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STUDENT

ORIENTATION BOOK



Welcome

From the Head of College

At Mueller College, we see students differently. We strongly believe that deep down, every student wants to belong and every student wants to learn.

Based on this foundational understanding, Mueller is a school where we have been intentional about creating spaces where students feel part of a smaller group of like-minded students.

Mueller College is a Christian school. This doesn't mean that we are perfect, in fact quite the opposite. It informs the brokenness around us and sees that restoration comes through an understanding of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I would like to welcome you to the Mueller Community and trust that during your time with us you will be challenged to grow spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically.

Paul Valse
Head of College

The Mueller Community

Our extended family



Mueller College

Mueller College provides Prep to Year 12 education to over 1700 students. With a comprehensive range of subjects and pastoral care, all students are catered for by our team of professional, Christian teachers.



Peninsula Palms

Retirement Village • Residential Care Facility

Retirement Village

Peninsula Palms Retirement Village offers both Independent Living Units and a Residential Care Facility. PPRV provides 24 hour nursing care throughout its 103 Independent Living Units and Care Facility. Located right next door to Mueller College, residents enjoy the connections with the students.



OSHC

Outside School Hours Care

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Outside School Hours Care offers Before and After School Hours Care for Mueller College students. OSHC also offer a fun filled Vacation Care Program. The programs

provide a wide variety of challenging and recreational activities that meet the social, intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the students.



MUELLER COLLEGE early learning centre

Early Learning Centre

The Mueller Early Learning Centre cares for children from 6 weeks to Prep readiness. We support families by providing a friendly, safe, nurturing Christian environment that seeks to foster the children's love of learning, equipping them with the foundations for life-long learning.



MUELLER COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mueller Community Church

Mueller Community Church is a member of Christian Community Churches of Australia servicing the Redcliffe Peninsula. It is an evangelical church with strong emphasis on worship and Bible teaching. More information can be found at www.mueller.church

Mueller Community Church also provides a counselling service with a registered counsellor. Jenny can be contacted on **3897 2706** or **0427 876 396**. Leave a message if there is no answer and she will return your call.

Mueller is more than a school, it is a Christian Community.
Across its range of work, Mueller Community Church cares for hundreds of individuals and families every day.



Where does the name 'Mueller' come from?

Mueller College is named after George Mueller

Born in 1805, George Mueller lived a complete life of faith and service. His most significant service was in the area of education and the care of children. Throughout his 92 years, he built five large orphanages and cared for more than 10,000 orphans. His amazing faith was shown in the fact that he never asked anyone directly for money, instead trusted in God to put in people's heart a desire to send him what the children needed. Not one of the 10,000 orphans ever went hungry!

Mueller College has also been a work of faith and service. We continue to rely on God for every blessing and look forward to many more years of caring for and educating the next generation.

Teaching and Learning

Knowledge has a beginning but no end



It is the conviction of Mueller College teachers that every student is capable of learning. And should do so wholeheartedly.

While what learning looks like will be different for individuals, it can and should still be in the same forward direction for all. Indeed, it is the most basic obligation of contemporary schooling.

Students at Mueller College will have the opportunity to learn the core Literacy, Numeracy and ICT skills and the content mandated by the Australian Curriculum. They will also be able to access and acquire knowledge, capabilities and thinking skills relevant to a host of specialty areas. We have a commitment to providing a breadth of learning to students across Technology, The Arts, Health and Physical Education, Science, Mathematics and

The Humanities disciplines. A specific focus of Mueller College is that students will formulate an accurate understanding of God and His Gospel.

Furthermore, Mueller College acknowledges that the future of work in Australia will require a public that is critical, innovative and creative in its thinking. While there is real benefit to developing deep and specific content knowledge, the modern economy demands adaptive workers who can shift and bend to meet the needs of a changing world. These cross-curricular skills therefore, as well as subject specific material, are considered when reflecting on student learning.

Academic Assistance

The first place to receive any academic assistance is through the class teacher.

Feel free to contact the teacher to discuss your child's academic progress. The best form of contact is via email. The best time to meet with your child's teacher(s) is at the Parent-Teacher Evening.

Primary school

It is difficult for teachers to meet at length without any notice. If you would like to have an extended discussion about your child's progress, it is best you pre-arrange a time and your child's teacher is more than happy to meet with you.

Secondary school

At the beginning of each semester, you will receive an assessment schedule which will give your assessment outline as well as your teacher's contact details. In the secondary school, there are also tutoring sessions available during lunch and after school. Students can read about these on the daily notices and are open to all students.

TASS student portal also has links to important documents which will help you complete your assessment.

Pastoral Care and Community

Mueller College wants to help students grow into healthy and functional individuals with a sense of positive self-worth.

At school this means intentionally building a sense of community amongst the student body and valuing students for who they are. This approach flows from Mueller College's Biblical foundation – namely that we believe each child is an individual made in the image of God with different God-given gifts and abilities that are worth celebrating and nurturing inherently.

Furthermore, Mueller College hopes that building into students an appreciation for

their innate value as human beings will spur them towards Christian maturity. This entails encouraging students to take for themselves the command to love one another graciously and generously, and make life choices that reflect their fundamental worth and, as such, are in accordance with biblical teaching. Mueller College considers this to be a vital component of student well-being – students themselves acting with respect, kindness and compassion, all of which go into creating a successful and responsible citizen.

Where to Get Help?

Support when you need it

There are various levels of support available for students when needed.

Form teachers know their students best. If you feel comfortable speaking to your Form Teacher, feel free to let him/her know that you need some extra support. You are also free to visit the Chaplain, Nurse or Counsellor.

Chaplains

The Chaplains are here to help. Their role is to come alongside students and support them through any difficult times. They are also great at helping you through any friendship issues.

Registered Nurse

Mueller has a College Nurse. Located in the Health Centre, our nurse is another person you can seek advice from or help with any struggles you are having.

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The Chaplaincy room is found on the corner of A Block, the border of Primary and Secondary school. You can call through anytime.

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The partnership with parents is vital. Growing the next generation is a task which takes a strong relationship with parents and we look forward to working with you to ensure your child is supported in all areas.

A Christian Education



Mueller College provides a Christian education.

This doesn't mean we are perfect. Instead it means that we see the world through a Biblical worldview and we challenge our students to think deeply about this.

We also see that there is brokenness in the world and the only way to restore a right relationship with God is through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

- We see each student as created in God's image and therefore see the uniqueness of every child
- We believe that due to humankind's rebellion, only Jesus Christ can restore us to a relationship with God

- We provide opportunities for students to follow Christ's example of servant leadership through mission service
- We provide a Biblical basis for our academic programs

What does it look like?

- Relevant and engaging Christian studies lessons
- Lively and culturally relevant Chapel program
- Respectful relationships for everyone on campus

Useful Information

Administration

College Administration can be found at the Front Office. Students can access any member of the administration throughout the school day by asking at the Front Office. Students are also able to sign in (late arrival) and sign out (early departure) through the Front Office.

iLearn

iLearn is the school Learning Management System (LMS). Students in most year levels use this site to have access to subject specific course information. It is important to visit iLearn regularly for unit outlines, assessment requirements, resources and lesson content. For some classes, this site is also used to submit homework and assessment tasks.



Mobile Devices on Campus

We live in a digital age and as a College embrace the use of technology to improve your education. All students from Years 5 – 9 are provided with a school iPad for daily educational use. We are very careful however with regard the use of technology outside the classroom. Before school, morning tea and lunch is digital free time. We expect students to sit and talk, kick a ball around or spend time with their peers.



Health Centre

The Health Centre is co-located with Student Services and is open from 8am til 3:30pm for the health management and first aid needs of students.



Online - Student Cafe

The Student Cafe student portal is the gateway for students to find out everything they need to know to get through the school day. Students are given a log in and use Student Cafe to access daily notices, their timetable, academic guides and other useful information.



Uniform Expectations

We expect all students to maintain a high standard of personal appearance. More detail can be found in the Parent Handbook. The most regular issues faced are jewellery and hair styles. Once again, check the Parent Handbook for more information. If you are concerned whether a hairstyle will be acceptable, make sure you check with the Head of Primary or Secondary before the haircut.

To help you settle in



Student Services

Student Services is the day to day office for all interactions. It is located directly opposite the library. Students can go to Student Services at any time to get assistance.



Hudsons at Mueller

Hudsons is a coffee shop on campus which is staffed by our own students. Hudsons is open from 8am til 3:30pm and serves a full range of sweets, café drinks and hot meals. Year 12 students are given the privilege to go to Hudsons. It is also open to staff, parents and the residents of the Retirement Village.



Arts Program

There are many opportunities to get involved in the Arts Program. Beyond the curriculum program, students can join the cast of one of the musicals, join a band, sing in a choir or simply sign up for one of the impromptu lunchtime performance.



Instrumental Lessons

Quite a few students take instrumental or voice lessons. These are on campus and during the school day. Talk to Mr Ratcliffe, Head of Arts for more information.



Sports Program

Every student takes part in compulsory Physical Education lessons or organised sport. Physical activity is an important part of academic success.

Interschool Sport is part of the weekly program for all Years 5-12 students. Students can play competitive sport against other schools or sign up for a recreational sport. Interschool sport is during the school day from 1:30pm to 3:00pm.

Wednesday afternoon: Years 10-12

Thursday afternoon: Years 7-9

Friday afternoon: Years 5-6



Mueller Sports Academies

Mueller also offers coaching and high level competitions in Basketball, Netball and Touch Football. Students can trial for these programs throughout the year.

The First Day of School



Primary

On the first day, all students can go directly to their classroom. You will need to bring all of your books to be labelled and put away in the classroom.



Secondary

All students will need to go directly to MPAC. We will start the day with an assembly to welcome students back and give out timetables. All students need to wear formal uniform on the first day of school.

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In the afternoon, the whole school has lunch together. Lunch is provided for everyone, as well as any parents who come along.

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Immediately after lunch we have our Day 1 megaChapel. It is a great way for the whole school to get together and start the year in a time of worship and community.

From Lost to Found

Where to go when...

You need help with technology

Go to the Library. At the back of the Library is an I.T. Helpdesk. The techs can help you with anything digital.

You need to go home early

Go to Student Services. You will be collected from Student Services. There is a designated car park for early pickups.

To phone your parents during the day

Go to Student Services. Do not make a call on your own mobile. There are consequences for using your phone during the school day.

You are feeling lonely or are having friend issues

Visit a Chaplain, they are there to help. There is nothing they haven't heard, so you can't shock them.

You are you feeling stressed about assessment

First speak to your teacher. He/she will be able to help you break it into smaller goals and meet the deadlines. If you find that hard to do, you can speak to one of the chaplains.

You have missed breakfast

Go to Breakfast Club. Every morning the College provides toast and juice. All students are welcome and it is free of charge.

You have lost your ID card

Go to the I.T. Helpdesk.

You arrive late

Go to Student Services. You will need your ID card to make the sign in process quick. You simply scan your ID card and receive a late slip to present to your teacher. If you do not have your ID card, you will need to manually enter your details.

You feel sick

Go to the Health Centre. Upon arrival, you will be logged into the Health Room and you will be seen to. If you need to go home, the Health Centre staff will phone your parents.

You want to wag a class

Go to the Health Centre. Do not sit in the toilets or anywhere else on campus. There will be serious consequences for missing a class without permission. If you genuinely feel as though you cannot face a particular lesson, go to the Health Centre, you will not get in trouble.

You forgot your lunch and are hungry

Go to the tuckshop. There is always free fruit available. If there is no fruit left, ask one of the tuckshop ladies and they can help you out.

You don't know where your class is

Go to Student Services. Any time you are in doubt about anything, just head to Student Services and they will help solve the problem or point you in the right direction.

Get Involved

Be part of our community

There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in the life of the College.



Builders Club

Building things as well as building relationships with each other and God. A group for Year 3-4 boys who do not have a father in their life. Senior School boys are needed for helpers.



Chapel Program

We need plenty of student volunteers to help out each week in Chapel. Listen for the call out and attend the meeting. We need a tech crew, musicians, singers, data operators, sound operators and students to promote Chapel.



OBY

Named after Obadiah (a man of God) OBY is a group for Year 5-6 boys. Senior School boys are needed to help build young men of God.



Flourish

Flourish is a group for Year 3-6 girls. Learning to love themselves as they learn to flourish in the world where God has placed them. Senior School girls are needed as helpers.



More than a school... a Christian community.



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