



Mater Dei Catholic Primary School Wagga Wagga

Faith

Community

Nurture

Inspire

A faith centred community that nurtures and inspires

Kindergarten Enrolment Information for 2025

Principal's Message

As the new Principal of Mater Dei Primary, I am both honoured and thrilled to lead and serve a community united 'one in spirit'. At the core of our mission lies the profound commitment to provide a solid foundation for our students through Catholic education. Our faith is not merely a component but a guiding light, shaping the journey of our children and fostering relationships built on trust and hope.

Here at Mater Dei, we embrace a vibrant community where every individual is cherished and supported in their pursuit of learning and personal development. Our partnership between home and school is fundamental, reflecting our shared vision of creating an environment where each child can thrive. Since my arrival, I've been deeply engaged in understanding and connecting with our school community – an enriching experience for which I am grateful.

Our school boasts dedicated staff, engaged parents, and proud students who celebrate their achievements and the school's rich heritage. Established in 1990, Mater Dei has evolved into a renowned learning hub, nurturing partnerships between parents, Parish, and staff to empower every child to reach their full potential.

With an enrolment exceeding 320 students from Kindergarten to Year 6, Mater Dei stands as a beacon of academic excellence and spiritual growth within the Sacred Heart Parish. Our commitment to fostering a positive school culture, grounded in gospel values, is evident in every aspect of our curriculum and community life.

While our faith journey remains central, we embrace diversity and promote values of respect, tolerance, and inclusion. Our dedicated staff continuously strives for professional growth to meet the diverse needs of our students, while fostering strong partnerships with parents through open communication and shared expectations. We are grateful for the active involvement of our parents in school life, reflecting our collective dedication to the holistic development of our children.

Come and experience the heart of Mater Dei Catholic Primary School, nestled in the serene surroundings of Lake Albert. Join our community of welcome, faith, service, and learning, and provide your child with the opportunity to embark on a journey of growth and discovery.

I look forward to meeting you through our weekly tours, meetings and open day opportunities across the year.

Kind regards
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Spiritual Development

In partnership with Father Grace and the Sacred Heart Parish, we work to provide a community that reflects Catholic beliefs and values. Through prayer and action, we aim to develop community members who act with love for God, ourselves and others. Opportunities for families to experience their faith include:-



- * Sacramental Programs
- * Formal and informal prayer
- * St Vincent de Paul—Mini Vinnies
- * Class, Whole School and Parish Masses
- * Daily Religious Education Lessons
- * School Liturgies

Well Being

The spiritual, social, physical and emotional well being of all in our community is a priority. Programs and personnel are in place to support these needs. Our school has a pastoral care worker who liaises closely with staff, families and wider community agencies. Some of the wellbeing programs and opportunities include:-

- * Inclusion and Diversity Learning Teacher
- * Mini Vinnies
- * Student Buddy System
- * Leadership Camp
- * Class Parent Reps
- * Well being Committee
- * Mindfulness Program
- * Royal Far West Program
- * Young Leaders Program
- * School Counselor



Teaching and Learning



At Mater Dei, we create learning and teaching opportunities which will provide the necessary skills for students to become adaptable, life-long learners and valued contributors in a changing world. In our flexible learning spaces, you will find:

- * students who are inspired to learn, think critically, investigate and question
- * learning opportunities that are rigorous and relevant, personalised and build on prior knowledge
- * teachers who collect and analyse evidence about each student to inform teaching
- effective teacher/student feedback, including individual goal setting
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Resources and Facilities

Mater Dei offers families excellent facilities and strong resourcing to compliment and enhance student development. The unwavering support of the Sacred Heart Parish and our School Council has allowed us to provide an environment of which we can all be justifiably proud.

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| * Engaging, well resourced classrooms | * Spacious playgrounds |
| * Modern technology | * Creative learning spaces |
| * Innovative Healthy Canteen | * Large Multi-Purpose Hall |
| * Inviting library | * Specialised Creative Arts Teachers |



Our School

At Mater Dei, we don't enrol students, we welcome families. We want you to feel valued as part of our community. Families ability to be involved varies greatly, but we encourage you to participate in any way that you are able, to help build a meaningful partnership between the home and school. Some of the many opportunities for involvement include:-

- * Parent Welcome Evening
- * Sports Events
- * Parent Teacher Student Interviews
- * Classroom Helpers
- * Canteen Volunteers
- * Social Functions
- * Working Bees
- * School Council

Our school is blessed with a wonderful sense of community and we welcome your contribution to this.



Extra Curricular Activities

Our school provides a diverse range of extra curricular activities that cater for the particular interest of students at our school. The majority of these are co-ordinated by staff of the school. These opportunities often allow students to "shine" in an area they enjoy

- * Student representative council
- * Life Education program
- * Mini Vinnies
- * Class excursions
- * School incursions
- * Singing group/choir



Sport

Exposure to a wide range of sporting activities is available to students. These include class, school and representative opportunities in a diverse range of sports. Weekly sport sessions are part of our curriculum with the purpose of developing the skills and enjoyment that regular exercise provides. A school "Sports Code of Conduct" for all participants, coaches, officials and parents is in place. Some of the many sporting opportunities include:-

- * Athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals
- * Gala days in Netball, Touch Football, Austag, Rugby Union, Rugby League and Soccer
- * Representative opportunities from Diocesan to Australian Championship level

Whilst our school students do not compete in weekend competitions under the school banner, many children from within our school, form teams to participate in weekend sporting competitions.



Website

Mater Dei Catholic Primary School has a website. To view the website and all of its features, go to web.mdpww.catholic.edu.au

As part of our parent communication, we use a program/App called Compass. As you will see, Compass will allow the school to provide parents with up-to-date information instantly. As a parent, you can either utilise this app on our website, or on any of your mobile devices. Just download the app and use it as a helpful tool for all things school and student related.



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Fees and Responsibilities

School fees are billed in the first week of term 1 each year. Your school fees are due and payable 30 days from invoice. Each family is required to complete a Diocesan School Fee Installment Agreement, and return it to the school office no later than 30 days from your 1st statement date, confirming your preferred payment method and payment schedule for that school year. Weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment plans are available, but full payment of your account is required by the first week of December in that school year. If you are experiencing dire financial circumstances, you are encouraged to make direct contact with our school principal to discuss your situation, or to make direct contact with the Diocesan School Fees Liaison officer to make an application for fee relief.

Discount is offered on the tuition component of fees, when you have two or more children enrolled in any Diocesan school.

Child 1 - 0% (tuition only)

Child 2 - 20% (tuition only)

Child 3 - 50% (tuition only)

Child 4+ - 90% (tuition only)

