



**Mount
Carmel
College**

We nurture.
We challenge.
We care.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many students are in the school?

In 2019, there are 590 students from Kinder to Year 10.

Do you take boys?

Yes, from Kindergarten to Year 2

What are the usual class sizes?

Classes vary in size from 21 students to the maximum of 29.

The school has a number of teacher assistants to provide additional support where needed.

What are the school start and finish times?

- Kindergarten runs for three full days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8.45pm to 2.45pm.
- Primary School runs from 8.45am to 3.05pm
- Secondary School runs from 8.40pm to 3.20 pm.

Do you provide Before and After School Care?

Yes, Outside School Hours Care is located in our Kindergarten centre which provides a nurturing environment that is home away from home.

Students who attend Outside School Hours Care also have supervised access to the College's main facilities such as the library, hall, computer labs, music rooms and physical education spaces and equipment.

A nutritious afternoon tea is provided and we also provide care on Student Free Days and Vacation Care.

Do all students wear uniform?

Yes, uniform is compulsory for all students from Kindergarten to Year 10.

Is there a canteen?

Yes, our canteen is open every day.

What are the school Houses and Colours?

Lourdes (Green), Carmel (Yellow) and Loreto (Red)

Is there a Library?

Yes, the O'Brien Resource Centre provides teachers and students with materials that support and enrich the Curriculum. We also have a good range of quality fiction and non-fiction for recreational reading.

What is the Enrolment Process?

The first step is to submit an Enrolment Expression of Interest. Prospective students and their parents are then invited to attend an interview with the Principal.

Do we have to be Catholic for our child to attend the school?

While enrolment preference is given to Catholic families, our College community is an inclusive one. Preference for enrolment is determined by the prioritised order listed in the Catholic Education Enrolment Policy.

What happens at the end of Year 10?

Mount Carmel students have a guaranteed place for Years 11 and 12 at Guilford Young College.

When and where do the school buses run?

Mount Carmel College has dedicated buses servicing Hobart, the Eastern Shore, Northern and Southern suburbs. The buses are private and dedicated services, meaning only Mount Carmel students travel on the buses. The cost of these services is \$17.50 return or \$12.00 one way per student per week.

Where does the bus drop off and collect children in school grounds?

The arrival and departure points for Mount Carmel school buses are at the back of the school in Quorn Street or at the bottom of the stairs in front of the school on Sandy Bay Road. A number of teachers are on duty every day.

Where do parents park to drop off and collect children?

Parents either park on the surrounding streets or they drop their children off on Quorn Street, where there is direct access to the school along with our "Kiss & Drop" service.

Parents can use the front car park when a child is sick.

What do we do if our child is sick or can't attend school?

Parents can notify the College quickly and easily through our online absence reporting form. This will send an email to the College and a confirmation email to the parent.

How does the school deal with conflict and bullying?

The entire school is committed to a *Restorative Practice* approach to behaviour management which focuses attention on the quality of relationships. This has led to the building of a whole College community based on cooperation, mutual understanding and respect.

We also have a school counsellor based on site.

Our school follows the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission policies on Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying; and Cyber bullying. All students, staff and parents are also expected to adhere to the Mount Carmel College *Creed of Rights and Responsibilities*.

What help, support and extension opportunities are available for students?

The College offers learning support and extension programs for individuals and groups from K-10. There are learning games, IT facilities and online resources. A number of special programs run, such as the Language & Literacy Classes (8LL & 7LL), Letters & Sounds and Spelling Mastery.

Can my child have private music tuition?

Yes, music tuition is available through the school.

Lessons are held before, during and after school, and are organised in consultation with the instrumental teacher, class teacher and student. Students can be withdrawn from class for one instrument only. If your child wishes to learn two instruments they must learn the second instrument outside of class time. Primary students cannot be withdrawn from class before lunch.

What Extra Curricular sports are offered?

A wide variety of extra-curricular sports are offered, including:

- Athletics and Cross Country
- Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Teeball/Softball and Hockey
- AFL, Touch Football, Futsal and Soccer
- Badminton, Tennis, Cricket and Equestrian
- Swimming, Triathlon, Water Polo, Rowing, Sailing, Surf Lifesaving and Surfing

What other purchases are there, apart from school fees and uniform?

iPads are required for all students from Year 3 to Year 10 and are to be purchased by the family.

E-books for the iPad are generally included in the fees and have reduced the need for parents to purchase books. Any additional book and stationery requirements can be found purchased wherever they are found to be cheapest.

Do the students go on camps and what do they cost?

School levies include excursions, co-curricular activities and learn-to-swims programs.

In Primary School, there are excursions in every year level and outdoor education camps in Years 4 and 5, while Year 6 students travel to Canberra for their camp.

In the Secondary School we have a three-day camp for all year groups, this is included in your school levy, Year 8 also do an additional camp as part of the STRIVE Program, this is also included in the school levies.

There may be occasions where educational/excursion opportunities arise which are not covered by the initial levy payment and require an additional levy. These include:

- Year 6 trip to Canberra
- Additional levies are charged for Years 9 and 10 students who have chosen electives such as Outdoor Education and VET Hospitality.
- Overseas trips

How does the school keep parents informed about what is going on?

Each student, from Year 3 upwards, is issued with a College Planner which is where parents can record communication with the College and monitor homework commitments and progress at school. Parents are asked to sign the Planner each week.

The College uses EdSmart – a School Organisation System which streamlines the administrative functions of the College, with notices, broadcasts and parental approval slips being electronically communicated to parents and carers.

In addition, the College newsletter, *The View*, is emailed to parents fortnightly with informative articles and what events are coming up. We maintain an active Facebook page with regular update on College life and what has been happening.