

MOUNT ALVERNIA COLLEGE

Kedron Brisbane Australia



PROSPECTUS

*Actions speak louder
than words . . . St Francis*

We are committed to promoting the total development of young women in the light of the Gospel and the tradition of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi.



Peace Trust **Joy** Love Respect Compassion Service
 Simplicity Peace Trust Joy **Love** Respect Compassion
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Simplicity Peace **Education**



Welcome to Mount Alvernia College. We are honoured that you have taken the time to explore the option of our College as the educational community in which to educate your daughter.

At Mount Alvernia College, we are passionate about providing your daughter with a quality contemporary education in the Franciscan tradition. I encourage you to explore all aspects of this College. I am confident that you will find not just a warm welcome, but a community which is committed to providing the best possible options for your daughter's secondary education.

Peace and good things

Dr Kerrie Tuite

Principal

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible ... St Francis



Simplicity



We're passionate about our History ...

Mount Alvernia College, a Catholic secondary school for girls, takes its name and spirit from Saint Francis of Assisi, one of the best known saints in history. The Franciscan tradition, begun by St Francis and St Clare over 800 years ago, embraces simplicity, joy and profound reverence for every person, all of creation and the Creator of all.

The particular Franciscan vision which still inspires Mount Alvernia College is that of a nineteenth century English woman, Elizabeth Hayes, an educationalist with particular concerns for the poor and for the education of women.

It was in a room of the Convent of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters at Kedron (now Delamore Retirement Community) that Mount Alvernia began in 1956—twelve months later, the first brick building in Cremorne Road was opened.

This history continues to be written in the wonderful facilities at the College by an educational community committed to excellence.

*Where there is charity and wisdom,
there is neither fear nor
ignorance ... St Francis*

We're passionate about our Curriculum ...

Joy

We strive for excellence in education through a curriculum that supports each student in her intellectual, spiritual, physical, cultural and social development.

Mount Alvernia's academic program is based on our commitment to achieving excellence through endeavour. Our curriculum structure, subject offerings, and teaching and learning approaches, are designed to facilitate the development of excellence in each student according to her individual gifts. We strive to develop in each student a love of learning, a strong work ethic, self-discipline, motivation, and a commitment to her studies. Students are challenged with support to realise the full potential of their individual abilities in order to set high but realistic goals.

*True progress
quietly and
persistently moves
along without
notice ... St Francis*



We are passionate about our *Religious and Spiritual Life* ...

The education of our students in religious and spiritual areas draws deeply on the Catholic tradition in the spirit

of Francis, Clare and Elizabeth Hayes.

We endeavour to meet the spiritual needs of our students, to provide them with positive experiences of a Catholic theology from a 21st century Christian perspective. We foster their knowledge and daily application of Christianity. The traditions of students other than Catholic who choose to attend Mount Alvernia add a richness to our classes. The examination of other faith traditions is seen as important. Respect for all is the hallmark of our community.



Peace

We are passionate about *making a difference* ...

Mission and Outreach are essential elements of a Mount Alvernia College education, finding their foundation in the spiritual traditions of St Francis, St Clare, Elizabeth Hayes, and the Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, whose vocation motivated them to work with the poor and displaced of their communities. Mission and Outreach are integral to a rich and integrated education that promotes the total development of students.

The aim of the College's Mission and Outreach Program is to promote our College Mission through a wide variety of liturgical, retreat and outreach programs. Our educational partnerships include: Catholic Mission, Caritas Australia, SVDP, the MFIC Ministries globally, Delamore Retirement Community, MICAH, The Brisbane Homelessness Services Centre, the Mimiki Foundation, Sony Camp - organisations whose mission it is to support women and children.

By putting our faith into action we develop young women with a social conscience who are motivated for justice, peace and integrity.



Compassion

For it is in giving that we

receive St Francis

We are passionate about *spirit* ...

Our co-curricular program is an important and exciting part of life at Mount Alvernia. Our students can choose from pursuits including sport, outreach and cultural activities.

Our co-curricular program is designed to enhance the experience of a Mount Alvernia College education, by providing opportunities for all of our students to develop their confidence and to grow intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually. Combined with our academic program, our co-curricular activities help ensure that all our students have opportunities to reach their full potential, no matter where their individual talents lie.



Love



We are passionate about our community ...

We believe that all members of the College community have a role to play in the education of our young women and we are actively seeking to develop formal and informal opportunities so all can be included.

Structures such as the Parents and Friends Support Network, Mount Alvernia Alumnae Group, Parent Volunteer Program, Franciscan Spirituality and Outreach groups provide avenues for all to contribute to the richness of community life.

We believe that parental involvement brings depth to the community and affords all families opportunities to become involved with their daughter's education thus developing a true Franciscan community—inclusive and welcoming.

*At Mount Alvernia, our parents,
friends, past students, and staff come
together to shape a supportive
community.*

Service

Enrolling at Mount Alvernia College

Parents who seek enrolment for their daughter at Mount Alvernia College will need to understand and fully support the College's educational philosophy and mission. Application for enrolments are accepted from Year 4 of primary school and offers of places for Year 8 are made in Year 5. Places may be offered at other times when available. Opportunities to visit the school are made available to prospective parents and their daughters.

Further information about enrolments may be obtained from:

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