

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PATHWAY



INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO GROW TO THEIR POTENTIAL

From early learning to College, a Catholic education provides an evidence-based academic, faith-filled learning journey. Principals and teachers work with parents to grow happy, caring, compassionate young people.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRES FOR 4 YEAR OLDS | K-6 PRIMARY SCHOOLS | 7-12 COLLEGES

EXPERIENCE THE HOPE, JOY AND WONDER THAT FILLS OUR CATHOLIC EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Early Learning Centres brim with excitement, joy and discovery as little people explore the carefully choreographed learning spaces inside and out.

Specialist early childhood teachers guide, inquire and encourage children to take on learning challenges, to create and invent. The children are immersed in nurturing play-based learning spaces filled with both built and natural materials to investigate and engineer.

As part of the primary school the ELC children are involved in buddy programs and peer reading initiatives. They get to know the teachers and principal, and become comfortable with the school environment, making for a seamless transition to Kindergarten.



HAPPINESS IS AT THE HEART OF LEARNING

Catholic school Principals know how important a child's wellbeing and happiness is to their learning.

That's why Catholic schools and Early Learning Centres focus so strongly on creating a respectful and nurturing environment and providing pastoral care for every child.

Parents can attest to teaching quality being a pillar of their child's education. For Catholic schools, investment in high-quality teaching, focused on individual learning needs for strong academic achievement, is the highest priority.

Students experiencing difficulties with their learning are given support, and enrichment programs challenge students with gifts and talents.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Experiences in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) fields are flourishing in Catholic schools, challenging students with real life problem solving opportunities and design thinking processes. Technology in classrooms is progressive and in step with the future learning needs of young people.



STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Principals and teachers are keenly focused on the learning growth of every child and building strong foundations and competence in literacy and numeracy. The foundations established in ELCs and Catholic Primary schools provide your child with a strong base for life-long learning.



WORLD CLASS ACHIEVEMENT

Students in Canberra Catholic schools have topped international coding and robotics competitions. Our schools have specialist programs embedded in curriculum delivery that enable children to grow and excel in areas of their interest.

"As a parent the one thing you always agonise about is getting a good education for your children, and this is one of the few things I feel confident and comfortable that we got right."

Catholic school parent



"We have a strong teacher - student connection and a lot of time to focus on what you're good at."

Gabby, Catholic primary student

"Cost is minimal and the experience is absolutely fantastic. Our kids are not just a number, they are a person who the staff know, understand, and can adapt learning programs for."

Catholic school parent



"My kids enjoy coming to school. They love their friends, they love their teachers, they love the school. It's really part of them and who we are as a family as well."

Catholic school parent

“One of the best decisions I have ever made”

- Secondary College students share their school experience



“What I like about JPC is the independence we have, especially during Independent Learning Time. It means I can manage my own time, and can get help from particular teachers, who are very supportive. This independence means I am less stressed and more in control of my schoolwork and my time, and it means I can do better in my assessments.”

Cecilija, St John Paul II College, Nicholls



“I seek to one day win a Noble Prize. St Clare’s continues to develop my passion for maths and science. I enjoy participating in all the competitions they offer.”

Asmi, Year 7 St Clare’s College, Griffith



“The teachers and students are really nice and friendly, and they help the younger students around the school.”

Sonny, Year 7 St Francis Xavier College, Florey



“My dream career is to be an actress. My favourite subject is drama because we play fun games that help to improve our confidence, focus, and improvisation skills. What I love most about St Clare’s is the teachers, they really care about our learning.”

Madeline, Year 8 St Clare’s College, Griffith



“I aim to one day become a lawyer. My favourite subject at St Clare’s is Legal Studies. My teacher is highly passionate about the subject and makes the lessons intriguing. What I like most about St Clare’s is how supportive everyone is of each other. There is always someone around to help you out if you need a hand with anything.”

Jessica, Year 11 St Clare’s College, Griffith



“What I like about JPC is the collaboration we have between all year levels, and the diversity and range of sports available. There is always something new and interesting each day. I also like Independent Learning Time and having the one-on-one mentoring is great.”

Alexander, St John Paul II College, Nicholls



"What I like the most at Merici is the wide range of co-curricular opportunities available to us. As part of the Futsal team I always feel really supported by the students and staff. I also like the vibe at Merici, it's like you can achieve anything you set your mind to, and the teachers help you out."

Daisy, Year 9 Merici College, Braddon



"As a new student this year, I have found the transition really easy, all the girls have been very friendly and I felt welcomed as a part of a big family the moment I arrived. Coming from New Zealand the teachers have been so helpful and willing to help me adjust to the new education system."

Kaity, Year 11 Merici College, Braddon



"I like the support network and all the teachers and students I have met through the extra-curricular opportunities that I have been involved in."

Savahna, Year 11 St Francis Xavier College, Florey



"My favourite thing about MacKillop is the range of opportunities to suit every interest. During my time at MacKillop I have represented the school in sport and debating, been involved in the school musical every year, performed at Variety Night and assemblies, competed in the Australian A Cappella Competition, travelled on one of the many overseas study tours, taken part in the World Challenge in Vietnam and Cambodia, represented my peers as a student leader, participated in extension programs, and volunteered for charity. I've been able to take classes that interest me and prepare me for my future career, and I've been well supported in my external Performing Arts commitments. Because there are a lot of people here, there's a diverse range of goals, talents, and interests, which helps to grow all of us as people."

Sophie, Performing Arts Captain Year 12, St Mary MacKillop College



"One of the best things about MacKillop is the quality of our teachers. I have established a great connection with all of my teachers and I have a real confidence in their ability. They know how I learn, they are approachable, and they genuinely care about my learning and wellbeing. MacKillop also has a great setup with specialised teachers being available for one-on-one mentoring in the Learning Commons. In Mr Michael Lee, we have a principal with vision who is clearly passionate about this school. Coming to MacKillop was probably one of the best decisions I have ever made."

Thomas, College Captain Year 12, St Mary MacKillop College

TEACHERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Catholic secondary College students overwhelmingly attribute their success and profound learning experiences to their teachers. They say it's their connection with teachers that instilled in them passion for their education; they inspired and motivated them to aim higher and believe in their best selves.

Teachers are much more than teachers at Catholic Colleges. They are mentors, carers and guides. They challenge, motivate and encourage, and ignite in students a true love of learning.

As education and faith leaders, Principals create the ecosystem for each student to achieve personal excellence. They are dedicated to creating a deep sense of belonging and community within their College by kindling mutual respect for difference, shared learning and collective support. A unique and extensive program of pastoral care also sets Catholic Colleges apart.

Catholic schools nurture young people to achieve their dreams and to make a positive contribution to the world around them.