



Mary Glowrey
Catholic Primary
School

School Prospectus



Contents



Principal's Welcome
5



What makes Mary Glowrey special?
6

**The teaching and learning
plan at Mary Glowrey**
8



**What will Mary
Glowrey offer?**
10



Join our community
13





Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the community of Mary Glowrey. We're glad you're here.

Choosing a school is one of the most significant decisions you will make for your child, and we are deeply honoured that you are considering joining our community.

At Mary Glowrey, we believe that education is a beautiful, shared journey between the home and the classroom. Our goal is to create a space where your child feels seen, heard, and valued.

In this prospectus, you will get a glimpse into the heart of our school:

- **Our Warm Environment:** A nurturing place where it's okay to take risks and grow. Our play spaces will feature natural materials and encourage students to engage in play with their peers.
- **Our Joyful Learning:** A curriculum designed to spark curiosity and a lifelong love of discovery, curated in alignment with the Victorian Curriculum.
- **Our Vibrant Community:** A supportive network of educators and families working together. We are committed to fostering a sense of belonging.

We invite you to journey with us as a founding family as we build a community where every learner is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.



Mrs Sarah Kelly
Foundation Principal

What makes Mary Glowrey special?

At Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School, we offer a unique blend of community, courage, and academic excellence.

Born from a partnership between the Damascus Parish and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, our school was established to ensure local families have a dedicated space to grow in their faith.

What truly sets us apart is our inspiration: the Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey. Her legacy of humble service and devotion is woven into our motto, Fidem et Fortitudinem (Faith and Fortitude). We are committed to growing “courageous hearts and bright minds,” providing a joyful and inclusive environment where every child is nurtured to reach their full potential. Here, your child won’t just learn; they will be empowered with the kindness and strength of character needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.



Our School Motto

‘Fidem et Fortitudinem’, from Latin translates to Faith and Fortitude.



Our School Vision

To grow courageous hearts and bright minds, inspired by the compassion of the Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey. We envision students who walk with faith, act with kindness, and possess the fortitude to thrive in an ever-changing world.



Our Mission

To provide a joyful, inclusive, and rigorous academic environment where students are nurtured to reach their full potential spiritually and academically.



The teaching and learning plan at Mary Glowrey

At Mary Glowrey, we are deeply committed to ensuring every student develops a solid foundation in literacy and numeracy, as well as good social skills.

As a MACS school, we will implement evidence-based Explicit Instruction teaching to guarantee clarity and depth in all lessons.

Our approach directly addresses the goals of Excellence and Equity by focussing on high impact teaching practices and nurturing our students' Catholic identity.



Explicit Instruction: Teachers will consistently and clearly explain the concepts and skills students need to learn, ensuring no knowledge is assumed. This moves students beyond passively receiving information to actively engaging with it.



Guided Practice: Students will have multiple opportunities to practice new skills with timely and specific feedback from teachers, allowing them to consolidate understanding and work independently.



Independent Practice: Once students demonstrate mastery, they will apply their knowledge to complete tasks and deepen their understanding.

At Mary Glowrey, we believe that engagement is for all students—in mind, body, heart, and spirit—leading to deeper learning and flourishing. For your child, this means we are dedicated to creating a learning environment where they feel secure, supported, and valued every single day. We will actively foster a culture where student voice and agency are not just concepts, but are embedded in daily practice, ensuring every child has the resources and support they need to succeed and thrive.

Our teaching practices will be designed to move beyond surface-level learning and achieve deep, long-term memory retention, ensuring knowledge and skills truly stick. We believe routines foster excellence, and a behaviour curriculum benefits all students. This means lessons will have expectations, be dynamic, relevant, and challenging.



Community of Faith

Mary Glowrey is a part of the Damascus Parish.

As a new school within the Parish, we will actively participate in the Parish-based Sacramental program and attend Mass by bus to celebrate important events within our Church calendar. Where appropriate we will also partner with our fellow Damascus Parish Schools.

What will Mary Glowrey offer?



School Day

Gates will open to welcome students from 8.30 am.

School day will run 8.40 am – 3.10 pm.

Specialist Subjects for 2027

- Physical Education
- Science
- Humanities
- Art

Uniform

Uniforms will be sold through Noone at their Belmont store.

Our academic and sport uniform is currently being finalised. A sample will be available to view and order in Term 4. Students will have the option to wear a black leather shoe or black leather runner with their academic uniform. Students will have free choice of design for their runners when wearing their sport uniform.



Facilities

Our Master Plan comprises Four Stages. Stage One and Two will open in 2027. Mary Glowrey will open with two learning hubs with 15 classrooms. We will have three dedicated specialist spaces, a gathering hall, play spaces, two basketball courts and a smaller covered deck space for year-level gatherings. Stage 2B will open in 2028, and will include the Kindergarten, Stage 1 of the Gym, Music/STEM space and the oval. Stage Three will open in 2030, and will include additional classrooms, gathering spaces and the completion of the Gym.

School fees

Mary Glowrey charges a tiered family fee. School fees have been set in alignment of the Capacity to Pay Index set by the Government; these fees are monitored by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools.

Supporting Your Family at Mary Glowrey

To keep things simple and predictable, our school fees are structured into 21 convenient fortnightly payments via direct debit.

- **1 Student:** \$183 / fortnight
- **2 Students:** \$245 / fortnight
- **3 Students:** \$326 / fortnight
- **4 Students:** \$371 / fortnight

Our tiered system is designed to provide significant sibling discounts to support our growing families.



Join our community



We are building something special at Mary Glowrey.

We invite you to complete an enrolment form at your convenience by clicking the enrol button on our website. There is no fee to enrol your child.

Enrol now >

maryglowrey.catholic.edu.au

Mary Glowrey has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse and is deeply committed to upholding and embedding the highest standards of child safety across our schools. We are guided by our Catholic faith and the unique and unrepeatable dignity of every person in our care. We are dedicated to creating an inclusive and protective environment. We are responsible for inspiring and enabling every child to flourish and enrich the world. Child safety is a shared responsibility between Mary Glowrey Leadership, teachers, staff and the wider Mary Glowrey community.

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where we live, learn and play, recognising their spiritual and ongoing connection to culture and Country. We pay our respects to all Elders past and present, and we honour their continuing care for this place. We commit to walking together with respect, listening, and learning, so that every child and family feels a deep sense of belonging.

Mary Glowrey Catholic Primary School

50 Feehans Road
Mount Duneed VIC 3217



Mary Glowrey
Catholic Primary
School