



# MERCY COLLEGE MACKAY

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Parents/Guardians:

Your child has expressed an interest in the 2019 after-school Justice@Mercy Program. This initiative aims to build awareness of those less fortunate and provide another forum for students to action their faith.

As a Catholic community and in the Mercy tradition, we are called to be of service to others and in particular to embody our core values of *Compassion, Hope & Justice*. The Program activities are in line with Catholic Social Teachings, as briefly outlined below:

<p>1. <b>Preferential Option for the Poor</b></p> <p>We live in an amazing world with enough resources for everyone. Yet, many miss out.</p> 	<p>4. <b>Subsidiarity and Participation</b></p> <p>The role of people in positions of power is to look after the good of all.</p> 
<p>2. <b>Dignity of the Human Person</b></p> <p>We are made in God's image. This means we each have a God-given dignity.</p> 	<p>5. <b>The Common Good</b></p> <p>We can only live life in all its fullness when we are in relationship with others – through community.</p> 
<p>3. <b>Stewardship of Creation</b></p> <p>We are responsible for looking after the world we live in.</p> 	<p>6. <b>Solidarity</b></p> <p>We should commit ourselves wholeheartedly to the good of all, to stand in solidarity with our one human family.</p> 

Offering homework help to St Mary's students, the Brekky Van, assembling birthing kits, making breast care cushions, community clean-ups, involvement in campaigns to end violence, supporting local aid organisations such as the Stella Maris Seafarers and St. Vincent de Paul Centre are part of the Program as well as many other opportunities to make a difference on a local, national and global scale.

The details of the meetings are as follows:

**Date:** *Wednesday afternoons*  
**Time:** *3:15 – 4:30pm*  
**Venue:** *Mercy College, C Block*  
**BYO:** *Afternoon tea*

There will be occasions where travel via the school bus will be required; in this instance, it will be published via the Justice@Mercy Google Classroom and students will be returned to the College by 4:30pm unless otherwise notified.

Please complete and return the permission slip below to Student Reception indicating your child's participation. By doing so, is an indication that they would like to take part and have permission to travel by bus on respective occasions. They are under no obligation to attend every week and can leave early when required.

Should you have any concerns, please email me: helen\_patroni@mercymackay.qld.edu.au.

Kind regards



Mrs Helen Patroni  
Justice Coordinator



Mr Jim Ford  
Principal

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Mercy College Mackay  
'2019 After-school Justice@Mercy Program'

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year Level) \_\_\_\_\_ (Homeroom)

- I wish to confirm that my child would like to take part in the '2019 after-school Justice@Mercy Program' and I give permission for my child to travel on a bus as necessary.

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date