



# Mercedes College

## Promotion & Graduation Policy 2012

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### Rationale

Mercedes College exists to further the mission of the Church in providing a Catholic education in the Mercy tradition to all students insofar as this is possible.

### Principles

- Mercedes College recognises the uniqueness of each student.
- Each student is provided with opportunities to develop spiritually, academically, physically, socially and emotionally.
- As a member of the College community, each student has a responsibility to cooperate with teachers and other students to assist in establishing a positive learning environment.
- Each student will be held accountable for her application and behaviour.

### Procedures

The Promotion & Graduation Policy of the College calls on each student to meet the following dimensions:

Faith	Involvement and attendance at Eucharistic Liturgies prepared by individual classes or the school community and Reflection Days / Retreats with respective Year Groups.
Service	Service at Mercedes College has a significant place in reflecting the ethos of the College and our identity as a Christ-centred community. All students must complete the minimum required hours of service for their respective MSL programme.
Religious Education	Requires a mature and positive involvement in Religious Education, completion of set work/assessments and a minimum achievement of a 'C' grade. The achievement level required in Year 11 and Year 12 is the equivalent of a 'C' grade at Stage 1 Religion and Life.
Academic	Requires a conscientious application to study at school and home, completion of all set work, and striving to achieve best personal academic standards.
Citizenship	Maximum attendance, punctuality and involvement in school activities. These include, but not limited to, Frog Jog, Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, Mercy Day and Presentation Evening (for the respective Year group). Respect shown to staff and other students, care and consideration for others, good behaviour and language at school and in public, and high standards of personal grooming / presentation.

### Promotion - Year 7 to 11

Failure to meet the requirements of the Policy will mean promotion to the following year level will be reviewed. Application for future leadership positions could be compromised. The student must be able to present a reasonable case for promotion otherwise conditional promotion will occur and the student will be placed on a contract. Subsequent efforts must be up to the standard of the contract and will only be applied once for any student.

### Graduation - Year 12

Failure to meet the requirements of the policy will mean that the student will receive neither a graduation certificate nor reference from Mercedes College and will be excluded from participating in the College Graduation Ceremony and Dinner.