve months. The relationships that our students form through the curricular and co-curricular programs benefit them well beyond their time at school.

Our future is exciting, so come and discover all the opportunities on offer for your child at Catherine McAuley College.

Mr Brian Turner, Principal

“We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us.”

- Catherine McAuley



We Empower You

Innovative building developments at Catherine McAuley College create learning opportunities designed to enhance students' skills and educational pathways. The future of employment is increasingly collaborative and global, so it is vital that students learn to work together, interact and plan in teams.

At Coolock, the state-of-the-art Sister Aloysius Martyn Arts Centre features a performance area, specialist classrooms for drama and music and vibrant learning spaces to support integrated learning across the 'STEAM' areas – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

Planning is underway for fresh green spaces with the upgrade of two ovals, a new gymnasium, indoor cricket nets and two netball courts, in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo and Cricket Australia.

Close to completion at St Mary's is a modern commercial kitchen which will provide opportunities for Food Technology and Hospitality careers, incorporating a canteen and indoor-outdoor dining areas.

Allied Health is a major growth area and our partnership with Mercy Health will provide an entry into the industry. A purpose-built Allied Health area includes hospital beds for practical learning.





**We prepare you to thrive in a
challenging and technologically
advanced world**

We Inspire You

Catherine McAuley College is grounded in the teaching of Jesus Christ, as lived through the gospels. We are centred in the Mercy tradition and actively engaged in the community of the Sandhurst Diocese.

The faith life of the students is evident through social justice activities, prayer, liturgy and “mercy in action” each day in the College community.

Inspired by Catherine McAuley’s courage and determination to educate, empower and serve the poor, students are offered opportunities to engage in activities to support both local and global projects, including the Winter Sleep Out, Seeds of Justice conference, leadership days and the annual Caritas Ks Walk.

COLLEGE PRAYER

Loving God,

*We ask you to bless Catherine McAuley College
and challenge us to act in the spirit of Catherine.*

May we inspire all in our community to be learners impelled to thrive and serve.

Guide our community to live our Mercy Values and the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Amen





Living Mercy day to day

We Support You

At Catherine McAuley College we nurture our students to grow into confident and independent young adults. We acknowledge that all students grow and develop differently and we have structures in place to support this.

Each student has a staff mentor, who actively supports their learning and wellbeing during their time at the College. Mentors encourage the small number of students in their group and come to understand how each student evolves, through regular communication with the student, families and teachers.

Individual support for students may also be provided by Year Level Learning Leaders, Interdisciplinary Learning Leaders, the Learning Enrichment and Wellbeing teams, Educational Psychologist, Koorie Education Worker and Careers Practitioner. Catherine McAuley College is an inclusive community that is enriched through cultural diversity, empathy and understanding. All members are expected to be respectful and considerate, of service to others and to care for the earth.

Transition support for new students includes:

- Transition and Orientation Days
- Transition meeting/enrolment interview with families
- Collection of student data to support individual learners
- Connection with current school
- Extras sessions for students requiring additional support.
- Parent Evenings
- Headstart program for senior students



**We nurture
your confidence**



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We Prepare You for Your Future

Deep Learning

The focus of our teaching teams is to guide students to know how to learn for themselves, preparing them for problem-solving and the jobs of the future. Students will:

Learn how to learn: so that they are equipped to assume responsibility for their own learning, encouraging each individual to know how they learn best.

Learn for transfer: so that students can take concepts, knowledge and skills from one field and apply it to new settings, contexts or problem-solving scenarios.

Learning and Teaching Intervention

A range of interventions support student needs and are regularly reviewed through ongoing feedback to ensure they effectively target individual and group needs.


Learning at Coolock (Years 7 – 9)

Through the junior and middle years programs, students are immersed in education that is inspiring, meaningful and connected.

Foundation Learning: Students focus on the concepts, knowledge and skills of English and Mathematics to continually develop the essentials of literacy and numeracy that underpin all other learning areas.

Hands-On Learning: Students undertake practical and applied learning opportunities through specialist subject areas such as Physical Education, Languages, Science, Technology and The Arts.

Integrated Learning: Our Veritas program explores 'truth-seeking' through thought-provoking themes and connections between Religious Education, Humanities, Health, Digital Technologies and the STEAM disciplines.





Learning at St Mary's (Years 10 – 12)

In the senior years, students select from a wide range of electives across multiple learning areas to give them the best opportunity to succeed as graduates, with pathways to further study, apprenticeships and employment.

In Years 11 - 12 students work towards obtaining the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). As our St Mary's campus includes Years 10 to 12, most Year 10 students take advantage of accelerating, with more than fifty VCE or VET subjects on offer.

Co-Curricular Learning

Debating, sports competitions, arts performances, academic competitions, justice camps, Tournament of Minds and the Frayne Speech Festival are just some of the co-curricular opportunities on offer to appeal to the wide range of student interests. We encourage students to have fun, extend their knowledge and skills and discover something new.

STEAM

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics to guide student enquiry, dialogue and critical thinking.

Students are encouraged to take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration and work through the Design Thinking process to become the next generation of innovators, educators, leaders and learners.





**You have many
opportunities to be heard**

We Listen to You

Student voice is of great importance and we are always looking for ways to increase participation. This can improve individual confidence and more significantly students' connection to the College.

There are many opportunities for students to become involved in leadership from Year 7 to Year 12, working with and for the school community. The Student Representative Council (SRC) provides a structured opportunity for students to raise issues, make recommendations and improve understanding and communication between all members of the College.

Students are consulted about significant developments and the future direction of our College. We nurture a culture that encourages and supports individuals and groups to create change, inspire action and share ideas and opinions.

The SRC is also involved in planning, organising and leading liturgies, assemblies and whole-school events such as Mercy Day and Caritas Ks.





We Celebrate You

The brand-new Sister Aloysius Martyn Arts Centre at Coolock provides contemporary specialist facilities for music, drama and the visual arts, fostering creativity and increased participation in the arts.

Music

The College provides a high-quality instrumental music education, accessible to all families. Every Year 7 student begins their studies in music with an intensive practical program including learning an instrument and taking part in class ensembles.

Learning an instrument beyond Year 7 is a co-curricular activity providing small-group tuition and large ensemble experiences. Instruments include saxophone, percussion, trumpet, flute, euphonium, guitar, trombone, clarinet, piano and voice. Student musicians, rock bands, instrumental ensembles and choirs perform in concerts, masses, celebrations and the broader community.

Drama

Students perform in year level drama nights and a highlight of the performance calendar is the fully-staged College production. In 2018, students performed *Seussical* in the stunning Ulumbarra Theatre and this year we look forward to *Rock of Ages*. There are many opportunities to connect with the production, such as performing, backstage, lighting, costumes and promotion.

Exhibitions

Exhibitions and awards evenings display student work including art, ceramics, photography, media, graphics, textiles and fashion.



We Encourage You

There are so many opportunities for students to participate in an assortment of sporting activities at a level of their choice. We believe that sport enables students to develop both physical and emotional skills encouraging participation, confidence and success.

The College offers a selection of individual and team sports, represented at local, state and national levels. The College is one of the most successful regional schools in Victoria, with multiple individuals and teams qualifying in State finals each year across a wide variety of sports.

House competitions in swimming, athletics and at break times through the school day provide great competition and friendly rivalry.



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and friendly rivalry**





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