



ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
GATESHEAD

St Mary's Catholic College
Gateshead

ENROLMENT HANDBOOK 2025

A Year 7 – 12 Catholic College committed to providing Catholic Education in the finest traditions of the College's founding order, the Sisters of St Joseph.

OUR JOSEPHITE HISTORY AND COLLEGE MOTTO

"READY TO SERVE"

St Mary's High School was opened in January 1964 in response to the longings of parishioners who wanted a high school for their daughters to attend. The cooperation of the Sisters of St Joseph who owned the land on which the school was built, enabled their wishes to be realised.

In the early 1980's, the school transitioned into a year 7 to 10 co-educational community enrolling students from the schools in the East Lake Macquarie region. In 2015, following a review into the provision of Catholic Secondary education, diocesan authorities committed to transitioning St Mary's to Years 11-12 in 2018-2019. Children from Catholic Primary Schools in the region - **St Paul's Gateshead, St Joseph's Charlestown, St Pius X Windale, St Francis Xavier's Belmont, St Mary's Warners Bay and St Patrick's Swansea** are zoned to enrol at St. Mary's.

In 2017 the name of the school changed to St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead, in preparation for the school's transition to a Year 7 to 12 campus in 2018-2019. The change in name has been accompanied by a change in the school's visual identity with the school crest, colours and uniform changing. It is significant to note that the inclusion of 'Catholic' reflects both our Catholicity and Josephite heritage and the word College reflects our commitment to be a "community of learners".

The College motto is based on the text from St Luke's Gospel ***"Behold I am the servant of the Lord"***, (Luke 1:38) which was Mary's response to the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. Our translation of the text ***"Ready to Serve"*** is at the centre of all we do at St Mary's and all we try to give witness to in our day to day relationships with each other.

We honour and strive to uphold the commitment to social justice instilled in the first school community and nurtured during the school's formative years by our founding order the Sisters of St Joseph.

Our College Feast Day is celebrated each year on March 25th – the Feast of the Annunciation. This is a special day in the annual life of the college. The Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop, the co-founder of the Josephite order of sisters with Fr Tenison Woods, is celebrated on August 8th and this is also a day of celebration honouring our Josephite heritage.

St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead

OUR MISSION & VISION

OUR MISSION

"I come that you may have life and have it to the full"

Jn 10:10

Inspired by the gifts of the Spirit and built on the foundation of the Josephite Sisters, we strive to be a welcoming Catholic College community educating for the fullness of life for all, on the pillars of safety, respect, learning and service.

OUR VISION

"I am the servant of the Lord," Mary answered.

"May your word to me be fulfilled"

Lk 1:38

To be a place of learning, growth and hope centred on and nourished by the love of Jesus Christ.

OUR MANTRA

- Be Safe
- Be A Learner
- Be Respectful

OUR MOTTO

"Ready to Serve"

Pastoral Care and Anti-Bullying Policies

The College's Pastoral Care and Anti-Bullying policies aim to provide a safe, secure and supportive environment for all students. An environment where the dignity, worth and wholeness of each child is revered, safe-guarded and promoted. It is underpinned by adherence to the principles of Restorative Justice, Procedural Fairness and Positive Behaviour Support. Students are challenged to engage in disciplined behaviour and this is supported and reinforced by clear behavioural expectations and strong anti-bullying and harassment policy and procedures.

Corporal punishment is banned at St Mary's

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Parents are the first educators of their children. At St Mary's we acknowledge and celebrate this! Your children bring to our college community the wonder of their unique gifts and talents, hopes and dreams, questions and longings. Parents/Carers, more than anyone else in the lives of their children, know these wonders!

Without the continued involvement of their Parents in the challenging years of early adolescence, the child is severely hindered! We encourage and embrace all opportunities for Parental contact and involvement.

Parent Engagement Group (PEG)

The parent body agreed in 2021 to replace the Parents and Friends Association with a Parent Engagement Group (PEG) for a trial period of 12 months. The guidelines for the operation of the PEG were ratified by Bishop William Wright on 4 December 2020. Meetings of the PEG are held once per term. The focus of each meeting is on authentic community engagement and includes an educative component that builds capacity amongst parents and carers.

Retreat Program, Community Days and Leadership Training

The college provides opportunities for the children to develop their inner lives through involvement in camps, community days, the Senior Year 12 retreat and Leadership Training in preparation for leadership as Student Pastoral Council Members, Sporting House, Peer Support Leaders & College Leaders.

The programs provide for the spiritual and character formation of our students as well as building their confidence and competence as leaders.

Parent Information Evenings

We invite parents to attend information evenings held for particular purposes for each year group. The evenings are designed to support parents in encouraging their children's educational development.

Commitment to “Earth Stewardship”

During 2004 we began planning for the improvement of our college environment. Parents, staff and students continue to work together on this long term project with a view to creating and maintaining a place of peace, calm and reflection.



Landcare, Vegetable Garden, Bush Garden and Greenhouse

Students are gifted with wonderful opportunities to care for the earth. The college is a registered landcarer. The Landcare group has planted thousands of native plants in the college grounds and is actively involved in the regeneration of the Creek, which runs through the college grounds. The college supports the work of landcare groups outside the college.

Environmental initiatives incorporating a vegetable garden, worm farm, frog garden, greenhouse, Landcare and Waterwatch activities have significantly enhanced the college’s physical environment and demonstrated our steadfast commitment to **“Earth Stewardship”**. The college’s landcare work has been recognised by Lake Macquarie City Council with the college consistently winning the High School section of their Annual Landcare Awards.

Child Protection

At St Mary’s we value greatly the contribution our volunteers make to our community. Without your assistance, we would not be able to adequately operate the canteen or support a number of other college activities. A college, like St Mary’s which values the sense of community so highly, simply cannot function without the assistance of our volunteers, and for your contribution we sincerely thank you.

In order for us to uphold the highest levels of professional conduct we must ensure we respond to policy changes as they arrive. Recent changes require every school Volunteer to complete the **Diocesan Volunteer Induction application**. If you have expressed your desire to volunteer at the College, please use the link below to complete the process:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/>

Once the Volunteer application is completed, both the Volunteer and the College will be notified when the process has been verified so the Volunteer to commence at St Mary’s.

Please note, generally, a volunteer who has an affiliation with St Mary’s does not need a Working with Children Check (please see handbook for direction). However, if you wish to volunteer at St Mary’s and **do not** have an affiliation, you will need to provide a Working with Children Check. Details regarding the process on how to obtain a Working With Children Check can be obtained from Reception.

Liturgical and Spiritual Life

Each time the college community gathers in assemblies, we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land – the Awabakal People – and we pray together. At St Mary’s we commit ourselves to the development of our inner life. During each period, staff are expected to bring students to stillness and quiet for a few minutes of reflection. We call this time **“Dadirri time”**. ***We come to stillness in order to develop resilience, wholeness and peace.***

“We are not threatened by silence. We are completely at home in it. We do not try to hurry things up. We let them follow their natural course – like the seasons.”

We gather to celebrate the change in the Seasons of the Church Year, we begin each year with a Liturgy of the Word during which our College Leaders are commissioned, we celebrate Year Group Masses during the year and at the culmination of the year the college celebrates a farewell liturgy.

Creative and Performing Arts

The Creative and Performing Arts are alive and well at St Mary’s. College choir, bands, ensembles, showcase & musical evenings, “Dio-Sounds”, “Aspire”, drama performances and our annual “Artopia” and “Battle of the Bands” provide further opportunities to celebrate the wonderful talents of our gifted students.

Leadership

Students have the opportunity to volunteer to serve as PEER SUPPORT LEADERS in year 10 and as members of the breakfast club, “Junior Vinnies” and to be elected as members of the Student Pastoral Council and as College leaders.

Our four sports houses – **Chisholm, Simpson, Kenny and Smith** (named after famous Australians) each have 4 House Captains and 4 House Vice-Captains who assist in developing a sense of community and participation through their efforts at Carnivals and other events during the year.

Student Pastoral Council

The Student Pastoral Council provides a model of Leadership that reflects and is inspired by our college motto *“Ready to Serve”*. The Council comprises 6 representatives from each year group and the college’s 4 elected Student Leaders. Council members respond to a call of service and are provided with opportunities for service within and beyond our college community. **The functioning of the Council reinforces the Gospel message that human experience is totally liberated through compassion.**

Science & Engineering Challenge

The college has an amazing record of success in the National Science & Engineering Challenge. Involvement in the challenge brings rich rewards for students in terms of the development of vital vocational skills and human qualities.

Breakfast Club

The college’s “Ready to Serve” Breakfast Club is run by staff and students who provide a breakfast ‘free of charge’ 4 days per week to students requiring it.

“Junior Vinnies”

The college has a junior chapter of St Vincent de Paul. Membership is open to all students who engage in acts of service in support of the needy in our world. Participation in “Junior Vinnies” is a wonderful way of living out the college motto: *“Ready to Serve”*.

Fresh Fruit

Fresh fruit is available for students, free of charge, from the Canteen and Breakfast Club, on most days. This initiative is supported by a member of the local chapter of St Vincent de Paul.

COMPASS

St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead utilises a student information system called Compass. Compass is a comprehensive database enabling the college to effectively manage all information relating to your child/children. This forms part of a broader implementation of a student information system for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. This solution will offer a secure, yet easy connection to essential information you need in relation to your child.

Compass offers features such as the ability to explain your child's absences, view school alerts, newsletters and your child's reports. Once your child commences St Mary's Catholic College, every family receives a separate secure login to Compass, which will be provided to you by the College.

Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by the school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

Homepage

The home screen provides you with relevant alerts and news, as well as quick access to your child's profile.

The screenshot shows the Compass P-12 Portal homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for home, calendar, edit, grid, people, and star. The user's name, Mrs Molly WEASLEY, and a settings gear icon are in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "Welcome to the Hogwarts P-12 Portal" and includes a "Main Menu" button. Below the welcome message, there are sections for "Your Child/ren" (listing Ron WEASLEY and Ginny WEASLEY with their respective profile links and photos), "Alerts" (listing reports, insights, course confirmations, event consents, and attendance notes), and "News" (including a "Cauldron Sale" and "Homework Club" announcement). A "Tools" button is located in the top right corner.

Further information and assistance regarding Compass can be found in the Compass User Guide from the link below:

<http://www.gatesheadsm.catholic.edu.au/files/Compass%20Parent%20Handbook.pdf>

This information can also be found on St Mary's website.

UNIFORM

ENFORCING UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

St Mary's is very proud of its school uniform. There is meaning behind the change between the Junior and Senior Uniforms, the colours and the representations of student badges and college emblems.

It is a requirement of attendance at the college that students wear the full school uniform and wear it correctly, at all times. When a student is not in uniform, she/he is expected to have a note of explanation. The note must be shown to their roll-call teacher. It must be signed by you, as parent/guardian, dated and indicate why and for how long your child will be out of uniform.

If a student does not have a note of explanation, then she/he may be issued with a community service note and a "Uniform Infringement" entry will be recorded on Compass. We ask for your support in doing all that you can to ensure that the situation is rectified promptly. In situations of financial hardship and where a prompt response is difficult, appropriate support will be provided once the school is made aware of the situation.

You are reminded that there must be no 'mixing and matching' of new uniform items. We trust in your total support for the efforts of the staff in gaining students complete compliance with uniform requirements.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Information can be located on Compass regarding Uniform requirements. This information can also be found on the College website – <https://www.gatesheadsm.catholic.edu.au/parent-information/uniform/>

The Uniform shop holiday trading hours are:

Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am to 10.30am
Thursday from 12.45pm to 3.30pm

If you have any uniform purchase queries, please contact Kylie, Uniform Shop Manager on 0435 954 372.

If you have any questions in relation to the wearing of the Uniform, please contact the College.

Everyday College Procedures

Please ensure that you and your child are aware of the following to ensure a smooth transition into St Mary's.

Student ID Card

College photo day usually occurs shortly after the start of term 1. Each student will have their photo taken regardless of whether they will be purchasing photos or not. This photo will then be used to create a Student ID Card that is used for borrowing from the Library and the personal ID purposes. Students should carry their ID card with them at all times. For lost or damaged Student ID cards, students will need to pay \$3.50 at the Finance Office for a replacement.

COMPASS

Monitoring Student Attendance

St Mary's uses the Compass Admin/Wellbeing program to monitor student attendance throughout the day. It is important that members of our community are aware of what to do if they are absent, attend college late or need to leave early.

Log-in details for parents/carers are emailed to parents at the beginning of the new academic year or when a new student commences at the College. If you have not received your email stating your user-name and log in details and your Compass account is still inactive, please contact the College and we will arrange for another email to be sent to you. Please see below notes for your information:

- Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the information contained in Compass by accessing the "Parent Portal – Compass: User Guide" from the College website or from the link on page 7.
- Parents/carers will have the capability through Compass to reset their password in the event they have forgotten it or want to change it. If you have any difficulties, please contact the Front Office.
- Parents/carers have access to the Compass Parent Portal. Each user will require separate email addresses for separate Compass accounts – an email address shared between two people is regarded as a Compass security breach and will not allow access to the account.
- New users when logging on to Compass are given the opportunity to update their details. It has Mobile phone number updates should be done using the following format - XXXX XXX XXX.
- **Reminder! PLEASE ONLY EXPLAIN WHOLE DAY ABSENCES – PLEASE DO NOT REPORT PARTIAL ABSENCES** through the Compass App. Reporting partial absences may cause inconsistencies with your child's attendance. Please telephone Students Services to explain partial absences.
- SMS's are sent to parents of students who are absent at 9.40am each weekday morning. You will receive a text message if your child was not present during roll call and/or Period 1. Please phone Student Services to explain your child's absence if you receive a text. Please do not respond by text, the Compass system does not accept them.
- If you notify the College beforehand that your child is going to arrive late, you will still receive an SMS. The arrival time of a student will not be amended in Compass prior to them reporting to Student Services on arrival, in the event there is an inconsistency of arrival times.

- On occasion you may be sent a text message even though your child is in attendance at school, this may be because they have arrived late and have not signed in at Student Services. Please kindly remind your child that they must report to Student Services if they arrive late to school (8.50am or later) so that their attendance is recorded, otherwise they may continue to be marked as absent. In the event you receive a communication from the school inadvertently, please call the Student Services (4944 4800) and this will be investigated.
- **In line with Government legislation, please ensure your child's absence is explained within 7 days of the absence date otherwise the absence is recorded as unexplained and will remain unexplained even if a note is later received.**

Absent from College

Each day the college sends a SMS message to the parents/carers of students who have been recorded with an *unexplained absence*. **All absences must be recorded within seven days;** please account for each absence on the day the SMS is received by phoning or emailing the college, or by recording your child's FULL DAY absence directly through Compass. Please **do not** record partial absences as this may cause an inconsistency with your child's attendance.

Student Arrives Late for College

Students arriving late are required to report to Student Services upon arrival. We ask for your support in reminding your child of this procedure to avoid unnecessary worry to parents/carers, should they receive an SMS in error. A note must be provided to the college to explain your child's late arrival.

Students Leaving Early

A student requesting to leave early must be signed out in person, by their parent/carer or emergency contact, at Student Services.

Extenuating circumstances and permanent Early-Leaver passes will continue to be considered by writing to the Principal with your reason. We do request that Early Leaver passes are renewed on a term by term basis, a letter of consideration will be required each time.

Flexible Timetable arrangements for Year 12 students will **not** be affected, providing the Flexible Timetable authorisation form has been completed by the parent/carer.

Extended Leave

In 2012, the Government introduced new non-attendance requirements in all NSW schools. The following information was provided for parents at that time and is again provided as a reminder of the attendance responsibilities to be addressed by parents and students, specifically for extended leave:

If your family holiday is during school time you **MUST** inform the school Principal in advance and **request a Certificate of Extended Leave (Form A1)**. The Certificate of Extended Leave is authorised by the Principal and you will be required to carry a signed copy during the entirety of the leave period, in the event you are asked about your child's non-attendance at school.

We would request, wherever possible, that you do not withdraw your children from school for family holidays.

Students Sick at College

If a student is feeling unwell in class - please tell the teacher! The teacher will give the student a note to take to Student Services. The student will then be directed to sick bay. If it is necessary for the student to go home, Student Services will ring the parent or contact person and request the student be collected from the college.

Students must not use their mobile phone to ring their parents/carers directly. We have a responsibility to ensure that students are being cared for whilst they are unwell and that our attendance rolls accurately reflect students' attendance at college. When the student is collected from the college they will be "scanned-out" by Administration staff and the parent/carer must sign them out authorising the early departure.

Taking prescribed medication at the college:

Parents/carers will complete a medical information form. This will indicate whether the student needs to take regular medication during college hours. It is not allowable for students to carry prescribed medication whilst at college. **Please bring medication to Student Services for safekeeping and for Student Services staff to administer.**

Epipens/Medical Requirements

A student requiring an Epipen should always carry one with them. Parents/carers may also leave a spare Epipen for their child at Student Services. Please note that Student Services have spare Epipens.

The College should be kept aware of any changes to student medical needs.

If Students are Anxious or have a Problem:

There are some days when students need to have someone to listen to them. Sometimes things get piled up and students feel snowed under; sometimes there are sad things that happen to students, sometimes students can feel pretty lonely and need someone other than their friends to listen to them and help them work their way through things. There are many people available for students to talk with. Their **Leader of Wellbeing, College Counsellor, "Beyond the Gates" Social Worker, their Roll Call Teacher, Learning Support Coordinator, Ministry Coordinator, Aboriginal Education Teacher, Careers Advisor, Year 11/12 Mentors, Administration Coordinator, either Assistant Principal and Principal** - anyone who the student feels is the RIGHT person to talk to. If a student has a worry about a particular subject, the **Leader of Learning** is there for you as well. Sometimes just finding the words to describe what is worrying a student and **SPEAKING THEM OUT** is all it takes to start getting things sorted!

Qkr! App – see help-sheet on page 11

This easy to use phone app gives you the flexibility to place orders for Canteen directly from your phone. It also reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school. **Please remember to amend your child's year group on the Qkr! app each year to aid the timely collection of their order.**

If you require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact either Helen or April in the Finance Office.

Daily Homework and Use of School Diary

All Students are issued with a College Handbook at the commencement of each academic year. Parents, please review this document with your child and impress on them the importance of adhering to the policy and procedures outlined within. Parents and carers are expected to sign the document annually and return to their child's roll call teacher.

Ordering Lunch:

The college cafeteria is open before roll call when recess and lunch orders can be placed. There is always a teacher on supervision at the cafeteria to make sure that students line up in an orderly manner. Sometimes the cafeteria lines can be very long – please be patient! Avoid the long wait by ordering your lunch – you can do this through Qkr! Remember, our cafeteria is staffed by volunteers most days.

Polite manners - “please’s” and “thank you’s” go a long way at St Mary’s...

AND

When you make a mistake please say “I’m sorry”!

AND

Always be alert and ready to assist others in need

Parking In, Entering and Leaving College Grounds

Please note the following important information:

- The vehicular entrance to the College from the Pacific Highway is one way only. All vehicles using this entry must exit the campus via Alvestor Close at the rear of the College or by driving underneath the new Administration building through the car park back onto the Pacific Highway
- Open from 6:45am – 9:15am and from 3:20pm – 5:00pm Monday to Friday. For access outside these times please telephone the College (4944 4800).
- A “kiss and ride” section is established on the internal road between the Josephite Centre (Hall) and main buildings of the College
- The “kiss and ride” sections are not parking areas and are only to be used to drop off and collect students.

When entering the campus, please be aware that student safety is our priority. Please observe the above procedures, reduce your speed, and take every precaution to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

Please be aware of the pedestrian crossing on the service road between the College and the Josephite Centre and demountable classrooms.

Finally, please do not park in St Paul’s Primary School car park, the right-hand side of Alvestor Close as you exit College grounds, or across our neighbours’ driveways. Your support is appreciated.

Students Who Drive

The Student Driver Policy and Procedure booklet must be read and signed by the student, parents/carers and approved by the college. Please ensure Student Services is kept up to date with the rego number of the car that the student drives.

Bus Pass Use for School Excursions

Should your child attend a school excursion where an Opal card is required, they are not to use their Student Bus Travel card. They must obtain a separate Opal card for these journeys (together with the concession card if 16 or over).

Bus Pass Concession Cards for students 16 years and over

Students 16 years of age or older require a concession card in order to obtain a concession fare on public transport. If your child requires a concession card, please see Student Services.

Bus Routes

Families are requested to check the Newcastle Transport Website to reacquaint yourselves with relevant bus routes:

2024 Bus Route Instructions

- In Chrome (not Internet Explorer), type in “Newcastle Buses plan your trip” (if you scroll down this page and type in the school name, it downloads a map and a PDF bus stop list – only limited stops are displayed)

OR:

- Under the Plan your trip tab click on Trip Planner
- Type in pick up point – ie St Mary’s Catholic College, Gateshead
- Destination – eg. Swansea (or vice versa depending on AM or PM)
- Click on Leaving now and type in the approximate leaving time eg. 15:00
- Click on Refine
- Click on School Bus
- Click on Fewest Changes
- You should now have a list of school bus numbers (make note of these numbers as when you leave this page you can’t get back to it without following the previous 6 steps)
- Under the Plan tab - Click on Routes and Timetables
- Type in the bus number – here you can print out pdf timetables

Finally, please ensure that your child has a Student Opal card and they are reminded to Tap On and Tap Off. The data collated from the use of Opal Cards is the primary determiner in having additional services put on our network.

Volunteer’s Working with Children Check (WWCC)

At St Mary’s we value greatly the contribution our volunteers make to our community. Without your assistance we would not be able to adequately operate the canteen or support a number of sporting and cultural events. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer for our Cafeteria please click on the following link for the Volunteer Registration form:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/>.

DISABILITY PROVISIONS

Disability Provisions applications for HSC exams are now open. Any student considering applying for these provisions please see Mrs Van Vlimmeren/Mr O’Neill to discuss their eligibility. The closing date for applications is the last day of Term 1. Please note that SMCC does not make decisions about applications. The NSW Government Education Standards Authority (NESA) make determinations based on evidence supplied in applications.

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- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks



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Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Scan QR code provided by your school



Or search for our school name

If within 4kms of the school, you can select from "Locations Nearby"



Now you're ready to order and pay for meals and other items...

Overview of the Curriculum Stages 4 and 5

KEY LEARNING AREA	Stage 4		Stage 5	
	Year 7	Year 8	Years 9 and 10	
Religious Studies	ü	ü	ü	
English	ü	ü	ü	
Mathematics	ü	ü	ü	
Science	ü	ü	ü	
HSIE - Australian History & Geography	ü	ü	ü	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Studies • Commerce • Work Education 	ADDITIONAL COURSES OF STUDY
LOTE		Japanese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese • Chinese 	
CREATIVE ARTS	Music	Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Drama • Visual Art • Photographic and Digital Media 	
TAS	Technology	Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and Technology • Food Technology • Graphics Technology • Industrial Technology • Information and Software Technology • Textiles Technology • ISTEM 	
PDHPE	ü	ü	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Activity and Sports Studies 	

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE GATESHEAD
PRELIMINARY COURSE OFFERINGS**

RELIGIOUS STUDIES	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	HSIE	CREATIVE ARTS	LANGUAGES	PDHPE	TAS	VET
Studies of Religion 1U	English Advanced	Mathematics Advanced	Biology	Aboriginal Studies	Drama	Chinese Beginners	Community & Family Studies	Design & Technology	Business Services (Cert II)
								Engineering Studies	Construction (Cert II)
Studies of Religion 2U	English Standard	Mathematics Standard	Chemistry	Ancient History	Music 1	Japanese Beginners	Exploring Early Childhood	Enterprise Computing	Hospitality (Cert II)
									Skills for Work (Cert II)
Studies in Catholic Thought 1U	English Studies	Mathematics Extension	Earth & Environmental Science	Business Studies	Music 2	Japanese Continuers	PDHPE	Food Technology	
Studies in Catholic Thought 2U	English Extension 1	Numeracy	Investigating Science	Economics	Photography, Video & Digital Imaging		Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation	Industrial Technology: Timber	
			Physics	Geography	Visual Arts			Industrial Technology: Graphics	
				Legal Studies				Industrial Technology: Multimedia	
				Modern History				Software Engineering	
				Society & Culture				Textiles & Design	
								Marine Studies	
COMPULSORY COURSES									

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