

FAQs

Why would I choose St. Mary's?

Blessed with a compassionate team of teachers and support staff, we are united in our dedication to children from Beaudesert and surrounding areas. Since 1901, we have educated local families, some of whom are the great, great grandchildren of those who were here in the earliest years of the school. We strive to bring out the best in your child, with a tailored learning experience in a caring, Catholic environment.

St. Mary's offers:

- Affordable fees
- Exceptional teaching & learning
- Play-based Prep
- Tranquil and contemporary facilities and technologies
- Air-conditioned classrooms
- Student enrichment programs
- Arts, music, sports and outdoor education
- Pastoral care, with a health & well being focus
- Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

Do I Need to be Catholic?

You do not have to be Catholic to attend St. Mary's. If, like us, you are committed to the holistic education of your child and support the ideal of an inclusive community, you are warmly welcomed at St. Mary's.

How much are the tuition fees?

To provide a quality education we rely on Government funding, and fees and levies from parents.

Tuition fees at St. Mary's are very affordable; from as little as \$48.50 per week (for one child, over a 52-week year) and if you require assistance, please chat to us. As a Catholic Parish school, we encourage and welcome conversations with families who may need financial assistance in order to meet fees.

How important is NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a 'snapshot' of your child's education from only four occasions in their entire primary and secondary journey. St. Mary's NAPLAN results reflect the state average in all Year 3 and Year 5 areas. Whilst it may be an important diagnostic tool for some, it does not show the intrinsic talents of each student. What NAPLAN *isn't* able to test is whether your child is a gifted musician, great at sports, an innovative, creative artist, and a caring and considerate friend to their classmates.

Your child's semester reports and regular feedback from St. Mary's teachers remain the most comprehensive measure of their achievements.

All children are unique and our challenge is to ensure that, with our proven teaching philosophies and your support, they will grow spiritually, academically, socially and physically during their time at St. Mary's.

What comes after Primary School?

If you are considering a Catholic *secondary* school, your child's educational and spiritual experiences at St. Mary's ensures this will be a seamless transition. We are proud to partner with Catholic secondary school, McAuley College, to offer an exceptional Prep-to-Year-12 education to Beaudesert families.

How do I enrol?

Online Application submissions are preferred. Or feel free to drop into the school, phone or visit www.stmarysbeaudesert.qld.edu.au.

Enrolment interviews are held in May/June the year prior to the child commencing.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the St. Mary's community.

