

#### **LEARNING SUPPORT**

The desire to include and support students with specialised learning needs is a major strength of St Joseph's College.

In striving to provide equitable educational opportunities for all, it is acknowledged that for students to receive appropriate support (low-incidence disabilities, learning difficulties, and/or behaviour and communication challenges) it will be necessary to draw on the expertise of a range of support personnel.

#### **LEARNING DIVERSITY STAFF**

## **Head of Learning Diversity**

The primary role of the Head of Learning Diversity is to support students requiring educational adjustments and learning support. The Head of Learning Diversity provides advice, guidance, individual case management and facilitates the development of Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) with teachers and families. The Head of Learning Diversity also communicates with all families receiving support to offer services, professional development, experience sharing with open communication.

### Classroom Support

Our dedicated team of Learning Support Officers (LSOs) assist students in class, either in small groups or individually to provide direct support. They are an integral part of our college community and work consistently to improve the learning experience for all our students.

# **Therapists**

We draw on the professional knowledge and resources of Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists and Psychologists to provide support to our students.

#### **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

Our English and Mathematics Learning Area Leaders, together with appropriate staff, provide support through screening, identification and targeting of strategies to improve the literacy and numeracy abilities of all our students.

English and Maths staff offer tutoring sessions in the Library. Additional support is provided with the Flourish program facilitated by an Academic Support Officer either during or after school.

### **STUDENT SERVICES**

#### College Nurse/First Aid Officer

The College Nurse/First Aid Officer is a resource for students, staff and parents with links to outside agencies. The nurse identifies students who have health problems that may affect them in school; prepares care plans and provides health education for students, staff and parents.

### Wellbeing

We have a dedicated wellbeing team led by the Deputy Principal, Students, comprising a Head of Wellbeing, Mental Health Clinicians, Counsellors, Student Engagement and Pastoral Liaison Officer and College Nurse. The team provides confidential support, information and referrals when appropriate.

# Careers Practitioner

Our Careers Practitioner is available to discuss future job and study pathways with students and families.

#### **COMPUTERS AND IT SUPPORT**

Laptop computers are available for all students at the college. Assistance is available to students through the IT department, via the Help Desk.

#### **INDIGENOUS STUDENT SUPPORT**

Support is available for indigenous students and families from our Student Engagement and Pastoral Liaison Officer.

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

Lost items are received at the student offices at the Enright and Mercy campuses and students may collect items from these locations.

# LIBRARY

The Library is open for extended hours and also during Term holidays as a study and resource centre for students. Librarians also provide individual support to students and teachers with research and selection of appropriate resources. The Library also houses a large collection of hard and digital resources for students and teachers.

#### **CANTEEN**

St Joseph's College has canteens located at both the Enright and Mercy campuses. Each canteen is Healthy School Accredited, with a wide range of food and drinks on offer.

There is also a free breakfast available each morning at both the Enright campus and Mercy campus from 8.30am to 8.45am.

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

The college offers an offsite fully stocked uniform shop in Lime Avenue. Staff are available for personal fittings and appointments outside of normal business hours if required. Second hand items are available.