



MONTE SANT' ANGELO MERCY COLLEGE

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS





At Monte, we believe that education extends far beyond the classroom, and our diverse range of co-curricular activities equip students with the skills, values, and memories that will support them after they leave the College.

Mercy in Action

Community and Service have always been fundamental aspects of a Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College education, as students are shaped by the values of Mercy, Justice, Service, Human Dignity and Option for the Poor.

Mercy Action Group

The Mercy Action Group advocates for many social justice issues, such as the No Child Left Behind Campaign, the School Strike for Climate Day, Gender Equality and Fair Trade Fashion. The students also run a Fair Trade Café, serving drinks and snacks to raise awareness for global equal working conditions for all.

Green Team

The Green Team is committed to promoting sustainability, raising awareness and planning initiatives for our environment.

The Green Team have introduced initiatives such as solar panels to increase the College's usage of renewable energy and established hives for stingless native bees, which help preserve native ecology.

Biamunga

Biamunga is a journey of discovery that can offer learning from First Nations peoples' spiritual and cultural values. At Monte, the Biamunga Mob explore language, Indigenous art and craft, cooking, Wagaji (ceremonial dance), wellness and meditation in fortnightly meetings. They also discuss current events and political issues, such as the Makarrata and opportunities for connection and advocacy.

The College celebrates NAIDOC Week with activities and guest artists from the community at Mutitjulu. The College also hosts the annual Maruku Marketplace, an opportunity for our community to view and purchase traditional artworks from Anangu homelands, and Biamunga Yarn-Up, a sharing of stories and experiences with guest speakers.



Debating

Debating encourages and challenges the girls to engage critically and constructively with each other, exploring the most controversial, pressing and age-old questions facing our society. During the school year, a large number of students participate in five main debating competitions:

- Independent Schools Debating Association Competition (ISDA)
- Friday Evening Debating Competition (FED)
- Lower Northshore Debating Competition (LND)
- Archdale Debating Competition
- Schools Debating Network Competition (SDN)

Monte also hosts beginner primary school debating and public speaking programs for future students which focus on skill development, and two primary teams are able to compete for Monte in the ISDA competition.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award offers students a unique opportunity to involve themselves in an internationally renowned program designed to develop skills that prepare them for life beyond the College.

Students are required to complete four components, including the Adventurous Journey, a skill activity, physical recreation and a volunteer component, as well as a Residential Project in the Gold Award level. The students' perseverance and initiative are developed while undertaking activities such as hiking, canoeing and camping.

This is an extensive program at Monte, seeing a significant number of students achieving their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards in 2023.



Learning Enhancement Programs

The Learning Enhancement Program provides enrichment and extension opportunities in Mathematics, English and Music. Students can also take part in specialist and/or enriching co-curricular activities such as:

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| • Art After Hours | • Future Problem Solvers |
| • Book Club | • Model UN |
| • Chess Club | • Monte Minds |
| • Da Vinci Decathlon | • Philosophy Club |
| • Drop in and Draw | • Tournament of the Minds |
| • Ellipses Magazine | • Writer's Ink Club |



Cultural Immersions

Cultural immersions at Monte are a platform to increase students' global awareness and understanding as these experiences allow students to continue the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy through advocating for positive change in society.

Timor-Leste Immersion and Fundraising Program

The fundamental reason for our ongoing support in Timor-Leste is to continue the work of the Sisters of Mercy by affording the opportunity of a quality education to all young women at the Colegio Infante de Sagre School in Maliana. As well as an annual immersion visiting Timor-Leste and the Maliana community, Monte students fundraise and advocate for change and empowerment for the young women.



Global Citizenship Immersion to Cambodia

The seven-day Global Citizenship Immersion to Cambodia includes cross-cultural experiences, historical adventures, volunteer work and meeting with Nobel Prize winners. This Immersion offers Year 9 students the unique opportunity to discover the culture of Cambodia, build and enhance relationships, extend themselves beyond their comfort zone, develop their independence and put their Mercy values into action.



Central Desert Community Engagement Program

The aim of this program is for students to experience a cultural exchange through hands-on activities and guidance by Anangu, maintaining a mutual relationship for our communities to learn and grow. The group undertakes extensive training before departure, including meetings, workshops and learning some of the local language in order to get the most out of this Community Engagement Program.

