

# Mullauna College



## Philosophy

Mullauna College is a middle-sized co-educational secondary school in Mitcham. Student enrolment is around 500 with slightly more boys than girls enrolled. A defining characteristic of the college is its safe and harmonious atmosphere, which fosters a high standard of student behaviour, marked by self-discipline and consideration for others.

Our vision for our students is that they will graduate as responsible young people who value and respect learning. We value the pursuit of excellence and strive to provide opportunities for all students to experience success and contribute positively to their community. The college motto, *Success through Learning Together*, reflects our belief that excellence is best achieved when students, teachers and parents work in partnership.

The College values:

- **CURIOSITY**
  - Be creative: think, ask and explore
  - Look for new interests and different perspectives
- **COURAGE**
  - Commit: persevere and strive to achieve your personal best
  - Create opportunities from uncertainty and complexity
- **COMMUNITY**
  - Be courteous, kind and compassionate
  - Be accountable: contribute to a safe and sustainable environment

Sitting at the centre of its work, the college believes in high expectations in all students and a commitment to hard work. Our aim is to prepare young people to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community. A major focus is to prepare students to contend with a very dynamic 21<sup>st</sup> century in which creativity, cooperative work, connectedness to the world and adaptability are key features. The school aspires to provide a contemporary approach to teaching and learning in its purposeful learning environment.

The college's mission is to create reflective and independent learners for life through a learning community that provides a challenging and secure environment responsive to individual learning needs. We believe that effective learning occurs when outstanding and innovative teachers provide a variety of tasks that actively engage students who are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. The expectation is that students will be successful and enthusiastic learners capable of building positive relationships.

Mullauna College has a strong tradition of academic excellence, active student leadership and participation, as well as outstanding music, sporting and debating programs. The college programs

offer breadth of pathways and Year 10 students can access VCE subjects. Mullauna also delivers an International Student Program.

The college implements programs designed to promote student connectedness, morale and attendance. The use of technology is embedded into learning & teaching programs. These programs are embedded in the college curriculum. They include:

- Camps & Excursions
- Leadership and resilience training
- Junior School Programs – Challenge, SkillZ@Mullauna
- Well-being Workshops
- Learning Conferences

An extensive student leadership program allows students to contribute to the decision-making processes of the college as well as learning the value of leadership and commitment to community. The college has two student representatives on School Council.

The school is divided into a Senior School (10-12) and a Junior School (7-9). Each year level is overseen by a Year Level Co-ordinator (YLC) who establishes positive relationships with students and promotes a sense of unity amongst the students of that year level. In addition there is a Leading Teacher overseeing the well-being program as well as a Well-Being Co-ordinator and Student Adolescent Health Nurse who works closely with the YLCs and teachers to address the needs of individual students.

At Mullauna, we believe a student learns best when the family and school are working in partnership with the common goal of achieving the best possible educational outcomes. To that end, our school has an online parent portal called Compass School Manager. This portal is designed to provide parents with secure, direct access to everything parents need to know about their child's education.

#### **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed every three years, with recommended changes being presented to College Council.

#### **ENDORSED:**

Education Community: August 2018

College Council: August 2018

**Date of next review:** 2021