



FAQs

Does every student have an opportunity to attend Mercedes College?

In accepting students, the following priorities are considered:

1. Catholic students with reference of religious commitment of family from the parish priest.
2. Families with siblings, or who have attended, and who are supportive of policies and conditions.
3. Daughters of past students.
4. Other Catholic students.
5. Non-Catholic students from Catholic schools.
6. Non-Catholic students from other Christian denominations.
7. Other non-Catholic students.

What are your intake years?

The main intake year is Year 7. Occasionally there are places available in other year levels.

Is there a waiting list for entry?

For information about vacancies, please contact the Enrolment Officer on (08) 9323 1323 or email enrolments.

Do you offer scholarships?

Mercedes College acknowledges excellence and in order to support a community characterised by diversity the programs aim to recognize students who will make a strong and positive contribution to the life of the College. The College is pleased to offer:

1. Sisters of Mercy Music Bursary
2. Louise Allen-Arbuckle Music Scholarship
3. Aboriginal Scholarship
4. Mercedes College Alumni (MCA) Year 7 Scholarships

Full details can be found on the Scholarships page under Enrolments.

What are the fees?

Please refer to the Enrolments page on the website Fees and Charges information. For more information please contact the Accounts Department on 9323 1323.

What size is the College?

Approximately 960 students (Year 7 to 12)

What are the class sizes?

Year 7-10 Approximately 32

Year 11-12 Maximum 28 in homerooms, classes and practical classes.

Are you a “laptop” school?

Mercedes College is an innovative information technology school. To support the delivery of a dynamic curriculum from 2018 students in Year 10, 11 and 12 have the option to use their own MacBook or iPad and students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will use their own iPad. Technology requirements will be listed on the Booklist, which will be made available in December.

What languages do you teach?

All students in Year 7 and 8 study a language. They can select from French, Italian or Mandarin. From Year 9 onwards students can select three electives which can include a language.

What programs are in place to support students who might need support or extension?

In 2017 the College introduced a new model of Academic Challenge and Extension (ACE) across the four learning areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Sciences. Student selection is based on Year 7 results initially, available data on achievement, and ongoing performance. A streamed class will exist in each learning area to cater for those highly capable students from Years 7 or 8 until the end of Year 10. A dynamic Inclusive Education team provides specialist programs to support students across a wide range of academic abilities including students who have learning difficulties, and those with learning disabilities. For more information, please refer to the College website.

What music opportunities are available at Mercedes College?

Mercedes College boasts a highly successful performing Arts program. There are a number of different music and choral ensembles which students can be a part of, ranging from the Madrigals (Choral) to the Jazz Band. Students who wish to learn a musical instrument are also offered tuition at the College.

What is the Pastoral Care at the College?

The wellbeing of all students at the College is paramount. The College's Pastoral Care Policy ensures an effective program provides support for the emotional wellbeing of each student. The program is supported by all staff and a range of peer mentoring programs (please refer to the College website for more information).

Does Mercedes College have a pool?

The College has a renovated indoor 25 metre heated pool which is used by the Swim Team and the swimming club. Other students can also participate in swim training throughout the year.

What sport is offered at the College?

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Cross country
- Hockey
- Netball
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Triathlon

Are the classrooms air-conditioned?

All rooms in the College have reverse cycle air-conditioning.

Do you have a bus service?

Being an inner city school there is a range of transport choices, but the College does provide bus services to connect with bus and rail transport.

Year 7 Parent Information Session

An Information session for those families who have been offered and have accepted a place for the coming year will take place in September each year. Parents will be given an information pack which provides all the information required for College life including information about uniforms and the Year 6 Student Orientation Day in November.