



KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE
...Courage...Faith...Excellence...

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WELCOME

Founded in 1989 by Brother Pat Carey of the Christian Brothers, Kolbe is a co-educational secondary college situated in picturesque grounds within the Rockingham educational precinct. Since its inception, Kolbe has grown to be a thriving community with an enrolment of nearly 1000 students from Years 7 to 12. Kolbe Catholic College prides itself on honouring the life and person of Jesus Christ by embracing the notions of compassion, community, faith and hope. Central to this is a sense of dignity and belonging for all of our students.

With a very strong Catholic ethos and rich Pastoral Care environment, our College strives to nurture a unique identity that reflects the very essence of our community. We seek to develop students as 'whole' people, fostering their academic, cultural, social, emotional and spiritual growth. Within a welcoming, safe and supportive environment, our students can grow as individuals cognisant of the need to make a positive contribution to their community by being of service to others.

Diversity of student learning has shaped our curriculum program. Our teachers expose students to a rich and challenging curriculum, as well as provide a wide array of extra-curricular opportunities. Our goal is to prepare students for the world of the future and hence we incorporate a strong focus upon digital learning, with a 1:1 laptop program for Year 7 and 8 students.

Whether it is through serving others as part of our Christian Service Learning Program, having the courage to display leadership, aspiring for academic excellence or participating in one of the College's many extra-curricular activities or extensive sports programs, students are always encouraged to give their best performance. The College's motto, **Courage, Faith, Excellence**, inspired by our patron, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, challenges students to capitalise on their many gifts and talents.

GROWING CHRISTIAN FAITH

Kolbe is a community founded on Christian faith, which is a precious gift from God. We strive to nurture the faith of students and staff, especially through curriculum, prayer, the Eucharist and by serving those in need.

The first learning area of the curriculum is Religious Education. In this subject, students are encouraged to reflect on how Christian faith impacts on human life and culture. We are blessed to have the support of our three Parish Priests and we are most fortunate to be able to celebrate Mass in the Chapel before school. Members of Pastoral Care groups, under the guidance of their Pastoral Care teacher, prepare the liturgy. In addition, the whole school gathers for Mass at the beginning of the school year and the celebration of the feast of our patron saint, Maximilian Kolbe. Parents, friends and community members are welcome to join us for Eucharistic celebrations.

Christian faith is seen in action, across the year levels, as our students participate in many forms of service both within the school and the wider community. This ranges from older students generously sharing their knowledge and skills with younger students to fundraising for various charities. KolbeCare, our College's community service program, outreaches to the wider community to provide help to the disabled, the sick and elderly. Through KolbeCare, students practice actions that reflect love, compassion and justice from a Christian perspective. Reaching out to others by helping and promoting the Kingdom of God, our students discover more about themselves and learn about the important role they play in our society.

FOSTERING A CARING CULTURE

The Pastoral Care provided at our College permeates all aspects of College life.

At the heart of our Pastoral Care structure are the six Houses, each run by a House Coordinator and Head of Year who are in charge of developing and maintaining House spirit, House assemblies, House carnivals as well as a variety of Inter-House activities. Each student belongs to one of the six Houses. Within each House, there are seven Pastoral Care groups with a staff member who closely monitors the academic progress and general welfare of each student. A mixture of Year 7 to 12 students, the Pastoral Care group usually stays together over the six years, offering support and encouragement to one another. This 'family-like' structure creates a wonderful environment for students and affords them opportunities for leadership, role modelling and informal exchange of information such as curriculum and study skills.

The College places particular importance on developing the leadership qualities of our students. The Peer Support Program offers Year 10 students the opportunity to be mentors to our Year 7 students. At the end of Year 9, all students participate in a two-day training program to develop leadership and group work skills. From this, students are selected from each House to assist our Year 7 students in their transition into secondary school. In addition, members of the Student Council take responsibility for organising special events, such as assemblies, fundraisers and the Senior Ball.





SETTING A CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

The pursuit of academic excellence is central to the College's educational program. As such, a challenging and engaging curriculum is structured in a way that meets each student's individual needs and level of development. In addition, as the students journey through each year level, they are immersed in dynamic and innovative learning activities specifically designed for each age group.

Years 7 to 9 serve as the bridge between primary and senior schools. Through these years the College remains committed to advancing the learning capacity of all students and maintaining student engagement. With a future-focus approach to teaching and learning, the integration of a 1:1 laptop program into Years 7 and 8 opens up new ways for our students to collaborate and share experiences, as well as to develop skills that will be invaluable in a broader context.

In Years 10 to 12, students begin to refine their direction, studying preferred courses in more depth. Aspiring to academic excellence continues to be a focus as well as participation in extra-curricular activities. The academic rigour necessary for the many students with university aspirations is offered with a full range of suitable subjects. Our well-grounded Vocational Education and Training (VET) program allows students to access a broad range of post-school options.

Learning Enrichment

Academically gifted students are exposed to a variety of learning experiences that are designed to challenge them. Academic enrichment programs are offered from Years 7 to 12 that focus on challenging students to excel within a nurturing environment, in a broad range of academic fields.

Students with special needs are also well catered for under the guidance of the Learning Enrichment and Support Coordinator. Students' particular learning styles are accommodated and participation in all activities is encouraged. We also offer individualised and small group programs for students who require additional support in literacy and numeracy.

Support and Guidance

We believe that attending to the specific needs of students is inextricably linked with improved academic performance. At Kolbe we are able to offer students access to specialist staff including College Counsellors, an Aboriginal Teacher Assistant and an Australian Defence Transition Mentor. A Careers Counsellor assists students, particularly in senior school, to investigate career pathways. The Head of Vocational Studies helps students gain work experience, apprenticeships and traineeships.

Scholarships

In recognition of our quest for excellence, Academic Scholarships are awarded each year to our incoming Year 7 students. In addition, scholarships are also provided for Music and Aboriginal students from Year 7.

DIVERSIFYING EXPERIENCES

Kolbe offers a rich and diverse range of extra-curricular opportunities, many of which form an essential part of the educational experience. It is our hope that each student will find their niche within the many and varied activities, which include:

- Learning area based activities, such as the eV Challenge, Mock Trials, Tournament of the Minds
- Retreats
- Camps and excursions
- House and Inter-House activities
- Community service groups
- Drama and Dance productions
- College bands and ensembles
- Public speaking and debating teams.

Sport

Along with our extensive Health and Physical Education program, students participate in a range of sporting activities. As a member of both the Associated and Catholic Colleges (ACC) and the South West Independent Schools Sporting Association (SWISSA), students compete in swimming, athletics and cross-country events. The College is most proud of its fitness program and the many teams that compete across a range of sports including basketball, netball, soccer, rugby union, football, equestrian, tennis and cricket.

The Arts

There is a well-established cultural thread that permeates the Kolbe community. Our programs offer exciting opportunities in Dance, Drama, Music and the Visual Arts. Original artworks decorate our College walls and the Performing Arts area is always a hive of activity, making good use of the theatre known as the Egmont Melton Performing Arts Centre.

Dance

Our comprehensive Dance courses for Years 7 to 12 allow students to grow in confidence and ability across a wide range of dance styles. As students move through the program, they view professional performances, choreograph their own routines and perform in concerts and competitions. Senior students participate in Dance examinations and are able to use their scores towards university entrance.

Drama

Students are given the opportunity to develop their creative skills, critical appreciation and knowledge of Drama as an art form. Our program encourages a sense of personal and cultural identity within each student, which will equip them for lifelong involvement and appreciation. This area also focuses on technical production, offering opportunities for creative development in areas such as lighting, sound and design.

Music

Our Music program gives students the opportunity to experience music in a variety of enjoyable and fulfilling situations. Courses are on offer to students in all years, as well as a variety of performing groups and a comprehensive individual tuition program. Whether students take a vocational or recreational interest in music, our program emphasises participation and excellence.

Visual Arts

We encourage students through practical activities to use their gifts and talents to produce quality and original artwork. Our program inspires students to be creative and search for new and innovative representations.



PROVIDING FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES

Over our 20 years, we have developed into a college with outstanding facilities. Catering for adolescent students has inspired us to create facilities that meet all their varying needs and activities. The purpose-built Year 7 Learning Centre, which assists in the seamless transition from primary to secondary schooling, is just one example of how we cater for our students needs.

Our College facilities include:

- A modern Learning Resource Centre
- Art and Craft studios
- Food, Clothing and Textile rooms
- Design and Technology workshops
- A Music Centre, with instrumental rooms
- A Performing Arts Studio
- Japanese and Italian tutorial rooms
- Specialist Physics and Chemistry laboratories.

As a technology rich campus, we are able to provide a campus-wide wireless network. Our Information Communications Technology facilities include:

- Three computer laboratories with high end computers;
- Rooms fitted with Interactive White Boards and/or Electronic Ebeams; and
- Several mini-labs for specialist work.

Capitalising on Apple computing technology, our resources extend to include the use of laptops, iPods, iPads and other technical media.

With a varied sporting program and a large number of students involved in sporting activities, our sporting facilities are widely utilised. Our 800 square metre Sports Hall is extensively used, as are the four tennis and basketball courts and College oval. In addition to these on-site facilities, Kolbe students have access to a range of facilities within Rockingham. The Mike Barnett Sports Complex, Rockingham Aquatic Centre and additional sports grounds are all within close walking distance.

Murdoch University's campus is adjacent to Kolbe and Challenger TAFE completes a unique educational precinct. The Murdoch Community Library is within 100 metres of the College. The opportunities for shared use of facilities, educational expertise and information technology makes our College an exciting place for students.

REGISTERING INTEREST

As a Catholic Secondary College that serves the region, priority is given to students who attend our local Catholic primary schools: Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School - Rockingham; St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School - Port Kennedy and St Vincent's Primary School - Kwinana. However, there are a limited number of places within the College so acceptance is not automatic. Enrolment applications are also accepted from other regional primary schools.

If you would like your child to attend our College, it is important to apply early, as demand for places is strong. Year 7 is the only official entry year into Kolbe Catholic College. For any other year, enrolment applications are placed on a waiting list and applicants are contacted if a vacancy arises.

A non-refundable enrolment application fee of \$50 is required for each application.

