



# MERICI COLLEGE PROSPECTUS



# YOUR FUTURE AT MERICI



## Ongoing initiatives

- Gifted and Talented program, including Elite Sports Program
- IB World School
- Unique community partnership with Black Mountain School
- Sustainability, kitchen garden and healthy eating focus
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Laptop Program
- Ongoing Improvement of facilities
- Local and overseas tours and immersions
- System-wide reform through high impact teaching strategies.

## A Catholic education

As a Catholic school, we respond as a community to the mission and teachings of the Church. We invite all members to deepen their faith and service to others.

Merici is particularly proud of its response to supporting local and global needs through our Christian Service Learning Program.

## Pastoral care

- A vertical pastoral care system (Years 7–12) fosters the personal and spiritual growth of students across year levels in partnership with parents. It offers a sense of belonging for every student and real opportunities for student leadership
- The formal program addresses current issues relevant to adolescents including cyber safety, positive mental health and wellbeing
- Support services include College counsellors, a Defence School Mentor and an Indigenous Contact Teacher.



## Established in 1959, Merici College educates young women from Years 7-12

Merici is a Catholic College for young women in Years 7 to 12, which was established in 1959. We are an authorised IB World School for the Middle Years Programme and the Diploma Programme. IB World Schools share a common philosophy- a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education- that we believe is important for our students. We provide an engaging educational environment, designed to challenge our students to take risks within and beyond the classroom to achieve individual academic excellence. Merici College is a welcoming community, where authentic relationships are nurtured, and where dignity and integrity are affirmed. We seek to foster within our students a life-long love of learning, where each young woman is given the opportunity to grow spiritually and intellectually in order to make a positive contribution to society.

Our excellent outcomes for students are a culmination of striving to live out our mission: 'Merici empowers women to love life, have hope, be faithful and build futures more wondrous than they dare to dream'. We recognise and celebrate Christ's presence in our community.



## Rich and varied curriculum

- A rich Religious Education program that bridges faith and life
- A rigorous, academic program based on Principles of Powerful Learning and growth mindset
- A philosophy that develops student responsibility for active learning
- Individual academic programs tailored to meet the needs of students to create career pathways
- Excellent NAPLAN and Year 12 results
- Development of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills across the curriculum
- Inclusive education for students with additional needs
- An extensive Foreign Languages program offering French, Italian, Mandarin and Spanish
- Comprehensive and highly supported vocational education opportunities from Year 10
- IB Learner Profile used to develop character traits.

## Junior curriculum that caters for the individual

- IB MYP School
- Year 10 IB Personal Project
- Comprehensive induction and transition program to secondary school
- Integration of information technology into the curriculum for all students
- Emphasis on differentiated programs across the curriculum
- Effective preparation of students for the senior College.

## Senior curriculum that prepares students for the future

- IB DP School
- Wide range of challenging courses appropriate for all ability levels
- Excellent preparation for University, CIT/TAFE colleges and employment
- Proven program of study skills development and AST preparation
- Partnerships with local tertiary institutions
- Vibrant vocational education programs delivering nationally recognised qualifications and a state of the art Trades Training Centre.





## Co-curricular program

- Offering extensive sporting, cultural, academic and social experiences
- Placing emphasis on broadening educational and leadership opportunities
- Camp and Retreat Program Years 7–12
- Emphasis on participation, engagement and exploring new interests

## School fees per annum

Current information on school tuition fees and all levies can be found on the College's website.

## Scholarships

A number of scholarships are offered to students entering Year 7 and for their senior years of schooling.





## TESTIMONIALS

I was a bit nervous on my first day but I was given lots of information and guidance that helped me. I am looking forward to our Year 7 camp so that I can spend more time with my new friends.

**Lucy**

Year 7 student

Bringing your own computer to school has helped create more familiarity in using technology in the classroom and the teachers are always supportive and willing to help me.

**Hannah**

Year 8 student

It's great being able to become involved in so many different academic and co-curricular activities.

**Maya**

Year 9 student

The College's focus on sustainability is amazing. Each day we learn more ways to keep our environment safe. I feel like I am helping to sustain a healthy environment.

**Amelia**

Year 10 student

The vertical grouping in PC is fantastic at Merici, allowing us to integrate with all year levels and form relationships. It also gives the senior students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and be role models.

**Catherine**

Year 11 student

Merici has given me the skills that I need for my career pathway. I graduate this year knowing that I have developed as a whole person, academically, socially and spiritually.

**Laura**

Year 12 student

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