



St Cecilia's Catholic School

ST CECILIA'S SUPER STORIES

Time to reflect with St Cecilia's alumni Emma McBride



We are here today to interview the one and only Emma McBride! She is a successful member of our Australian Parliament who in fact went to St Cecilia's. Wow, St Cecilia's must be a really brilliant school if she is now in power. We are so grateful to have this opportunity to interview Emma McBride. Our students are so inspired by her and she is a great role model for our community.

What is your most memorable moment at St Cecilia's as a kid?
"Oh wow, so I came to St Cecilia's and I was here for Year 5 and 6 and I really loved playing sport so probably some of the most memorable moments for me were our swimming carnivals and athletics carnivals. And also getting to play netball for St Cecilia's. So for me some of my most memorable moments were getting to play sport with my friends and represent St Cecilia's at carnivals."

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**At St Cecilia's, we are:
SAFE | RESPECTFUL | COOPERATIVE**

August 2023

Upcoming Events - Father's Day Liturgy & Book Week

At St. Cecilia's on Thursday 31st August, we are celebrating fathers and the great things they do for us. We are also having a book week parade where we dress up as our favourite book character and show our outfit to other students.

At our Father's Day Liturgy we celebrate fathers such as, Joseph the father of Jesus. During our liturgy we celebrate all male role models and the things they do for us.

For book week we acknowledge amazing authors whose books have made it to the short listed book series. We also dress up as our favourite book character or this years theme... Read, Grow, Inspire.

Miranda T from Year 4

A success story that is worth celebrating!



A stage 3 student by the name of Lily Martin was chosen to represent St Cecilia's for the Bishop's Art Prize on the 18th of August 2023. Lily mentions that her drawing was inspired by the parable called Jesus Feeds the 5000.

"I was inspired by this particular parable called Jesus feeds the 5000 because of the compassion and love that Jesus shows towards his people"

She also states that it took ten very long and painful weeks to finally finish her masterpiece, though she was glad to be able to use her artwork to represent St Cecilia's for the thrilling experience of the Bishop's Art Prize competition.

Koby S & Ojaswini S from Year 5

Tips & Tricks from Year Six!

USE A GROWTH MINDSET

People with a growth mindset work diligently towards their goals, they know and believe that their abilities aren't set in stone, they can always get better and try harder next time. It's vital to think like this every once and a while. So here's how to improve your growth mindset;

- Be patient and don't be afraid to make mistakes
- Use positive self talk instead of negative
- Believing in yourself even if it's hard to
- Working hard to achieve what you want
- Practice your skills even if you're not the best at what you're doing

Hallie E from Year 6

BE GREAT AT PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Project your voice, you can practice by getting someone to stand opposite of the room from you and see if they can hear you speaking, if they can't, speak louder
- Be confident, don't worry about other people and just focus on your speech
- Make sure you practice your speech a lot as if you forget your speech it may get really embarrassing as you will be in front of a crowd that is listening to your speech

Jack W from Year 6



Why safe, respectful and cooperative?

Safe, respectful, cooperative. These 3 words perfectly describe the many morals of this school. Each word is a category full of many different meanings and rules we must abide by, but why are these simple words used to describe our schools' many values? Read on and I will touch base with each word and why you absolutely have to be respectful, safe and cooperative.

First of all, let's break the ice and get us started off strong by talking about being safe. The simplified definition of safe, is free of risk or harm. We can use this in our day to day life by remembering to avoid putting yourself in danger to seem "cool". Your safety is more important than your reputation.

Maddy H from Year 6

Emma McBride Interview continued.



Would you encourage little people to come to St Cecilia's ?
"My brother and I lived in Wyong so I could ride my bike to school, and I made so many friends at St Cecilia's. It was a really good place for me to learn and it set me up for high school so I would encourage any young people to come to this school."

Is there anything difficult about your job?
"One of the best parts of my job is getting to do things like this today, where I get to meet with local school children. And I hear their ideas and excitement about the future. All jobs have hard parts and one of the hard parts is when we really want something to go ahead and we've worked really hard and it doesn't. That's one of the hardest parts as people have worked so hard because I feel that for the people who have worked hard to advocate for an idea and push for a change but for whatever reason it doesn't happen. But that's not a reason to give up."

Eva W, Iona M, Catherine B and Advik P from Year 3

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