



MERCY COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHARTER

This Charter provides the principles and expectations to enable Mercy College to work in partnership with parents / guardians and our school community to promote a shared responsibility for the education of each young person. This Charter is written with the principles of hospitality, justice, excellence and compassion.

1 This partnership recognises:

Parents / Guardians as primary and continuing educators of their children.
The contribution that Parents / Guardians make by valuing the Catholic identity of our College.
The shared responsibility for the moral, spiritual, emotional and social developments of students in Mercy College.

2 Parents / Guardians can expect that Mercy College will:

Provide an excellent education based on the traditions of Catholic teachings.
Strive to maintain a safe, secure and welcoming environment that affects our young people's learning or wellbeing.
Provide timely and accurate information related to a student's progress
Demonstrate respect for the privacy of families in all interactions, both on-site at Mercy College and through the use of technology and social media.

3 Mercy College can expect that Parents / Guardians will:

Actively support Mercy College policies, processes and expectations.
Work collaboratively with school leaders, teachers and staff.
Acknowledge and respect skills, knowledge and experience of Mercy College leaders and teachers.
Demonstrate respectful communication with College staff across all communication mediums including verbal, written, digital and social media.
Contribute to the life of the College in ways that reflect their interests, skills and experience.
Support our students to ensure consistent and punctual attendance at school.
Request a formal interview time with the student's teacher, in line with the Mercy College processes when there is an issue or concern to be discussed related to student learning and/or wellbeing.

4 Mercy College with Parents / Guardians have a co-responsibility to:

Endeavour to work together to resolve any issues or concern.
Value and respect the Catholic Identity of Mercy College, its relationship to its parish community and the teaching of Catholic beliefs.
Model Christian values and support the ethos of Catholic schools with all members of the Mercy College community.
Value and respect the diversity of faiths and cultures within the Mercy College community.
Contribute to a welcoming and inclusive Mercy College community.
Support student's learning at school and at home.
Contribute to consultation and decision making processes related to a student's progress.
Work toward resolving grievances through respectful discussion and negotiation.
Contribute to a culture where privacy and confidentiality are assured.
Ensure respectful and caring relationships are reflected in the ways in which staff, students and Parents / Guardians interact when engaging in all learning activities.