A Welcome from the Oblates

Many of today’s 5000 Oblate Priests and Brothers in over 60 countries around the world are working with poor communities as they struggle, in the spirit of the Gospel, to overcome poverty, injustice and oppression.

In Australia, Oblates fulfil the call of St Eugene de Mazenod to work with the poor and abandoned. Oblates have been working in Australia for over 100 years in secondary and tertiary education, parishes, youth ministries to the homeless and hospital and prison chaplaincies. Australian Oblates work in overseas missions in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Kenya.

Thank you for taking the time to read about a College that is close to the heart of all Oblates. Our Congregation is proud of the Mazenod Community. This school has flourished because of the dedication and hard work of many people who also share in its progress.

We work in the field of education, as a result of the firm belief that God is calling us through the struggles of the youth of today. We aim to help Mazenod students become those people who make a difference in society, in whatever capacity they live and work.

We encourage all of our students to realise that by being a member of the Mazenod Community, they have access to the Oblates all over the world in whatever capacity we may be of service.

Our community life at the College offers the students, staff and their families a model of support and charity. We are available at any time, for any need, to all of those people in our care.
Mazenod College is a welcoming, learning community, following Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Eugene de Mazenod. Working with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Mazenod Community seek to inspire both ourselves and others to "Learn What We Are in The Eyes of God". Along the path of that discovery, we seek to promote and protect and ultimately help create a community where all feel valued, respected and loved by God.

The foundation of Mazenod College was born of a dream – a dream to establish Catholic Education for boys in the Hills above Perth. In 1966 this dream became reality when the College open its doors and welcomed thirty-one boys as the first Year 6 and 7 students of Mazenod College, Western Australia. The College currently caters for 825 boys from Years 7-12, of which 115 of them are boarders from rural Western Australia.

Established and governed by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate – A Catholic Religious Order founded by St. Eugene de Mazenod in post-revolution France, Mazenod College is one of three Oblate Colleges in Australia. The College is proud of its Oblate international and local history and looks to the future with the confidence and success that brought us this far.

Mazenod College prides itself on providing a holistic education for all students, including the promotion of academic excellence, excellence in sport and the performing arts and offering opportunities for leadership, community service and personal growth. There is encouragement for students to harness their unique talents and skills in their pursuit of personal excellence. It aims to develop, within students, an understanding that the attainment of academic excellence is not necessarily measured by the achievement of multiple ‘A’ grades or being the top student in the class. Academic excellence is about students doing their best.

The staff and parents cooperate to ensure that when the boys leave the College they will be prepared to make a difference in their world.

“Mazenod College is committed to the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of education.”
Curriculum

Mazenod College is committed to giving its students every opportunity to achieve academic excellence. Our founder, St Eugene de Mazenod calls us to “Leave nothing undared for the sake of the Kingdom”. It is with this in mind that we challenge ourselves to be innovative in our teaching and challenge our students to strive towards their own person best.

The College offers a broad curriculum and provides opportunities for students to harness their individual talents and skills in their pursuit of personal excellence. Mazenod College understands that the dreams and talents of each student are unique and so flexible delivery and individual course design are incorporated wherever possible.

Mazenod College believes that an important feature of academic formation is the development of individual initiative, self-reliance and self-motivation and we encourage students to be active participants in their own learning. Individual monitoring and goal setting are important features of the College’s academic programme and staff work closely with students to reflect, plan and pursue academic objectives.

Student learning is fostered in an environment that is challenging, engaging and supportive and classroom activities are designed to be enjoyable, stimulating and authentic. The ability to think creatively and critically is highly valued at Mazenod College and for that reason the development of higher order thinking skills, underpins the delivery of content. The use of information technology is a key feature in the provision of the curriculum. The 1:1 laptop programme provides a dynamic learning environment and encourages students to explore the ways in which technology can assist them in their learning.
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Faith Development

The development of faith within a Mazenod student is foremost and centres on a comprehensive religious education programme developed under the guidelines of the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia.

The teachings are faithful to the ethos, spirit and traditions of the Catholic Church following the spirituality of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and their founder St Eugene de Mazenod. It seeks to open the minds of our students to the wonder of God and value their place in His divine plan.

All members of the Mazenod community are on a journey of faith towards an increasingly personal relationship with Jesus. We are all invited to have a personal relationship with Jesus and our role as a Catholic school is to nurture the presence of God within us, knowing that Jesus shares with us the Holy Spirit, who guides and strengthens and who heals and encourages us.

Daily Masses, special Eucharistic celebrations and regular reconciliation services are offered to everyone in the Mazenod community.

Our responsibility and Christian service to each other and the community at large is central to our faith expression. Students and staff are encouraged to collaborate on issues of social justice and respond with generosity and compassion to the needs of others close to home and in society.

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Pastoral Care

For a young man to experience success at school, be it in academic, sporting or cultural pursuits, it is important for him to feel a part of the College community and feel as though he has an identity within the school. It is important that each boy’s pastoral welfare is monitored and nourished.

In order to accomplish this, Mazenod College has a well-structured Pastoral Care system where there are a number of staff involved in all aspects of a boy’s school life. The Pastoral Care structure is horizontal in nature with a Head of Year responsible for overseeing the welfare of the boys in his or her Year group. Each Head of Year is supported by a team of Form Teachers who work together to ensure that all students are making progress both academically and socially. It is important that staff members and parents communicate regularly so that the best interests of the students are served.

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Co-curricular

For many students, the co-curricular life of their school is an aspect they find most satisfying. Mazenod provides an opportunity for the boys to gain a sense of belonging and to be involved in a diverse range of activities at the College. The range is not limited to music, sporting, cultural and community opportunities.

Mazenod College offers a comprehensive range of sports which aim to be inclusive of any boy wishing to participate. A wide range of teams are available so all boys can participate at their appropriate skill level. The College is a member of the ACC competitions and the Mazenod College Sporting Club provides an opportunity for students to compete in the local district. It is widely acknowledged that Mazenod College students are formidable opponents, whilst displaying outstanding sportsmanship.

The Music programme is particularly attractive with large numbers of boys learning instruments and playing in one or more of the many bands and ensembles. Drama is equally popular and offers many performance roles as well as instruction in technical positions for stage productions and the annual school musical. Mazenod has a long tradition of competing in the Performing Arts Festival and with high levels of participation each year, students achieve consistently exceptional results.

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Facilities

Since its inception, Mazenod College has continued to excel in its academic, sporting, cultural and spiritual development. This is enabled by the wonderful facilities made available to all students and we pray, will continue to be the characteristics of the College in the years to come.

The College’s facilities include a Chapel, a Performing Arts Centre, the McCarthy Library, Learning Support Centre, Computer Laboratories, Design and Technology Buildings, Recording Studio, Science Laboratories, Audio Visual and Seminar Rooms, Gymnasium, Sporting Facilities and Playing Fields.
Saint Eugene de Mazenod

Mazenod College is named after Saint Eugene de Mazenod who was born in 1782. At 9 years of age he fled France as a refugee and after returning eleven years later, his witness of spiritual and material poverty led him to begin his work for which he is now well known for.

Father de Mazenod set about rebuilding a world of Christian values. He urged the poor to “Learn what you are in the eyes of God”. This gave all people, especially the poor, a renewed sense of dignity.

Others, inspired by his vision and energy, joined him, and in 1826 a new religious family – to be called the Oblates of Mary Immaculate – came into being. This religious family now serves the Mazenod College community.

Eugene de Mazenod died on May 21st, 1861 and was declared a Saint in 1995.

“We must lead men to act like human beings, first of all, and then like Christians and, finally, we must help them to become Saints.”

St Eugene de Mazenod
Academic scholarships are available to students in each year level. The Scholarship entitles the students to full year tuition fees paid by the College. Students must also have demonstrated significant contribution to the Mazenod community.

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT FOR YEAR 7, 8, 9, 10
(The student will receive a scholarship for the following year)

The scholarship is to be based on:

- End of year results in English, Mathematics, Science and SOSE, relative ranking in each subject and final grade average over the student’s entire programme of study.
- Actively contributes to the College community.
- Demonstrates the values of the College.

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT FOR YEAR 11
This scholarship is to be based on:

- End of year results in English, Mathematics, Science and SOSE.
- Final grade average over the student’s entire programme of study.
- Actively contributes to the College community.
- Demonstrates the values of the College.

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