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CO-EDUCATIONAL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
FOR YEARS 8 - 12



Gilroy Santa Maria
COLLEGE



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A Proud History of Secondary Education

Gilroy Santa Maria College has been educating students since 1948. We are very proud of our past, and as the oldest secondary college in Ingham, Gilroy Santa Maria College has been an integral part of the Herbert River District.

Gilroy Santa Maria College fosters a Christian atmosphere in the Catholic tradition by embracing the values of inclusiveness, justice, compassion, care, gentleness and peace, reconciliation and the equality of all people. Faith development is encouraged in all aspects of our College life.

We welcome students of Catholic and other faiths who are willing to become involved in, and contribute to, our College community.

Our relatively small size allows us to cater for the individual needs of our students, and to maintain small class sizes, led by highly qualified staff.

Our facilities boast state of the art computing rooms, as well as a resource centre, science laboratories, hospitality centre, fine arts, and manual arts.

Gilroy Santa Maria College is committed to providing excellent and diverse academic, vocational, sporting and extra curricula opportunities for each student. Our staff and facilities, combined with the peaceful Ingham environment, ensures an education at Gilroy Santa Maria College is amongst the best in regional Australia.

We encourage you to consider Gilroy Santa Maria College for your child's secondary education.



Caring Community

As a College, we place value in the individual, and we endeavour to assist our students to develop respect for self, others, authority and property.

At Gilroy Santa Maria College we aim to:

- Nurture a community of caring and responsible people – a community where each person feels they are known and valued;
- Ensure that each student feels safe and therefore free to develop to their full potential, utilising their gifts and talents;
- Encourage members of our community to develop self-discipline and personal responsibility; and
- Provide opportunities for student involvement in a wide range of College and community activities.



Student Leadership

Gilroy Santa Maria College students have leadership opportunities through a variety of programs. These include:

- Senior Leadership;
- Peer Support;
- Student Representative Council; and
- Helping Friends.



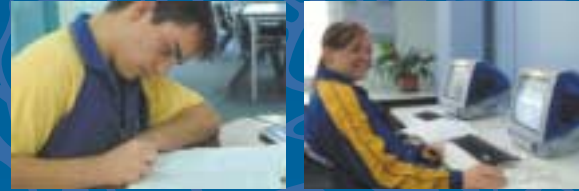


Curriculum

It is our tradition to offer all students an innovative curriculum of considerable breadth.

In Year 8, students experience a diverse range of subjects throughout the year, which provides students with a broad introduction to secondary studies. Year 9 and 10 allow for some specialisation within these areas.

The senior school curriculum encourages a high degree of specialisation and prepares students for post secondary school options leading to further study or employment. By encouraging students to give their best in all they do, your child will gain the confidence, skills and knowledge to enable them to



take their place in society and to achieve their individual goals. We are justly proud of our students' achievements in a range of fields.

Our students consistently achieve QCS scores and OP results which are above the State average. These results enable them to enter university courses or gain employment in their preferred areas.

Gilroy Santa Maria College also caters for those students who wish to enter the workforce at the completion of their studies through our Vocational Education program. This program enables students to undertake work experience, school-based traineeships or apprenticeships.

Year 8 Subjects Studied

CORE SUBJECTS

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Study of Society and Environment
- Health and Physical Education
- Information Communication and Technology Education

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- Italian
- Manual Arts
- Graphics
- Drama
- Music
- Art
- Hospitality

Year 9 & 10 Subjects Studied

CORE SUBJECTS

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics or Practical Mathematics
- Science
- Study of Society and Environment
- Health and Physical Education
- Pastoral Care

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

- Art
- Business Education
- Drama
- Graphics
- Health, Exercise and Movement
- Hospitality
- Information Communication and Technology Education
- Italian
- Manual Arts
- Music

Year 11 & 12 Subjects Studied

CORE SUBJECTS

- Religious Education or Study of Religion
- English or English Communication
- Mathematics A, Mathematics B or Trade & Business Mathematics

AUTHORITY SUBJECTS

- Accounting
- Ancient History
- Art
- Biological Science
- Business Communication and Technology
- Chemistry
- Drama
- Economics
- Graphics
- Hospitality Studies
- Information Processing and Technology
- Information Technology Systems
- Italian
- Marine Studies
- Mathematics C
- Modern History
- Physical Education
- Physics

VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

- Creative Arts
- Hospitality Practices
- Computer Aided Design
- Construction
- Engineering
- Recreation
- Pre-vocational Automotive
- Hairdressing

Some variation to the subjects offered may occur from year to year, dependant on student choice.



In Year 11, students can select an academic program that is based on key pre-tertiary Queensland Studies Authority credited subjects. These subjects help to prepare our students for university courses, while a range of Vocational Education subjects are offered that assist students to enter the workforce on leaving school.

Achieving Exceptional Results

Gilroy Santa Maria College students have achieved exceptional results in a range of academic competitions, co-curricula activities, and the local community.

Academic Success

- The T J Ryan Award, which recognises the top ten students in Queensland, was awarded to Gilroy Santa Maria College students in 2003 and 2004;
- Gilroy Santa Maria Students consistently receive QCS scores which are above the state average;
- Gilroy Santa Maria College students consistently receive OP1 scores;
- A Gilroy Santa Maria College student has received a prize in the Westpac Mathematics Competition (for recognition of scoring in the top 1% of students) and many students regularly receive high distinctions and distinctions in this and other competitions;
- 100% of Gilroy Santa Maria College Year 12 students consistently gain employment or the tertiary course of their choice; and
- Gilroy Santa Maria College students are regularly awarded StudItalia prizes, which involves language immersion studies in Italy.

Cultural Success

- Each year the school is enriched by the presence of international exchange students, and many Gilroy Santa Maria College students have been awarded a Rotary or other exchange;
- Gilroy Santa Maria College students have the opportunity to undertake a study tour of Italy;
- The College regularly participates in the Rock Eisteddfod and has received many awards in this competition;
- Art students exhibit their work and win prizes in a variety of Art Exhibitions in North Queensland, and student artworks are also selected for the Ministerial Art Exhibition;
- Our students are regularly involved in the Swiss – Italian Exchange program;
- The College's wind and guitar ensembles regularly receive high recognition at community competitions and functions; and
- Gilroy Santa Maria College students regularly win awards in public speaking competitions, including the Italian Public Speaking competition.





Sporting Success

Gilroy Santa Maria College students take advantage of the many opportunities available to them to participate in a range of sporting activities.

Our students have been North Queensland and Queensland representatives for a range of sports, including netball, tennis, soccer, water polo, touch football and athletics.

- The College Soccer team has won the North Queensland Soccer Federation Cup.
- The College tennis team has won the North Queensland tennis competition.
- Each year, the College football team competes in the Confraternity competition.
- The College netball team competes in the Gold Coast netball competition.
- The College chess team regularly win prizes in the North Queensland chess competition.



After School Tutoring

As part of their ongoing commitment to our students, our teaching staff provide an extensive after school tutoring service in a range of subject areas.

Behaviour Management Policy

The College has a well defined Behaviour Management Policy, which aims to encourage students to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and to be self-directed and just in their relationship.

College Fees

The College has made a conscious decision to keep College fees as low as possible so that an education at Gilroy Santa Maria College is open to those who actively seek it. Every effort is made to ensure no student is refused an education at Gilroy Santa Maria College by their inability to pay fees. Cases of genuine financial hardships are considered confidentially and compassionately.

College Uniform

Uniforms are an important part of the College identity and are worn by all students.

Our uniform has been designed with the North Queensland climate in mind, to provide comfortable and stylish wear for students in all year levels.

The College also advocates a strong sun safe message, emphasising the wearing of one of three hats available to students as part of the uniform.

The range of uniforms are designed for sporting activities, day wear and for formal occasion.

Support Services

College Counsellor

Gilroy Santa Maria College employs a Centacare Counsellor to visit our school twice per week. She offers assistance to students and parents on all matters relating to the wellbeing of students.

College Board

Parents, staff and supporters from the local community comprise the College Board. The Board is responsible for the overall direction and policy of the College.

Parents' and Friends' Association

Parent participation in the life of the College improves school spirit and can improve the achievements of their children.

As such, all parents are invited to attend the regular Parents' and Friends' Association meetings, and to participate in the Association's various functions.

The active group meets monthly and offers the opportunity for an exchange of ideas and participation in activities that will benefit the wider College community.

College Newsletter

The fortnightly College newsletter provides an important link between the College and home. Gilroy News outlines important dates and upcoming College events, as well as a list of impending assessment items for students.





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