

**Integrity, Justice, Peace**



***If you cannot teach me to fly,  
teach me to sing.***

*Sir James Matthe Barrie*

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# James McCarthy

James McCarthy was a devout man who strove to live by his catholic values in his care and respect for others. By his example, teachers at McCarthy Catholic College not only provide a catholic education for students, but give attention to the personal journey of each young person they teach.

The Learning Support Department at McCarthy, guides the teaching staff towards providing a system of educational values, practices and procedures which meet the diverse needs of all students.

Following the school motto – *Integrity, Justice and Peace* – the Learning Support Department fosters and displays a spirit of respect and care for all students by,

*Valuing the worth of every student*

*Being sensitive and responsive to those students with needs*

*Assisting all students to reach their full potential*

SO WHAT DO WE OFFER TO  
ASSIST  
THE STUDENTS IN OUR CARE? ...

## Reading Support Programs

In Years 7 and 8 students are invited to take part in our Reading Support Program. In this program students can improve their reading skills through a variety of group work activities which include the use of fun and interesting interactive software.



## Numeracy Program

To support the Mathematics Department in the implementation and running of EMU (*Enhancing Mathematical Understanding*), the Learning Support Department offers this program to Year 7 students who have not achieved the required growth points for Mathematics.



## Travel Training Program

It is important that all students are given the opportunity to understand themselves and grow in confidence. Independent travel is one way of achieving this. In Years 8 and 9 the Learning Support Team assist students to undertake successful independent travel trips.

## Getting Organised

Part of the job of being a student is accepting responsibility to give your best. The Learning Support Team has put together an 'Organisational Skills' work booklet to assist students in finding structure at school and in other areas of their lives.



## Transition

From Year 9 onwards, the Learning Support Team introduce Transition as part of the Individual Planning process for students in its care. Through Transition, students get to take part in a variety of courses outside of school e.g. Hospitality, Building & Construction, Retail, Effective Communication etc. Transition can be very important in helping students to plan a career path.



## DIAL ... Drop in and learn

Students are encouraged to make use of the Learning Support room at recess and lunchtime for assistance with homework, assignments and to revise what has been covered in class.

## Gifted & Talented Program

All students have a right to a learning environment that fosters wellbeing and offers learning outcomes consistent with their abilities. The learning environment at McCarthy Catholic College aims to provide a range of opportunities for its gifted and talented students to challenge them to perform at their highest level.

