



Mercedes College

FAQs

Does every student have an opportunity to attend Mercedes College?

Enrolments are considered based on the Enrolment Policy:

- Catholic students with reference of religious commitment of family from the parish priest.
- Those with sisters at the College, who have attended, and who have provided supportive of policies.
- Daughters of past students.
- Other Catholic students.
- Non-Catholic students from Catholic schools.
- Others (if vacancies)

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?

Demand for places at Mercedes College is strong. Enrolments for 2016 and 2017 have been confirmed, and numbers for the next two years are very positive. For current information about waiting lists, please contact the Enrolments Officer on (08) 9323 1323 or by emailing [enrolments](#).

Do you offer scholarships?

Mercedes College acknowledges excellence and in order to support a community characterised by diversity the program aims 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 Arbuckle Music Scholarship
3. Indigenous Scholarship
4. Mercedes Ex-students' Association (MESA) 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. For further information please speak to the Accounts Department.

What size is the College?

Approximately 1000 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 an exciting and dynamic curriculum, all students have their own iPads with a curated set of apps to create, investigate and communicate high quality problem solving activities. 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?

Students coming into Year 7 have the opportunity to sit the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) test which offers a specialist program for a select group of highly capable students. 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.

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.

Does Mercedes College have a pool?

The College has a renovated indoor 25 metre heated pool which is used by the Swim Team, (won the coveted title of the 2015 Girls' ACC School Swimming Champions). 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 stations.

New Parent Information Morning

An Information Morning for those families who have been offered and 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. Included in this will be information about uniforms and the Student Orientation Day in November. A letter will be issued about these events in August each year.