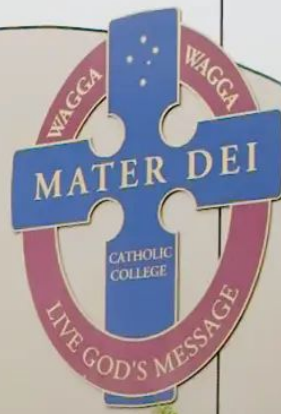


The image shows the exterior of a building with a geometric, triangular pattern in shades of tan and grey. Large blue letters spell out 'Mater Dei Catholic College' across the facade. To the right is a circular logo featuring a blue cross with 'MATER DEI' on the horizontal bar and 'CATHOLIC COLLEGE' on the vertical bar. The cross is set against a pink circular background with 'WAGGA' at the top and 'LIVE GOD'S MESSAGE' at the bottom. Green bushes are in the foreground.

Mater Dei Catholic College



# Catholic Life Experiences

We are called to live God's Message...



# MDCC History

What does Mater Dei  
mean in Latin?





# MDCC History



Mother of God  
(Mary)



# MDCC Motto

*'Live God's Message'*





# MDCC Vision

- Catholic Faith, Justice and Love
- Inclusive
- Learner Centred
- Excellence and Wisdom





# The 'Mater Dei Way'

As a Catholic Community, we are inspired by the example of Mary and our founders, Edmund and Nano to shape our future selves and live in community with others.

The 'Mater Dei Way' means we adopt certain Christian values in our daily routines.

We speak, move, act and learn in a spirit of kindness; we show compassion to everyone and we have ultimate respect for our school community, property and grounds.



# MDCC Founders

## Venerable Nano Nagle

- Born in Cork, Ireland.
- Eldest of 6 children.
- Sent to France for an education
- Wealthy young lady.
- Attended balls, parties outings whilst in France.
- Noticed contrast between those living a privileged life and the poor.
- Wanted to educate the poor and voiceless.
- Went back to Ireland and opened a number of schools.
- Faced many challenges. Often insulted. Her students were seen as beggars.
- Streets at night visiting the needy.... thus given the nickname ***'The Lady with the Lantern'***. Presentation Sisters were born.

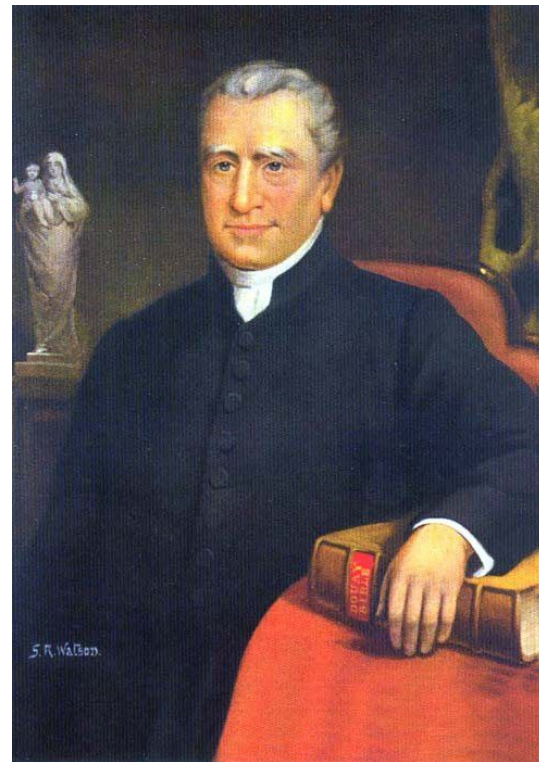
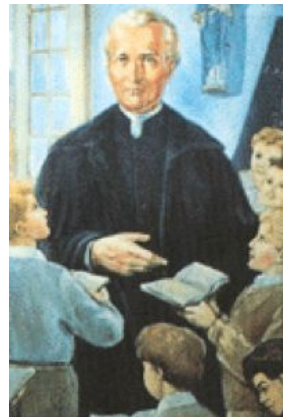




# MDCC Founders

## Blessed Edmund Rice

- Born in Kilkenny, Ireland.
- Fourth of seven sons.
- Wealthy man but his friends & their children were living in poverty.
- He sold what he had in the mission of educating poor and needy children.
- Inspired by Nano Nagle & the Presentation Sisters he opened his first school for boys. At times there would be 150 students to 1 teacher.
- Educational methods were radical for his time. Classes grouped by educational ability & not age; students were not to be physically punished.
- The group of men that followed in Edmund's footsteps were called the Christian Brothers.



# Forgiveness & Reconciliation

*“Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit”* Peter Ustinov



We are a Community who responds in prayer  
together

# Receiving Communion:

We welcome all to the  
table to receive  
Communion or to receive  
a Blessing.



# Receiving Communion



Students who have made their first Holy Communion are encouraged to receive the Eucharist at Mass.

With one open hand, placed over the top of the other, Students are to come forward to receive the blessed Eucharist. Say AMEN, place the host in your mouth and bless yourself, before returning to your seat.

# Receiving a blessing



If you have not made your Holy Communion, or you are not a Catholic, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

To indicate this, move forward in the line with your arms folded across your chest in this manner. This will indicate yourself clearly to the Priest or the Minister of Communion. Say AMEN, and return to your seat.