



Enrollment



**Mission College
Preparatory
Catholic
High School**



four years that pass from when a Mission College Prep student strides up the main stairs of campus the first day of school, to when they bound down the senior steps as they approach graduation, go by in the blink of an eye. Yet these critical formative years are full of life, the stuff dreams are made of, and pose challenges of the highest order.

“We have an incredibly close-knit community here where everyone feels like part of the family.”

Clark Cali
Class of 2013



Mission

Mission College Prep creates a culture of care and accountability, in partnership with families, to form women and men of **scholarship, inspiration, and leadership** in service to deeper life with God and deeper life with one another.

“Our son entered MCP as a quiet yet academically sound teen. As a senior, he will leave the school as a young man equipped with enough social and academic confidence to take on the world. For this I am forever thankful.”

MK Stratton
Parent

“I credit my days at MCP for being a major factor in helping me build a foundation for my life... The sense of family that I felt at MCP pushed me in ways that I didn't recognize then, but that I am grateful for now.”

Terrance Harris
Class of 99 and Boys
Basketball Coach

The School

As a Catholic college-preparatory high school for young men and women in the Diocese of Monterey, Mission College Preparatory enrolls students in grades 9-12. It is located on the central coast of California in the city of San Luis Obispo—midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The average class size is approximately 20.

The Faculty

The faculty at MCP form a community of professional educators who strive to inspire and create an academic culture of care and accountability which results in student success. More than 60% of the faculty have over 18 years of teaching experience.



“I am forever grateful that both dedication and a pursuit of excellence were values passed on to me throughout my four years at MCP!”

Anna-Lisa Renn
(Epperson)
Class of 1996

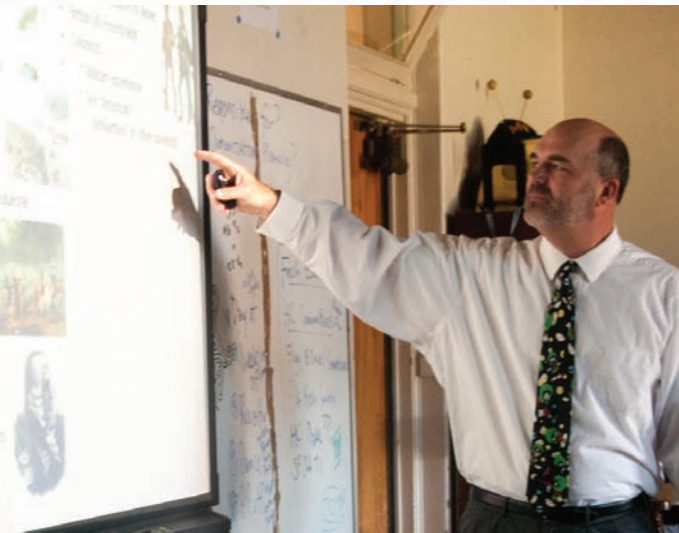
Accreditation

Mission College Preparatory Catholic High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA).

The task of the academic program at MCP is to facilitate that voyage of self-discovery for the young person such that intellectual and spiritual growth become hallmarks of their whole life.

Students are challenged and supported by a caring faculty and held accountable for their performance. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges noted in their 2007 accreditation report that the "faculty and staff of MCP provide a level of dedication and commitment to their students that far surpasses the experiences of the Visiting Committee members."

Scholarship



Education is addressed to formation of the whole human person and oriented to excellence in academics, athletics, the arts, and spirituality. MCP recognizes parents as primary educators of their children and partners with them to establish in each student an inquisitive stance; that innate curiosity and love of learning that equips a person to transform the world of tomorrow.

Students work hard in all their pursuits, homework is the norm, and the long tradition of a high rate of graduates being accepted to college shows that the larger community values the habits of learning, curiosity and passion developed at MCP.

"I am often reminded of the quote by M. Ghandi that says 'We must be the change we wish to see in the world.' I am awed by our students' ability to recognize that change and to make a conscious effort to not only make a difference, but to be an example for our community."

Stephanie Buresh
Campus Ministry

“Mission hasn't just prepared me academically for college. It's prepared me as a person, in that it has been a safe place to grow into who I am, so that I can have a strong sense of self to explore and join a global world without compromising who I am.”

Kathleen Kelly
Class of 2010

*F*rom a competitive pool of applicants, colleges and universities routinely select the well rounded, inspired student over one who demonstrates only academic achievement. That is why MCP strives to draw out the inner vitality of every student, to unlock the potential of the whole person, to develop their spiritual, athletic, leadership and artistic abilities.

MCP champions the Catholic intellectual tradition which integrates the liberal arts with the Catholic faith.



Inspiration

Through service work, retreats, sports, sciences, and the arts, MCP students discover new ways of being inspired and take their first crucial steps on the path toward finding new ways to inspire others.

As part of the school's strategy to foster deeper life with God and one another, retreats are offered which connect education and formation to opportunities for spiritual learning, and personal reflection and growth. The annual Kairos retreat, held for seniors in October, marks the dynamic culmination of a four-year retreat curriculum.

Leadership

At MCP, participation in the life of the community is the norm and programming is a tool that facilitates the inculcation of leadership. Educating for leadership celebrates individual successes as being dependent upon the successes of every other member of the community.

Students have the regular opportunity to demonstrate accountability, to show the way, and to impart their convictions by taking to the public sphere to compete, compose, debate and create.



They do so with character, bounded by ethics, and contribute with intelligence and flair. Athletics is one critical tool for developing leadership to foster responsibility in sharing the gift of intense competition and sportsmanship.

With appropriate adult oversight, students create and take ownership of clubs and activities. They are peer leaders for their classmates in spiritual activities where they design and implement community prayer services. Students bring others along with them – that's how critical it is to them to influence others to act – and along the way become men and women for others.

“There are more Guardian Angels disguised as teachers and coaches at MCP than any high school a parent could hope for.”

Henry Lane
MCP Board of Regents

“Sometimes I feel as though my school is a living organism, ever-evolving to suit and benefit those who inhabit it.”

Ben Marques
Class of 2012



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