



Prospectus



Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to Holy Cross College – a contemporary Catholic school for students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 in Ellenbrook.

The Holy Cross College community works in partnerships with families to embody our vision of a community of transformation in the spirit of the Risen Christ, inspired by the life of our Patron Saint Oscar Romero, and our mission to empower students to have Life to the Full.

The College is committed to creating a culture where students can develop a love of learning and are encouraged to be collaborative, communicative, creative and critical thinkers. In all that we do, we are guided by our four LIFE pillars – Learning, Inter-relationships, Faith and Enrichment – to build in our students the skills, knowledge and character to become successful as contributing citizens in their community.

To make a decision as important as your child's education, we understand there are a lot of things you need to consider. In the spirit and ethos of our Patrons, we invite you to discover more about Holy Cross College by exploring our school and the opportunities available.

I look forward to meeting your family and welcoming you to Holy Cross College.

Ms Julie Hornby
Principal



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Why families choose HCC

Holy Cross College opened in 2010, fulfilling the need for high-quality Catholic education in the rapidly growing outer-Perth suburb of Ellenbrook. We are welcoming of families from all backgrounds and religions who share our desire to help students reach their personal potential through excellent educational programs and enriching experiences.

Families love that education at Holy Cross College is future-focused, engaging and challenging. We understand that students are learning in a constantly changing world and need to be agile thinkers, equipped with the skills to thrive and confidently embrace their future. As you walk through our beautiful and intentionally-designed campus, you'll see how our flexible workspaces have been thoughtfully designed to enable staff to efficiently adapt to student needs. State-of-the-art digital technology is embedded in all areas of the school, enhancing students' learning experiences. Outside, across our expansive grounds, they have the space to grow in our magnificent, green outdoor areas.

Holy Cross College is committed to unlocking infinite possibilities for our students' futures by providing a wide variety of opportunities for every student to achieve their best. This includes both a broad curriculum offering and outstanding extra and co-curricular opportunities for students to develop their interests and talents. These experiences encourage students to live life to the full and can help build important skills such as leadership, teamwork, cooperation and understanding.

Excellence at Holy Cross College doesn't end with our students — our outstanding educators work collaboratively to provide a cohesive Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 experience, constantly upskilling and seeking new knowledge to stay at the forefront of modern education. Underpinning all our learning programs and opportunities, we are guided by our Catholic foundations and the promise of being a caring and connected community. Our faith goes beyond tradition — it's the heartbeat behind all that we do. Students and families are invited to experience an authentic

discovery of faith as we share our rich culture and values, inspired by our Patrons: Saint Oscar Romero, Mother Ursula Frayne, Frederic Ozanam, Sister Irene McCormack and Bishop Rosendo Salvado. Fostering student wellbeing is a priority to enable a safe and caring space for students to confidently grow to reach their potential, build healthy relationships and develop a desire to make a difference in the world. Pastoral Care is at the core of our integrated Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 learning community, where every student is known and nurtured, learning compassion and respect for others.

Families shouldn't have to choose between excellent academics, a supportive community, strong connections with faith and exciting co-curricular opportunities. At Holy Cross College, our multi-focus approach provides a holistic experience where each student can discover a lifelong joy in learning.



Future-focused learning

Learning at Holy Cross College challenges each student to achieve their personal best in an environment that values and supports each person as an individual.

Holy Cross College leads the way in integrating innovative solutions; our use of digital technologies throughout the campus is cutting-edge. Our continual investment into technology allows for greater opportunities, tailoring learning to the needs of the individual, establish aptitude in the safe use of technology from a young age and supports our philosophy that learning can be achieved 'anywhere, anytime'.

All Junior and Middle School students engage in a multi-disciplinary program, Big Ideas, to grow global competencies of character, creativity, citizenship, collaboration, communication and critical thinking. Our Learning Enrichment Team provides an inclusive community for students who may have special gifts or educational challenges to ensure they are, at all times, valued and supported to participate and achieve.

Junior School

Our Early Years program provides children with a range of opportunities to develop a sense of who they are and how they belong. Pre-Kindergarten students learn through play, enjoying days full of music, art, games and new discoveries. From Kindergarten through to Year 6, our curriculum invites curiosity, inquiry and exploration with a focus on the building blocks of literacy and numeracy alongside social, emotional and physical development.

Middle School

Years 7 to 9 is a time when students start to learn about themselves, their interests and talents, and their peers and community, taking on personal responsibility for their achievements and progress. In Year 7, students experience a broad curriculum with specialist subjects across a range of areas to discover what they like and inform their electives from Year 8 onwards.

Senior School

Understanding every student is on a different journey, we have a range of pathways for Senior students to choose from including ATAR, General, Uni-Ready and vocational courses. Students start to look ahead at what they need for a satisfying future in which they can continue to develop, use and share their gifts. They are supported in planning their pathways to ensure they select the courses that will help them thrive, meet their goals and reach their potential.

Faith and Wellbeing

Faith

Holy Cross College is foundationally built upon a hope-filled Christian faith, that grows from understanding and reflection, and leads to the outworking of justice and service. Our four LIFE pillars are drawn from the Gospel of John, where Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10 NIV). It is our heartfelt desire that, during their time at the College, each student should come to know and experience life in abundance.

Though we do not require students to be Catholic, our strong Catholic identity is embedded into everyday life at Holy Cross College. We share our campus with St Helena of the Holy Cross Parish Church and our buildings are intentionally named in honour of our Patrons and key sites of local pilgrimage.

Religious Education is compulsory for all students from Kindergarten to Year 12, delivered in accordance with Catholic Education Western Australia's curriculum. Developing knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith enables our students to live a life enriched with Christian values.

Faith traditions, Liturgical life and Pilgrimage are integral parts of College life through everyday reflection and prayer, celebration of the Eucharist, House liturgies and liturgies to mark special occasions. In Junior School, students can participate in the Parish Sacramental programs of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Liturgies are often themed on our Patron Saint and House Patrons who inspire the values of the College.

We have a tradition of pilgrimage at the College, inspired by Bishop Rosendo Salvado and his journey from Perth to the Benedictine Community in New Norcia, with age-appropriate journeys every year for students to develop a deeper understanding of God, themselves, a sense of community and nature.

Wellbeing

We are committed to nurturing a caring, compassionate and connected community at the College. This is achieved through a series of pastoral care programs, designed to foster positive student health and wellbeing.

Pastoral care at the College is structured around the House System, all named for and inspired by our House Patrons: Mother Ursula Frayne, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Sister Irene McCormack and Bishop Rosendo Salvado. Each student and staff member belongs to a House, instilling a sense of camaraderie and connection. House Tutors and Class Teachers are the first level of support for students, followed by additional wellbeing services including the Social Worker, Nurse, Aboriginal Teaching Assistant and the Learning Enrichment Team. Supporting students, and staff, in the areas of physical, social and emotional wellbeing and mental health, helps us nurture a safe community which values the respect and dignity of each person.

We also promote connections with the greater community through our Friends of Holy Cross and at our community events.



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Opportunities

Experiences beyond the classroom empower students to grow their gifts, talents and interests. Everyone is encouraged to 'have a go' at our extra and co-curricular opportunities, to unlock their potential and experience new things.

Extra-curricular experiences, including excursions, incursions and field trips enrich the educational journey. Our annual LIFE Week, in which all students participate, includes cross-curricular activities, camps, pilgrimages and other enrichment events.

Co-Curricular clubs, which may occur during and after school, offer opportunities for students to explore their passions with like-minded peers. Clubs change yearly, subject to interest, but may include Games, Art, Film, Drama, Dance, Cake Decorating, Mathematics or Homework Club.

The Arts, both performing and visual, are popular choices for students at Holy Cross College. Students can access instrumental music tuition to hone their skills, join a music ensemble or the choir, participate in the College Drama Production, utilise our dedicated Dance Studio or participate in Visual Arts Exhibitions.

Sport focuses on both participation and competition. Lightning Carnivals and Inter-House Carnivals in swimming, cross-country and athletics foster school and House spirit. Exceptional athletes are invited to represent the school at various Inter-school competitions. Students can also participate in after-school sports against other schools including in basketball, netball, frisbee and soccer.

Student Leadership is open to students interested in making a difference in their community. There are various ways in which students can participate as leaders, including formal appointments of Captains, House Leaders and LIFE Leaders.

Social Justice and Service activities, closely tied to our Catholic values, are also undertaken throughout the year. Working in partnership with a variety of organisations, these acts allow students to grow in understanding of social issues, the needs of others and how they can help.

There are many opportunities and experiences available for students to Holy Cross, with something for everyone – regardless of their interests.

Explore

To discover more about Holy Cross College, explore our campus by joining us for an Open Day or Personalised Tour.

See the beautiful grounds and dynamic learning spaces, meet our dedicated staff and hear about the infinite possibilities awaiting your child.

Please see the website for upcoming Open Day dates or reach out to our Enrolments Team to arrange a personalised tour at enrolments@holycross.wa.edu.au



Next steps

Once you've discovered all that Holy Cross College has to offer we invite you to submit an enrolment application.

Though our primary intakes are in Kindergarten and Year 7, we welcome enrolment applications all year round for any year, subject to availability. We recommend applying early, as many years fill up in advance.

Follow the next steps below:

1. Complete an Application for Enrolment Form and submit to the School with the relevant documentation and the non-refundable Application Fee. Please note, submitting the form and fee does not guarantee admission.
2. The College may invite parents and students to attend an interview with the Principal or their delegate. If you are asked to interview, you will be sent a Pre-Interview Student Details Form in advance.
3. All applicants will be advised in writing of the success or otherwise of their application. Offers of a position is at the discretion of the Principal. For year groups where positions are not available, you may be placed on a waitlist.
4. If an offer is made to you, you will be required to complete a Letter of Acceptance and Enrolment Agreement forms, along with the non-refundable deposit.

If you would like to receive an Application for Enrolment Form, or have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out our Enrolments Team.

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We hope to welcome you soon to Holy Cross College!



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