



Catherine McAuley  
Catholic College  
MEDOWIE

***A Year 7-12  
Learning Community***



“ We should be shining lamps,  
giving light to all around us. ”

***Catherine McAuley***

## ***Welcome*** TO OUR COMMUNITY

In the spirit of hospitality established by Catherine McAuley and the Mercy Sisters, we welcome you to our learning community.

We are proud to be the Diocese of Maitland – Newcastle’s newest secondary college serving the Port Stephens community.

United in Mercy we are committed to being:

- Authentically Catholic with a dedication to service.
- Evidenced based and leading in our approach to learning, teaching and wellbeing.
- A nurturing college family where every individual is known.

Our new campus is open to students in Year 7 and Year 8 in 2021.

## OUR MORAL IMPERATIVE

Empower a mercy-inspired community of  
***confident, agile, reflective learners.***

## OUR MISSION

Co-create learning environments where  
***faith, purpose, fulfilment*** and ***joy***  
are experienced by all.

# Reimagining EDUCATION

The Catherine McAuley Catholic College Learning Model is supported by four elements.

### PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICES

Students experience engaging, authentic and relevant problems or simulations where learning is applied in real world contexts.

### LEVERAGING DIGITAL

Effective use of digital tools to create local and global partnerships and support students to confidently take control of their own learning.

### LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Networks of relationships are cultivated connecting learners to authentic opportunities locally, nationally and globally.

### LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Learners experience multidimensional spaces that offer flexibility in use and a culture of learning where every voice matters, learning interests are met and students grow as agile, reflective learners.



# ***Finding True North***

## WELLBEING AT CMCC

In ancient times, seafaring people found their path in vast unknown waters by reading the night sky, a process known as celestial navigation. An essential first step in celestial navigation is finding Polaris – the North Star. Polaris, sitting almost motionless over the north pole provided explorers an internal compass – a point that was a constant amidst an everchanging night sky. Knowing true north, one can always navigate one’s way, regardless of one’s starting point.

Our college seeks to assist our students in finding their own true north by honouring the uniqueness of each child, supporting them in discovering individual strengths and pathways and preparing them to be life and career ready.

***“ We all have our true north, we just need the right supports, resources and guidance systems to get us there. ”***

Lyn Sharratt – Good to Great to Innovate (2015)

# McAULEY ***Learner Profile***

McAuley students are empowered learners who are confident, agile and reflective, possessing the skills and capabilities to thrive as people of:



Our McAuley graduates are inspired to lead purposeful lives and contribute to a changing world by living the values of **hospitality, courage, compassion** and **faith in action**.



## OUR *Facilities*

Learning is supported at Catherine McAuley Catholic College by stimulating, comfortable learner-centred environments that enable collaboration, communication and deep learner engagement.

Our college is the first in our diocese to be designed with full campus-wide Wi-Fi connectivity, supporting both indoor and outdoor learning environments.

Stewardship of creation and sustainability are cornerstones of our community. Our facilities have been designed with these principles in mind and have greatly influenced the design, footprint and choice of materials used in our buildings.

Our learning environments are future focused with an emphasis on flexibility and agility, ensuring that Catherine McAuley Catholic College continues to offer contemporary learning spaces for generations of students.



## OUR *Visual Identity*

Our visual identity seeks to create a connection among the diverse groups that are coming together to form one, cohesive college community. The Mercy Cross sits centrally within the concentric circles of the crest. The use of dotted lines depicts a meeting place and draws links to the Worimi people, the traditional custodians of the land where our community sits.

Each colour references different aspects of Indigenous culture, Catholic traditions and Mercy values: yellow depicts the sun and is the colour of Catherine McAuley; blue portrays the vast number of watercourses that dominate our local area; green represents the traditional meaning of Medowie – the place of tall trees and; orange relates to the bright orange clay ochre found in the area and used for ceremonial dances by the Worimi people.

## COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY *Partnerships*

Catherine McAuley Catholic College is a member of the Future Schools Alliance (FSA) and the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL) global network. These world leading organisations provide support and counsel to the college in fulfilling our moral imperative to become a community of excellence for all students.

Since our inception the college has been working on developing relationships with the global organisations that operate in the Port Stephens region. Links are being fostered with leading aerospace, hospitality and tourism operators to enrich our students' learning and provide them with real world experience and skills.



# *Enrolment*

We are an inclusive community with enrolment open to all seeking a Catholic education for their children.

The formal enrolment period begins in Catholic Schools Week each year. General applications for enrolment are considered year-round.

## ENQUIRE NOW

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