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Thank you for considering Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College for your daughter’s secondary school education. Monte is grounded in the Mercy values – which encompass compassion, respect for others, justice and service. These values are embedded in all we do.

Monte is an independent Catholic secondary day school for girls Years 7 to 12, conveniently located in the heart of North Sydney.

Founded in 1875 by the Sisters of Mercy under the guidance of Mother Ignatius McQuoin, the College continues a tradition of excellence in Catholic education in the Mercy tradition.

Monte has a strong academic record and in 2007 became the first Catholic girls’ school in NSW to offer both the International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma Programmes. As well as offering a wide subject choice and an extensive co-curricular program, our commitment to pastoral care ensures every student is supported, nurtured and valued as an individual.

Our excellent resources include state-of-the-art learning facilities and the integration of information and communication technologies. These resources, and the ongoing professional learning of our teaching staff, mean that Monte girls receive the highest quality secondary education as 21st century learners.

Students take pride in being ‘Monte girls’ – members of a vibrant school community. I invite you to join the Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College community.

Catherine Alcock
Principal
No work of charity can be more productive of good to society than the careful instruction of women... since whatever station they are destined to fill their example and advice will always possess influence

– Catherine McAuley
OUR PHILOSOPHY

Monte is grounded in the Mercy Spirit. This spirit is welcoming and hospitable, modelling fairness, justice and compassion, especially to those in need. Inspired by the vision of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, Monte is committed to a holistic approach to education and to the development of each student’s full potential. We emphasise values of personal responsibility and collaboration, careful and critical thinking, and a commitment to excellence.

As a Catholic College, Monte participates in the educational mission of the Church, the heart of which is the Christian vision of the human person.

Each young woman who experiences a Monte education is encouraged to develop academically, to grow spiritually, and to become the very best person she can be.

In the Mercy tradition, Monte holds the following values:
- **Mercy** (to be compassionate, to provide hospitality and to celebrate our traditions)
- **Respect for Human Dignity**
- **Justice**
- **Service to others**
- **Commitment to the poor.**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our philosophy and goals are expressed through the school’s motto *Religio Scientia Cultus* – we are shaped and directed by what we **believe**, by what we **know**, by what we **value**.

At Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College, students are:
- **Provided with a quality education rich in diversity of opportunity**
- **Encouraged to realise their potential within a strong, nurturing community based on Mercy values**
- **Challenged both academically and spiritually**
- **Motivated to make a positive contribution to their world.**
“…develop a critical understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith tradition”
Religious Education at Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College takes place within a supportive and caring community, in an atmosphere which affirms the intrinsic worth and dignity of each individual.

The Religious Education Program promotes and nurtures individual and community spirituality. Students are provided with opportunities:

- To access and understand the Sacred Scriptures and the life and teachings of Jesus Christ
- To develop a critical understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith tradition and grow in the knowledge, beliefs, ritual practices, social structures, history, symbols, stories and teachings of this tradition
- To develop an appreciation of the beliefs and values of other Christian and non-Christian faith traditions
- To participate in meaningful, contemporary experiences of prayer and liturgy which will help them grow in their relationship with God
- To learn about the life and work of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy and reflect on the impact and influence of the Mercy ethos in the life of the College
- To participate in the Church’s social mission for the betterment of marginalised peoples both locally and globally.
Students are encouraged…

to advocate for social justice
Service to others is a key value of the Mercy tradition and a key component of College life. Students are encouraged to work for the common good, to be responsible stewards of our environment and to advocate for social justice.

Students are provided with opportunities to undertake Community Service and be involved in Church and community sponsored activities by volunteering to help others in the wider society and also within the College.

Social Justice at Monte is led by the Mercy Action Group – a group of dedicated staff and students who are passionate about making a difference in the local and global community. Their initiatives provide the impetus for the College community to participate in social justice education, advocacy and action. Focus areas include:

- International Women’s Day
- Millennium Development Goals
- St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol
- Fair Trade Campaign
- Mutitjulu Community
- Catherine McAuley House, Peru
- Participating in global campaigns for justice
- Wrap with Love
- Promoting environmental justice.
“Students are encouraged to select a balanced program that ensures a foundation for tertiary study and life-long learning.”
Monte’s curriculum is based on the following principles:

★ A commitment to academic excellence
★ A wide choice of subjects from within the key areas of learning
★ The enhancement of the curriculum through widespread integration of technology
★ Assisting students to take responsibility for their learning
★ Equipping students to make sound decisions about their choice of studies
★ Enabling students to be life-long learners of the 21st century.

The curriculum offers students a well-rounded academic education, with a socially responsible, world-oriented perspective. Mercy values underpin what they learn and how they learn.

In Years 7 to 10 all students undertake a course of study that meets requirements for both the NSW Board of Studies (School Certificate) and the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

In Years 11 and 12 students elect to undertake either the NSW Higher School Certificate or the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Both options prepare the students for opportunities at tertiary institutions locally and internationally.

Studies come from within the following learning areas:

★ English
★ Mathematics
★ Languages
★ Religion
★ Technology and Applied Science
★ Visual and Performing Arts
★ Science
★ Human Society and its Environment
★ Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

Students are encouraged to select a balanced program that ensures a foundation for tertiary study and life-long learning. As they progress towards their final years, they are given increasing opportunity to direct their pattern of study.

Our curriculum also offers many opportunities for career and personal development.
The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect — IB Mission Statement
In 2007 Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College became the only Catholic girls’ school in NSW to offer both the International Baccalaureate Middle Years (IB MYP) and Diploma Programmes (IB DP).

The International Baccalaureate places Monte at the forefront of educational innovation. Through the commitment to internationalism, the fundamental Mercy philosophy embodied in the aims of the College is enhanced and extended.

THE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

The IB MYP for Year 7–10 is designed to help students participate actively and responsibly in a changing and increasingly inter-related world. The three fundamental concepts are:
★ Intercultural Awareness
★ Holistic Learning
★ Communications.

The College fulfills the requirements of both the MYP and Board of Studies (BOS) which means all students will be eligible to receive double accreditation (MYP Certificate and School Certificate) at the end of Year 10.

THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Monte offers the IB DP as an option for students entering Year 11. The IB DP offers an educational challenge that provides scope for both academic achievement and worthwhile practical activities in outdoor pursuits and social service. It is a cross-cultural programme that allows students to gain an increasing knowledge of, and respect for, the cultures of the world.

The Diploma gives access to a wide selection of international programmes and enables the College to participate in, and contribute to, educational change world-wide.
New technologies motivate today’s students, assisting each girl to achieve her personal best through a highly relevant and engaging learning experience.”
Our aim is to equip our students with a capacity to embrace new technologies within an internationally relevant and connected curriculum. We employ state-of-the-art learning technologies such as Smartboards, wireless slates and notebook computers. Notebook computers enable students to access learning materials through our comprehensive wireless network. Students are encouraged to act as stewards and take responsibility for the devices they use at the College. This is a cornerstone of our Learning and Technology Program.

Online learning is promoted through our secure e-learning portal, MonteNet, providing girls access to their learning materials any time, any place. Each faculty strives to integrate meaningful technology experiences.

Our extensive support staff provide full-time Academic support, Gifted and Talented support, Technology Integration, Audio-Visual and Helpdesk services.

**GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Gifted Education Program at Monte aims to develop the whole person through participation in curricular and co-curricular activities. We provide Enrichment classes across English, Maths and Science. Identified students are profiled and encouraged to develop and implement individual learning goals.

Students can take part in competitions such as Da Vinci Decathlon and Tournament of Minds and have the opportunity to meet in breakout groups to form relationships beyond the classroom.

The Academic Support team also provides assistance for girls with learning difficulties.
We foster the uniqueness and leadership potential of young women to enable them to serve their communities and take their place in the world
Education for leadership and personal challenge is an integral part of the Monte experience. Students develop and practice leadership skills both in and out of the classroom. Critical thinking is a cornerstone of every subject area with students encouraged to question and explore openly. Exposure to local and global issues allows the students to learn, challenge and speak out.

We equip students to be global citizens in today’s rapidly changing world. We foster the uniqueness and leadership potential of young women to enable them to serve their communities and take their place in the world.

There are many opportunities for students to be challenged and to develop their personal leadership qualities, including:
- Student Representative Council
- Middle and Senior School Leadership
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Public Speaking
- Drama
- Debating
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations Assembly
- Global Young Leaders Conference.
A diversity of activities encourages students to discover and develop their individual talents, skills and interests.
At Monte, co-curricular activities are integral to a holistic education. A diversity of activities encourages students to discover and develop their individual talents, skills and interests. Sport and music programs, social justice groups, debating, drama and many more clubs, together with opportunities for leadership and community service, help students to become active and constructive members of society.

**SPORT**

The Monte sporting philosophy is ‘Sport For All’. Many sports are offered to ensure that most interests can be catered for. Sports currently available include:

- Aerobics
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Fencing
- Hockey
- Netball
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tae Kwon Do
- Tennis
- Touch Football
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Yoga.

Teams are entered in weekly competitions in many of these sports. Monte also participates in the Catholic Girls’ Secondary Schools Sports Association and Independent Girls’ Schools Sports Association competitions and carnivals with considerable success.

**PERFORMING ARTS**

Performing Arts are an essential part of life at Monte. The Concert Band, College Orchestra, Chamber Ensemble, College Choir and the Monte Singers, as well as Rock Bands and small ensemble groups provide girls with the opportunity to explore their talent in a multitude of musical styles.

The Music Academy offers individual tuition in a wide variety of instruments.

Drama evenings and House Plays are staged each year, providing students with the chance to take their turn in front of the footlights.

There is also the annual Short Cuts Film Festival for student movie-makers.
Pastoral care camps are held throughout the year and complement the program of development and personal growth.
Monte prides itself on the role its staff and community play in the shaping of our young women. Our aim is to ensure that every student is cared for with dignity and compassion to ensure they grow into self-confident young adults, capable of acting with honesty and integrity and above all, Mercy.

The Pastoral Care Program is run within Year levels. Tutor groups meet each morning, enabling the interaction and participation of students and teachers in a small, personal environment. Each Year Group meets on a regular basis to experience the integrated program of social and emotional care. Pastoral Care camps are held throughout the year and complement the program of development and personal growth.

In addition to the formal structure, there are many other opportunities in both classroom and co-curricular activities for students to develop their personal leadership qualities and serve others.

Each class elects a member of the Student Representative Council, which meets regularly to discuss issues of interest and concern to the student body. The SRC is responsible for many initiatives aimed at raising students’ social awareness and for fundraising activities in support of disadvantaged groups within the wider community.

Services are readily available to assist students with health, welfare, study and special needs, such as:

★ Health Centre with a full-time Registered Nurse
★ College Counsellor – a full-time registered psychologist provides confidential counselling support and guidance
★ Careers Counsellor who co-ordinates work experience programs and provides course and career information.
“The past, the present and the future of Monte is to be cherished and sustained”

– Catherine Alcock, Principal
The Monte welcome is warm and generous and, through its tradition of hospitality and celebration, support and assistance – the spirit of community thrives. The community connectedness ensures that current students are supported in an educational partnership with their families, ex-students, staff, the College Board, the Sisters of Mercy and friends of the College.

The management of the College is entrusted to the College Board by the owners of the College, the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney.

The Parents and Friends (P&F) Association provides an avenue for parents and others to help the College and support other families. The P&F plays an integral part within the community through its generosity in hosting and organising social events such as cocktail parties, welcome drinks, staff appreciation events; raising funds; as well as providing volunteers at many occasions on the College Calendar.

A thriving Ex-Students’ Association connects the past with the present as well as supporting social and business networking. The annual Great Debate teams up current students and teachers with ex-students for a lively encounter.

Families of students are welcome to attend any function at the College. Special liturgies and events include Year 7 Welcome Mass and Dinner, Grandparents’ Day, Mothers’ Day Liturgy, Awards Ceremonies, Father/Daughter Pizza Nights, and the Year 12 Mother/Daughter High Tea. Parents can volunteer at the canteen, take a role as coach or manager of sporting and other co-curricular activities, or help in many capacities. There is plenty of scope and opportunities to be involved.

The Development Office provides co-ordination for community involvement in the life of the College, as well as raising funds for scholarships and bursaries through Annual Gift Giving and other targeted appeals.
“Visitors are always welcome at Monte so do come and see us. We look forward to meeting you at our annual Open Day or on one of our regular College tours.”
Thank you for considering Monte as a school for your daughter’s secondary school education. An application form may be lodged with the College Registrar at any time after your daughter’s birth. At Monte we offer both the NSW Board of Studies (School Certificate) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme in Years 7 to 10, and in Years 11 and 12, students choose either the NSW Higher School Certificate or the IB Diploma Programme.

Whilst giving priority to Catholic girls, Monte has a tradition of welcoming students of different faiths wishing to avail themselves of the richness of our curriculum and community.

A competitive fee structure has been maintained without compromising the high standards and many opportunities that Monte offers to its students.

There is a Scholarship Program for entry at Year 7 covering tuition fees (full or half) for Years 7 to 12. There is also a Bursary Program.

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For further information regarding our enrolment policy, please contact the College Registrar on (02) 9409 6245 or registrar@monte.nsw.edu.au. You can download an Application Form from our website www.monte.nsw.edu.au.
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