

Discover MACKILLOP

MacKillop
Catholic College



CAIRNS' newest school in the Southern corridor, MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter opened in 2016. Now catering for Prep to Year 11, MacKillop will complete its growth with the first graduating class of Year 12 students in 2025.

With an Early Learning and Care Centre for newborns to Kindy onsite, MacKillop Catholic College offers a unified pathway of learning and care, and is fast becoming the birth to graduation college of choice in southern Cairns.

DISCOVER MacKillop's state-of-the-art 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, Spiritual Growth, Service and Outreach, through the dispositions of Engagement, Personal Best, and Respect.

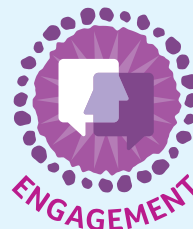
INSPIRING HEARTS, MINDS AND SPIRITS is more than just our College motto - it is our mission for all community members to aspire towards and bring to life every day.

Learning the MacKillop Way

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

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

- **Respect** for one another
- Active **Engagement** in our learning; and
- Always seeking to give 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, from Prep through to the Secondary years.



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. Leadership opportunities are offered to students in both the Primary and Secondary sectors.



Contemporary Learning Spaces

MacKillop's learning spaces facilitate the delivery of the College's dynamic, modern and diverse curriculum programs. These learning spaces assist teachers to differentiate lessons, to deliver a range of learning experiences across our diverse curriculum offerings.





Health and Fitness Education

Both the Primary and Secondary campuses have multi-purpose playing court facilities for student use during Physical Education lessons, as well as during breaks and sporting activities. The Secondary court also includes a gym and change rooms. In successive building stages, the Secondary facility will be replicated to produce a double basketball court.



Curriculum

MacKillop's dynamic curriculum delivery enables students to develop a broad and deep knowledge. There is an emphasis on literacy and numeracy across the curriculum as the key skills for success in all areas of study and in

their adult life. It also develops students' cognitive skills to help them apply their understanding within and across subject areas. Learning is therefore relevant, meaningful and contextualised.



Primary Curriculum

Primary students participate in all areas of the Australian curriculum, including Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science and Health. Primary students also attend specialist lessons in the Arts, Technologies, Physical Education and Japanese.



Secondary Innovation Precinct

MacKillop's contemporary Secondary campus is a student-friendly 'innovation precinct' that incorporates multiple Science laboratories, Design Technology and Materials workshops, Visual Arts studios, STEM spaces, Food Technology and industrial kitchens, as well as a specialised Performing Arts building including a theatre and stage for Music, Dance and Drama performances.



Secondary Curriculum

Learning in Years 7 – 10 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 7-10 curriculum is flexible, academically rigorous and authentic. It provides for intellectual curiosity and challenge, and facilitates cross-curricular learning. Learning is designed to push young people beyond their comfort zone, and challenge them as young adults facing the realities of a globalised world.

The leaders and teachers of MacKillop's Secondary campus have designed real world and authentic programs that are underpinned by the Australian Curriculum. Students complete core and specialist subjects.

Core subjects:	Religious Education; English; Humanities; Mathematics; Science
Specialist subjects:	Health and Physical Education, Japanese, Food Technology, Digital Technology, Design & Materials Technology, Civics, Business, History, Geography, Visual Arts, Music, Drama, and a range of extension & enrichment programs.

Instrumental Music Program

The College's Instrumental Music Program is an inclusive opportunity for every secondary student to learn a musical instrument at a very reasonable cost. The instrument can be supplied by the College for a small hire fee. Research studies have shown that being engaged in music, particularly learning a musical instrument or singing in a choir, helps with cognitive development.

Co-Curricular Activities

Other co-curricular offerings include Debating and Public Speaking, Readers Cup Competition, Optiminds, Reef Ambassadors, Ethics Olympiad, State and National academic competitions such as ICAS, school-based sporting teams, regional and representative sport, Dance Troupe, Cheer Leading, Concert bands, String Ensemble and a range of choirs.





Years 11–12

The Years 11–12 curriculum creates 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) General and Applied subjects are offered for students who wish to pursue tertiary studies. Vocational Education and Training (VET) options include courses such as Hospitality, Engineering, Electrotechnology, Construction, Health & Fitness, and Childcare.

We are committed to developing strong partnerships with many external organisations, including James Cook

University, Central Queensland University, TAFE and other registered training groups to support students in a diverse range of career pathways.

Our Performing Arts Centre caters for Music, Drama and Dance. It also houses 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.

Pastoral Care at MacKillop

All students participate in our Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programs. These social emotional learning programs enable students to build resilience, understand and manage their emotions, set and achieve positive goals, enhance their study skills, feel empathy and show compassion for others.



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.

Enquiries, tours of the college, and enrolment applications are welcome at any time. Applications can be made online through our website.

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.

*"Never see a need without doing something about it."
(Mary MacKillop – 1871)*



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“ Our parents say

Doreen Deede, mother of Emma, pictured below 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.”



Emily Galea, Parent

“We appreciate the transition process, it has been smooth and very supportive, even with last year’s events. This is probably the best communication from staff we have received in our entire school experience so again, makes us and our girls feel that sense of belonging already. So thank you!”



**Christella 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?”



Kinetic service the College from the North and South.

Grow

Year 12 in 2025

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