



# Mt Maria College Mitchelton

*Strong Mind – Compassionate Heart*







# Welcome

As part of the Marist Schools Australia network, we combine timeless Marist values with exciting innovations in learning for the 21st Century. Our dedicated teachers are committed to preparing this generation of young people for the future.

Parents, students and visitors often comment on the welcoming, caring and inclusive nature of our Mt Maria College community.

While students leave our College with an excellent education, we are just as proud that our students graduate with a broad range of life skills, strong friendships and positive values gained through the many experiences they encounter at our College.

We expect the best of and for our students and support them as they encounter the opportunities and challenges inherent in our contemporary culture.

Our intention is that our students learn, grow, laugh, persist, support each other and work hard to be their personal best – all within our safe College family environment. Faith formation and social justice opportunities are grounded in the Marist Charism – our aim is for Jesus to be known and loved by our students and their families.

At Mt Maria College, we bring faith and learning to life. I look forward to personally welcoming you when you visit.

Luke Reed  
Principal





# Learning

Mt Maria College offers a tailored program of study from Year 7-12. Our presentation of the curriculum is underpinned by our Marist values – Presence, Family Spirit, Love of Hard Work and Simplicity. To this end, the College offers programs within two distinct phases of schooling – engaging with the Australian Curriculum (7-10) and the Queensland Certificate of Education program (11-12).

These distinct phases enable Mt Maria College to:

- enhance and develop curriculum and support structures appropriate to students' developmental and intellectual needs.
- utilise our specialist facilities, tuition and support capacities to underpin student growth and achievement.

## **Vision for Learning**

At Mt Maria College, our vision is to form young people to be of 'Strong Mind and Compassionate Heart'. Our mission is to educate and nurture students to be knowledgeable, ethical, resilient and generous. We support our students to develop a growth mindset, enabling their progress into self-directed, lifelong learners who aspire to be their best.





### **Belief About Learning**

Promoting excellence and equity, Mt Maria College supports a student-centred, holistic approach to education, recognising that students have different strengths, needs and backgrounds. We affirm our commitment to the importance of meeting these individual needs, with a focus on student progress and growth, regardless of the starting point.

Our educational goals have as a specific focus the building of students' capacity to develop empathy-enhanced skills in collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication. We work to unlock the potential of each student, aspiring to extend their potential and develop agency for their learning, to be active and informed members of the community.

We affirm education's role in developing young people's resilience and mental wellbeing, enabling them to confidently recognise, adapt to, and manage change.

In pursuing our vision, we set high expectations of our students and staff. We are committed to supporting all students – regardless of background, privilege, or cultural heritage in cultivating a growth mindset that empower them to be self-directed, confident, and creative, life-long learners. Our teachers strive to be positive, enthusiastic, and engaging, delivering differentiated, high quality teaching and learning experiences that inspires, engage and motivates our students to reach their full potential.

As an inclusive learning community, we recognise the importance of celebrating success, acknowledging the achievements and efforts of all.

For a full list of the subjects that Mt Maria College offers, please see the 'Teaching and Learning' tab on our website [www.mtmaria.qld.edu.au](http://www.mtmaria.qld.edu.au).





# Mission and Identity

*"If you want to teach young people,  
first you must love them and love them all equally"*  
Saint Marcellin Champagnat

As a Marist school, Mt Maria College derives its ethos from the founder of the Marist Brothers, Saint Marcellin Champagnat (1789 – 1840). A Marist education is expressed in dynamic ways through our College Mission, characterised by Presence, Family Spirit, Love of Work and Simplicity; all in the way of Mary.

We are a faith-based learning community grounded in the message of Jesus, with a mission to make Jesus known and loved. Students are supported to develop and explore their faith and values by engaging in our rich religious education curriculum, reflection days, retreats, liturgies, house assemblies and service opportunities.

All members of our College community are called to nurture their individual spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and cultural gifts. Our community is strengthened through authentic relationships and connectedness with one another in a true spirit of family.

We strive to be change agents in the lives of our students by embodying a care for others, exemplified by Mary who models a way of discipleship for us. This care for others extends beyond our school and is expressed through service activities such as Rosies, Project Compassion, St Vincent de Paul and other local community charitable works. In doing this we endeavour to be a beacon of hope-filled joy for our world.

With imagination, courage and simplicity we strive to live our motto:  
**"Strong Mind, Compassionate Heart."**







# Pastoral Care

The wellbeing and care of our students is a fundamental aspect of Marist Catholic education. The College places significant emphasis on our Pastoral Care Program based on the philosophy of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, who emphasised that all students should experience the best of care, based on respect and love. In doing so, we develop positive relationships within a family atmosphere where people are welcomed, respected and valued.

The College pastoral framework of House membership and Pastoral Care groups reflect and strengthen the family atmosphere within the College. We embrace a restorative approach in working through challenges to relationships, appealing to students' sense of personal and collective responsibility to restore relationships.

Mt Maria College has a team of Guidance Counsellors who work collaboratively with pastoral leaders and staff to provide school wide, small group, and individual support to enhance students' social and emotional wellbeing.

Our Counsellors work with students and parents to provide strategies and support in response to issues as they arise. They also provide referrals should more extensive support be appropriate.



## *Co-Curricular Music, Sport & Culture*

Mt Maria College's co-curricular programs are designed to enhance and complement academic learning by encouraging students to develop individual and team skills and competencies across a broad range of endeavours. Participation in co-curricular learning through sport, the arts, music, cultural and academic activities and competitions allows students to experience success in a range of forums and helps them be courageous and generous in their living and learning, preparing them for a life of worth, not only for a life of work.

### **Music**

The aim of Music at Mt Maria College is to develop students' musical, social and personal awareness through participation in instrumental or vocal music instruction, ensembles, rehearsal and performance. Undertaking the study of music not only involves the learning of new skills, but it also teaches important organisation and time management skills, as students are given the responsibility of managing their lesson timetables. Students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of musical ensembles and activities, allowing them to experience the joys of music making and to stimulate their creativity.

### **Cultural**

The Cultural program at Mt Maria College provides a safe space for students to try out and discover new talents. All-inclusive opportunities are offered where a diversity of talents are accepted and celebrated, all while building student confidence through trying new experiences. Some of the Cultural activities offered include the Reader's Cup challenge, Shake Fest (QLD Youth Shakespeare Festival), public speaking through 'Lions Youth of the Year', Theatre Sports, Class Clowns, QDU Debating, Dance Troupe, song, art and film competitions. The College also produces a musical, with recent productions including *The Wedding Singer*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Wizard of Oz*. and *High School Musical*.





## Sport

Sport at Mt Maria College is designed to provide our students with positive experiences in physical activity and competitive sport. The College offers a large range of sporting opportunities to suit any student. As a member of the South-Eastern College Association (SECA), the College joins with several other Catholic Secondary Schools for inter-school sport. Most sports are played in school time allowing students to fulfil any club commitments they may have. Training usually occurs before and after school. Representative Pathways are available in the school sport system. Students with a high skill level in their chosen sport are encouraged to nominate to attend District Trials.

## Outdoor Education

Outdoor education is integral to student learning at Mt Maria College. All students across the College participate in camps and/or retreats annually. Our camps are significant milestones, which contribute to our holistic approach to education, challenging our students' physically, socially and emotionally. The aim of our camp program is to build resilience, perseverance, courage and confidence. Our retreat program also follows a carefully planned scope and sequence developing our students' spirituality and complementing our religious education programs. Camps and retreats are integral to students participation in the life of the College.



# Community

Mt Maria College values the significant partnerships between our students – past, present and future – and our parents and staff which form the back bone of our community.

Parents are automatically members of the College's Parents and Friends Association (P&F) which actively supports and encourages our students to reach their potential. Our P&F work together with College staff to create memorable community events that are widely supported and where lifelong friendships are forged.

We invite all in our community to attend our numerous College events held throughout the year, including our Inaugural opening liturgy and ceremony, Open Day, College awards, social events, sports carnivals, music ensemble performances and performing arts events.

Together, we make a difference in the lives of our community and those we support.









## Testimonials

"Mt Maria College has an amazing community spirit with great staff and teachers that go the extra mile for the kids. The school has a great vibe around it and the parents go out of their way to help each other. I am truly impressed by the school, the school community and the teachers and staff. I would highly recommend this school." - **Peta, parent of Year 8 student**

"Lovely school community. Beautiful well maintained grounds. Close to Public Transport. Great Pastoral Care. Fantastic Parents and Friends Association. Highly recommend." - **Deanne, parent of two MMC graduates**

"I graduated from Mt Maria at the end of 2018, and I greatly enjoyed my time there. I was afforded many opportunities in the academic, sporting and cultural realms, and was able to participate in many activities that were outside the core curriculum. The cultural program at the school is excellent, both in terms of the number of extra-curricular activities available, and the staff willing to sacrifice their time and effort to support it. [...] I feel that the staff prepared me well for university and working life." - **MMC Graduate, Class of 2018**

"Mt Maria College is not a set of buildings, a school, or a workplace. It is a community, a family, and one that I have been blessed to be a part of. I am proud to say I am a part of Mt Maria College." - **MMC Graduate, Class of 2020**



# Enrolments

Thank you for your interest in getting to know more about Mt Maria College.

## **When to Enrol**

Enrolments for Year 7 are confirmed 3 years prior to entry, when your student is in Year 4. It is recommended that applications are submitted when your student commences Year 3, however applications are accepted at any time. For all other year levels, applications are welcome at any time.

## **How to Enrol**

Visit our website [www.mtmaria.qld.edu.au](http://www.mtmaria.qld.edu.au) to submit your child's online Enrolment Application Form, the first step in our enrolment process.

## **Visit Us**

You are invited to visit Mt Maria College at our annual Open Day or for one of our personalised Tours. Visit the website to 'Book a Tour' and for details on our next Open Day.

## **For Further Information**

Please contact our Enrolments Officer by phoning 07 3550 3413 or send an email to: [mmcmenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmcmenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au)





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