



St Catholic College, Casino

PROSPECTUS 2011



Our Mission

We are a Catholic Co-educational Years 7-12 School based in country NSW. The school was formed by the amalgamation of two schools founded on the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and the Marist Brothers.

- » *We are an integral part of the St Mary's Parish community.*
- » *We aim to integrate Christian values and quality educational practices in order to prepare students to take their place in society.*
- » *We promote the central place of Jesus and His Gospel.*
- » *We are committed to Equity, Justice, and an Open Learning Environment in which every person is encouraged and respected.*
- » *We have a commitment to the Personal, Intellectual, Spiritual, Social, Emotional and Physical growth of members of our school community.*
- » *We will encourage all to achieve their full potential.*

Privacy Statement

1. St Mary's Catholic College collects personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil's enrolment at the school. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the school to provide schooling for your son/daughter.
2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the school's legal obligations, particularly to enable the school to discharge its duty of care.
3. Certain laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require that certain information is collected. These include Public Health and Child Protection laws.
4. Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the National Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We ask you to provide medical reports about students from time to time.
5. The School from time to time may disclose personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes. This includes to other schools, government departments, catholic Education Office, the Catholic Education Commission, your local Diocese and the parish, medical practitioners, and people providing services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, coaches and volunteers.
6. If we do not obtain the information referred to above we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.
7. Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasion information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and other news is published in School newsletters, magazines and on our website.
8. Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the school. Students may also seek access to personal information about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the schools duty of care to the pupil, or where students have provided information in confidence.
9. As you may know the school from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
10. We may include your contact details in a class list and family listing.
11. If you provide the School with the personal details of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the School does not usually disclose the information to third parties.
12. The School often uses photographs of students for school, parish and diocesan magazines and also for school promotional material. Please advise us if you do not wish this to happen in respect to your son or daughter.

Curriculum

At St Mary's Catholic College our fundamental aims in the area of teaching and learning are to:

- accommodate the learning needs of all students.
- encourage students to become self motivated learners and always give of their best.
- ensure that all teachers keep abreast of current teaching and learning methodology.
- access all available resources that will facilitate the teaching and learning process.

St Mary's Catholic College has, as an essential part of its curriculum philosophy, a commitment to a sense of community, to the Gospel values, and to the education of the whole person.

All students are provided with a broad, balanced, quality, contemporary curriculum which takes into account the needs of students of differing abilities and backgrounds and seeks to provide for all students an enriching school experience which develops their potential.

In accordance with the dictates of the Board of Studies ratified by the Education Reform Act, the curriculum for School Certificate candidates provides courses of study in each of the eight Key Learning Areas of:

Key Learning Areas	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Mathematics • Science • Creative Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Society and Its Environment • Languages Other than English • Technological and Applied Studies • Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Additionally, in a Catholic school, students study from the KLA Religious Education.

Mandatory Key Learning Areas will be provided during each year with the provision for the study of a range of electives.

Academically, the curriculum provides a sound basis in the sciences and the humanities through the compulsory study of courses in both these areas throughout Years 7 to 10.

In the first two years of secondary schooling students will experience an introduction to courses that are deemed electives in the latter part of the secondary school. This practice is based on the principle that in the education of the whole person the individual needs to be aware of the full range of options available to him/her in any direction.

Once the range of options has been experienced in Years 7 and 8 the students have the opportunity to develop the interests and skills in the choosing of electives in Years 9 and 10. These electives can be chosen from a wide range of both Board Courses and School Courses.

The senior curriculum offered will satisfy the academic requirements of the HSC, while at the same time allowing for the individual needs of the students to incorporate vocational courses and school-based traineeships where required. The increasing retention rate in the senior school has demanded a broad offering of subjects.

Curriculum Offerings at St Mary's Catholic College

YEARS 7 & 8	YEARS 9 & 10	YEARS 11 & 12
Religious Education	Religious Education	English – all levels
English	English	Mathematics – all levels
Mathematics	Mathematics	Studies of Religion
Science	Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Human Society & Its Environment	Civics and Citizenship	Senior Science
Technology	PD/H/PE	Earth & Environmental Science
PD/H/PE	Elective Subjects:	Drama
Italian	- Agriculture	Legal Studies
Music	- Commerce	Business Studies
Visual Arts	- Computer Studies	Modern & Ancient History
Computer Skills	- Drama	Agriculture
Agriculture	- Design & Technology	Economics
	- Food Technology	Geography
	- Geography	Engineering Studies
	- History	Design and Technology
	- Industrial Technology: - Timber Products	Industrial Technology: - Timber Products
	- Metal	- Multimedia
	- Multimedia	Food Technology
	- Farm Maintenance	Visual Arts
	- Italian	PD/H/PE
	- Music	Community and Family Studies
	- Photography	Software Design & Dev
	- Textiles Technology	Italian
	- Physical Activity and Sports Studies	VET courses: - Primary Industries
	- Visual Arts	- Hospitality Operations
		- Retail Operations
		- Business Services
		- Metal & Engineering
		- Construction
		- Information Technology
		Photography
		Sport Lifestyle & Recreation
		Secondary School TAFE
		Exploring Early Childhood
		Music
		School Based Traineeships
		Industry Based Learning

Co-curricular Activities

Spiritual and Service Activities

Opportunities are provided for students to participate in Masses, other Liturgies, Reception of Sacraments, Prayer and Reflection Days. Students at each year level also become involved in the 'Reach Out' Christian Service Program which focuses on a variety of service opportunities for students at home, at school and in the local community. A number of charity fundraising events are selected each year in which students participate.

Sport

The school fields teams in all major sports in both local school, Australian Marist Schools Association and Diocesan competitions including athletics, swimming and cross country.

In Years 7-10, one afternoon a week is devoted to Sport to develop skills and to allow students to participate in sports as members of a team.

OUTDOOR SPORTS

Sports which may be offered include:

Athletics Australian Rules Basketball Beach Volleyball Cricket	Cross Country Running Equestrian Golf Lawn Bowls Netball	Rugby League Rugby Union Soccer Softball Swimming	Tennis Touch Football Triathlon Volleyball Water Polo
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INDOOR SPORTS

Sports which may be offered include:

Circuit Training Basketball	Dance Indoor Cricket	Indoor Soccer Snooker	Squash Ten Pin Bowling
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Recreational, Artistic and Cultural Activities

The wide range of recreational, artistic and cultural activities offered by our School encourages students to be active members of their school and local community. These include:

Anzac Day Marches Clubs Competitions: (English, Mathematics, Science, Economics, Computers, Language)	Debating Excursions Gifted and Talented Camps Mock Trials Musical Productions Peer Support Program	PDHPE Camps Public Speaking School Socials Social Justice Groups Tournament of Minds School Fundraising
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Pastoral Care Program

The Pastoral Care Program at St Mary's Catholic College is inclusive of the following initiatives:

- Year 7 and Year 11 Transition Programs
- Boys in Education initiatives
- Homeroom classes
- Special Programs
- Gifted and Talented Program (G&T)
- Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution Programs
- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- Senior Mentoring program
- School Discipline Policy
- Retreats and RE days
- Formal Pastoral Care Program
- Anti-bullying initiatives
- Services of the McKenna Centre
- Student leadership training

Special Programs

St Mary's Catholic College offers students more than just an academic curriculum. Through a variety of special programs our students' emotional, social and specific learning difficulties are catered for.

- **LITERACY/NUMERACY SUPPORT GROUPS.** These programs are conducted on a small group, withdrawal basis and are targeting a specific academic need. Students are given a program designed to remediate identified learning barriers.
- **HOMEWORK CENTRE.** Another vital program we offer to assist our students is a Homework Centre one afternoon a week, currently Monday from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Students are given professional assistance and support to complete their independent tasks or assignments successfully. It takes the "hard" out of homework.
- **GRIEF COUNSELLING** is offered to students who have experienced loss or grief through the death, separation or divorce of a parent. This program assists the students to deal with their grief experience with affirmation and confidence.
- **BEHAVIOUR AWARENESS AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.** Students who experience difficulty in coping with their adolescence and the challenges this poses are able to undertake Behaviour Awareness and Management Programs. These programs empower the students with the skills necessary to deal with their issues in a non confrontational, positive way.
- **COUNSELLING SERVICES** are available to all students and their parents on site with the School Counsellor. This service provides support to students who may be experiencing adolescent, family, personal or school concerns.

School Uniform

Boys Uniform

YEARS 7-10	
Summer	Winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School shirt - navy polo shirt with school emblem • Grey shorts - long leg variety (brand name shorts/cargo shorts with pockets are not permitted) • School socks - grey banded with blue and white • Black leather school shoes • School cap or school hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long grey trousers (optional) • School jumper with school crest

YEARS 11-12	
Summer	Winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School shirt- white polo with school emblem • White business style short sleeved shirt for formal occasions with school tie • Grey shorts – long leg variety (no brand name/cargo shorts) • Grey socks with blue and white stripe • Black leather school shoes • School cap or school hat • Year 12 Rugby Top 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long grey trousers for winter • Long sleeved white shirt with school tie • School jumper with school crest

SPORTS UNIFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black school sports shorts (SMH only) • School sport shirt with crest • Track shoes • White sport socks (no logos) • Longer style socks NOT shoe liners or blue and white striped socks • School tracksuit

Uniform Requirements Boys & Girls

- Jewellery at a minimum - 1 ring, 1 necklace, 1 bangle, 2 pairs of ear sleepers/studs worn in the ear lobe.
 - Chains and necklaces should not be visible outside the uniform.
 - No leather jewellery.
- Coloured T Shirts not to be worn under any school shirts
- Clear nail polish only
- No beards or facial hair
- No piercing – eyebrows, tongue, nose, lips etc. for health and safety reasons
- All clothing should be clearly marked with student's name.

Girls Uniform

YEARS 7-10	
Summer	Winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School pleated skirt (blue) - not to be worn shorter than top of the knee • White short sleeved overblouse with school crest • Tie (senior girls only) • White socks – short turn over at ankle • Black leather school shoes • School cap or school hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School navy slacks • Blue / skin colour stockings may be worn • School jumper with school crest

YEARS 11-12	
Summer	Winter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School pleated skirt (checked blue) - not to be worn shorter than top of the knee • White short sleeved overblouse with school crest • Tie • White socks – short turn over at ankle • Black leather school shoes • School cap or school hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School navy slacks • Blue / skin colour stockings may be worn • School jumper with school crest

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Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Wednesday 12.00 noon – 4.00pm

St Mary's Catholic College Uniform Prices - 2011

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS	
Junior Polo Shirt (Navy)	\$27.00
White Polo Shirt (Senior)	\$25.00
Sport Polo	\$23.00
Sport Shorts	\$23.00
Grey Trousers (Mens)	\$46.00
Grey Trousers (Boys)	\$41.00
Senior Tie	\$15.75

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS	
Blouse (Junior-Senior Trim)	\$44.00
Skirt (Junior)	\$36.00
Skirt (Senior)	\$39.00
Sport Polo	\$19.00
Sport Shorts (Unisex)	\$23.00
Navy Slacks (All Sizes)	\$35.00
Senior Tie	\$7.00
Pocket (for homemade blouses)	\$7.00

BOYS AND GIRLS	
Coloured House Tshirt	\$5.00
School Cap	\$16.50
Bucket Hat	\$12.00
Knitted Jumpers (size 10-16)	\$57.00
(size 18-22)	\$61.00
(size 24-26)	\$65.00
(size 28-30)	\$72.00
Knitted Vests (all sizes)	\$50.00
School Tracksuit (Jackets \$57.00, Pants \$47.00)	\$97.00

Note: Prices are subject to change without notice.

School Fees

School fee accounts are sent out to families three times a year - early in Terms 1, 2 and 3 and all fees are to be finalised by the end of Term 3 (unless paying by regular instalments). The Resource Fee and Elective Fees are due and payable in full at the beginning of each year for all students.

The following schedule of fees is current for 2011. The 2012 fees will be determined in consultation with the Parish Finance Committee later in 2012.

Schedule of Fees for 2011

Tuition Fees	Per Year	Per Term	Per Week (40 weeks)
Year 7-10	\$1,410	\$470	\$35.25
Year 11-12	\$1,782	\$594	\$44.55

Discounts

Family discounts on Tuition Fees for parents with two or more children enrolled are as follows:

Child	Discount
First	Nil
Second	7% discount
Third	15% discount
Fourth	100% discount

Additional Charges

Area	Detail
General Levy	<p>Years 7 & 8 - \$300 Includes both mandatory and rotational subject levies, planner, retreat, magazine, photocopying, Science safety glasses and hardcase, incidentals.</p> <p>Years 9 & 10 - \$175 Includes mandatory subject levies – RE, English, Maths, Science and HSIE, planner, retreat, magazine, photocopying and incidentals.</p> <p>Year 11 \$325 & Year 12 - \$385 Includes mandatory subject levies – RE, English & Maths, planner, retreat, magazine, photocopying and incidentals.</p>
Book Hire Levy	<p>The annual Book Hire Levy is \$100 per student. The Levy provides a personal 'hire' copy of textbooks in each KLA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued over.....</i></p>

Book Hire Bond	One of payment of \$100 at the start of scheme which is fully refundable when student leaves School providing all texts are returned in good condition. <i>.....Continued</i>
Elective Fees	Some Elective subjects in Years 9-12 incur additional fees which are payable at the beginning of each year for all students. Full details can be obtained in the Junior and Senior Handbooks
Building Levy	\$300 per family per year (\$7.50 per week x 40 weeks). This is payable through: 1. Parish Planned Giving Program (50% Tax Deductible) 2. School (not Tax Deductible)
Computer Access Fee	\$200 for Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 in 2011.

Methods of Payment

You can choose to pay your fees:

- Weekly (40 instalments)
- Fortnightly (20 instalments)
- Monthly (11 instalments)
- Per invoice (3 payments; one in each of Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3)
- Per year (full lump sum by Term 3)

By way of:

- Through the school
- Direct Debit to your Bank, Credit Union, Building Society (arrange at Parish office)
- Direct Deposit through School's Bank (collect a deposit book at school office)
- Periodical payment through your bank/credit union
- Internet transfer

Additional Information

Bus Travel

Subsidised bus travel is available for eligible students through the NSW Government, Ministry of Transport, School Student Transport Scheme. If you wish to apply for this subsidised bus travel you will need to complete an "Application Form for Subsidised Travel and Update of Student Details Form" which may be obtained from the school office or bus company. This form must be completed and returned to the school office promptly.

Note: All new students to the school (including Year 7 students) who wish to apply for subsidised travel will be required to complete an Application Form even if they have completed one at their previous school.

If your child changes address a new "Application Form for Subsidised Travel and Update of Student Details Form" will need to be completed even if the students travels on the same bus or travels with the same bus company.

Private Vehicle Conveyance

Where there is no public transport available (mainly in rural areas) parents can apply for a subsidy towards transporting students to school by private vehicle. To be eligible, travel must be made from home to school or transport pick-up point (eg. bus stop) both in the morning and afternoon and students must be required to travel more than 1.6km. Private Vehicle Conveyance Application Forms are available from the school office. This form must be completed and returned to the school office promptly.

Note: All new students to the school (including Year 7 students) who wish to apply for subsidised travel will be required to complete an Application Form even if they have completed one at their previous school. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office with any queries.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

To assist parents with costs associated with accidents during school hours and on school organised excursions, Catholic Education in association with Catholic Church Insurances limited have developed the SchoolCare Children's Accident insurance program.

St Mary's Catholic College is pleased to be part of this program and our School Activities Only policy provides protection to all children attending our school.

The School Activities Only policy includes cover for school camps, school sports (including sports out of school hours, as long as they are organised by the school), work experience, traveling to and from school or school activities. It also includes any activity organised or authorised by the school. This includes before and after school care, if organised by the school.

Our policy covers three important areas of care, any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas. It is important to note that the policy **cannot** cover any Medicare service including the Medicare gap. If you have any questions please call the SchoolCare Accident HelpLine on telephone, 1300 138 498.