

# Discover MACKILLOP

**MacKillop**  
Catholic College



**C**AIRNS' first new school in 19 years, **MacKillop Catholic College**, Mount Peter opened in 2016. Enrolling for Year 7 and Year 8 in 2021 and Year 9 in 2022, the college will reach Year 12 in 2025.

As our secondary campus grows, MacKillop offers a natural progression into high school for families in southern Cairns.

**DISCOVER** MacKillop's state-of-the-art agile learning spaces, talented and passionate educators, and dynamic curriculum delivery.

**LOVE** the feel of MacKillop's welcoming and caring school community!

**LEARN** – the MacKillop Way – based on MacKillop's four pillars of Community, Learning, Service and Outreach, and Spiritual Growth; through Engagement, Personal Best, and Respect.

**INSPIRING HEARTS, MINDS AND SPIRITS** is more than just our college motto; it is our reason for being and the mantra we live by.

# Learning the MacKillop Way

The MacKillop Way is a College-wide positive relationships framework based on the core values of Community, Learning, Service and Outreach, and Spiritual Growth.

The MacKillop Way is explicitly taught and permeates all aspects of College life. It encompasses:

- **Respect** for one another and the purpose of the school
- Active **Engagement** in our own learning; and
- Always seeking our **Personal Best**.



## A Growth Mindset

MacKillop's ingredients for success are its real-world curriculum, inspiring teachers, state-of-the-art modern facilities and a growth mindset culture to produce resilient learners.

A growth mindset embraces challenges, persists in the face of obstacles, sees effort as necessary, learns from constructive criticism and is inspired by others' success. Students learn how to have and maintain a growth mindset, so they can be resilient learners for life.

This Growth Mindset permeates all learning at MacKillop Catholic College.



## Raising Leaders

The College's inclusive leadership model for all students co-creates leadership opportunities which are practical, supported by structure and training, open to all, and contribute to the personal and social formation of every student.

Acknowledging that quality leadership is a natural extension of the 21st Century skill set, MacKillop prepares leaders for the future by developing these skills and capacities in every student.







# Agile Learning Spaces

Mackillop's agile learning spaces facilitate delivery of the college's dynamic and integrated curriculum that is essential to 21st century learning needs.

The flexible classrooms give agency to the students, enabling them to become self-directed learners. These spaces also assist teachers to differentiate lessons and accommodate the different learning styles and needs of their learners.







# Health and Fitness Education

The multi-purpose playing court is an invaluable facility for students, providing shelter from both sun and rain. It is used for Physical Education lessons, as well as during breaks. In successive building stages the secondary facility will be replicated to produce a double court, incorporating a fitness centre with gym and extra change rooms.



## Integrated Curriculum

MacKillop's dynamic curriculum delivery enables students to pursue inquiry-based projects and develop skills and dispositions that apply across discipline content. Learning therefore becomes relevant, meaningful and contextualised to equip students with the skills necessary in contemporary times.





# Secondary Innovation Precinct

Mackillop's newly opened secondary facility is a student-friendly 'innovation precinct' that incorporates multiple science laboratories, design and materials workshops, visual arts studios, STEM spaces and food technologies kitchens.





## Secondary Curriculum

Years 7, 8 and 9 are years of discovery and exploration. Learning in this phase is dynamic, deliberate, informed by research, and responsive to the diverse needs and interests of our students.

MacKillop's approach to curriculum builds upon each student's past experiences and prior knowledge, to make every student's learning unique. This MacKillop difference builds critical and creative thinkers who are excellent communicators and collaborators; the key skills necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

The Year 7-9 curriculum is flexible, academically rigorous and authentic. It provides for intellectual curiosity and challenge, and explores integrated, cross-curricular learning. Learning is designed to push young people beyond their comfort zone, and challenge them as young men and women facing the realities of a globalised 21st century world.

The leaders and teachers of MacKillop's three faculties - Humanities, STEM and The Arts – have designed real world and authentic programs that are underpinned by the Australian Curriculum. Students complete core and specialist subjects.

<b>Core subjects:</b>	Religious Education; English/Humanities; Mathematics/Science
<b>Specialist subjects:</b>	MCC Achieve, Health and Physical Education, Instrumental Music program, Japanese, Technologies, The Arts

## Instrumental Music Program Co-Curricular Activities

The College's Instrumental Music Program is an inclusive opportunity for every secondary student to learn a musical instrument, supplied by the College at no additional cost to school fees. Research studies have shown that being engaged in music, particularly learning a musical instrument or singing in a choir, helps with cognitive development.

The Instrumental Music Program for all secondary students ensures all can participate in the college's co-curricular band, ensembles and choir. This further develops students' musical skills and benefits their learning in all subject areas.

Other co-curricular offerings include Debating and Public Speaking, State and National academic competitions such as ICAS, and school, regional and representative sport.





## Years 10–12

The Years 10–12 curriculum will create a solid pathway for students to transition to university, to the world of work, or to the multi-fold opportunities of post-school technical & vocational training and apprenticeships.

A full range of Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) subjects will be offered for students who wish to pursue tertiary studies. Vocational Education and Training (VET) options will include courses in Hospitality, Engineering, Health & Community, Fitness and Childcare.

The next building stage will incorporate a Performing Arts centre to cater for Music, Drama and Dance. It will also house a commercial quality hospitality kitchen and cafe - providing invaluable exposure to the Arts, real life training options and vocational education pathways for MacKillop students.

At every step of the way, students will be mentored by an academic advisor to ensure that they are 'on track' to reach their personalised goals.

## MCC Achieve

All secondary students participate in the MacKillop Catholic College Achieve program. This social emotional learning program enables students to build resilience, understand and manage their emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others and enhance their study skills.

## A catholic school for all

The College's sense of community and family is highly valued at MacKillop.

MacKillop Catholic College is inclusive and welcoming to all faiths and abilities. The College has no defined catchments and strives to be affordable to all, with generous concessions and discounts available.

Enquiries, tours of the college, and enrolment applications are welcome at any time. Applications can be made online and there is no application fee.



***An authentic Catholic identity is at the heart of the College. Inspired by the example of Saint Mary MacKillop, this is realised through a strong spirit of community, outreach, excellence in learning, and spiritual formation and growth.***



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# Our parents say



**Doreen Deede, mother of Emma, pictured left**

"By the time the transition process was finished, my daughter was ready for learning. The leadership team have grasped the concept of community and a support network for students and the school strives to support the development of students' skills and character. It's like home. We love it here, the community spirit in the school is simply amazing. I believe MCC offers a very special and unique learning experience and opportunity for all of the kids to learn and to grow."



**Louise Zappala, parent**

"MacKillop is embracing the progressive nature of learning, using the learning environments to get the most out of every child and their individual needs. I always feel welcome and everyone is smiling. My daughter loves it here, she's doing really well."



**Chrisstella Fourmile, Parent and staff member**

"The sense of the community here at MacKillop is respectful and inclusive. I couldn't talk more highly of MacKillop. The teachers are passionate and want to be at the school. What more can you ask for? MacKillop is a welcoming, safe space for families."



Loves Buses service the College from the North and South.

“ Hear from more of our parents, students and staff at:  
[www.mackillopcatholiccollege.edu.au/they-say](http://www.mackillopcatholiccollege.edu.au/they-say)

## Step up to Secondary

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**Year 7 & 8 in 2021**  
**Year 12 in 2025**

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