St Mary's School is a Catholic Primary school founded in 1926 and staffed by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart until 1986. The school continues to strive for the ideals of Blessed Mary MacKillop in its service to country children and families. The school of today endeavours to create a comfortable atmosphere for all children, which will enhance their self esteem, confidence, dignity, respect and willingness to learn. The school is committed to the education of the whole child based on Gospel values to foster growth in their Faith Journey to become more Christ-like. The school strives for excellence in all areas and involves the parents and community in the education of the children. This endeavour is carried out in a caring environment where individual needs are catered for in a spirit of compassion, understanding and encouragement. A team approach to education is a feature of St Mary's. The School enjoys excellent support from the School Board and a very active Parents and Friends Association. The school also enjoys a very close and supportive relationship with the Parish.

**Teacher Standards and Qualifications**

Masters Degrees: 2

Bachelor Degrees: 12

Diplomas: 2

Certificates: 6

***Staff members may have more than one of the above.***

**Workforce Composition**

Teaching Staff: 14  
Female: 12  
Male: 2  
Indigenous: 0

Non Teaching Staff: 12  
Female: 11  
Male: 1  
Indigenous: 0
**Student Attendance at School**

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Non attendance at school is managed as follows:

- Parents of students who have a planned absence need to notify the school in writing prior to the absence.
- Parents of students who have an unplanned absence need to phone the school on the morning of the absence to indicate that their child will be away. On the student’s return, a written note must be submitted to the student’s teacher.
- Students who are absent, who have not supplied a note and whose parents have not notified the school are called by the school office from 9.30am on the morning of the absence to clarify the student’s whereabouts.

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**Parent, Student and Teacher Satisfaction**

The community atmosphere at St Mary’s School is obvious and this is one of the strengths of the school. The support provided by parents for all events is outstanding. Satisfaction with St Mary’s School is apparent by the strong attendance demonstrated at all community events. Students treat the environment respectfully and a high standard of respect for each individual exists in classrooms and in the playground. The staff is collectively very professional and supports the school in all endeavours. Our School Climate Surveys indicate that parents, students and staff are very satisfied with what is offered at St Mary’s School. The data was very positive with most indicators of school climate being above to well above the system average.
Particular strengths, as indicated by the data, are as follows:

- Student Behaviour
- Staff Team Work
- Staff Professional Growth
- Teacher Confidence
- Student Connectedness to School
- Student Connectedness to Peers
- Teacher Empathy
- School Improvement
- Homework
- Teacher Morale
- Parent Input

**Post School Destinations**

- Merredin College: 11 students
- Aquinas College: 1 student
- Narembeen: 1 student
- Hale School: 2 students
- St Mary’s Anglican Girls School: 1 student
- Methodist Ladies College: 1 student
- Mazenod: 1 student
- Undefined: 1 student

**School Income**

Please visit [http://www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au) for St Mary’s School income data.