



MANDURAH  
BAPTIST COLLEGE

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LEARNING  
SUPPORT

## God's fingerprint on every child

**At Mandurah Baptist College, we believe every student has the right to learn and be taught in a safe and supportive environment. Not all students learn the same way or at the same pace and, for some, school can be a challenging experience. We understand the strain those challenges can place on the child, families and carers and our aim is to support the child through their high school journey to build confidence, resilience and, ultimately, to prepare them for life after school.**

In addition to excellent classroom teaching, the dedicated Learning Support Team offers various programs and structures to help each child achieve to the best of their ability. Our team (of excellent and well-trained Education Assistants) not only support students in class but also in small group study sessions. In Year 8 and above, students can elect a study support class, taken by either a Learning Support Teacher or the Head of Learning Support, where they can gain assistance with assignments and assessments. In addition, Education Assistants deliver an intervention program, MACQLIT, for students struggling with literacy.

MBC recognises that some students, irrespective of a diagnosis of a condition such as dyslexia or autism, still require academic or social support and is dedicated to providing this care. When students with additional needs enrol at MBC, the Head of Learning Support attends the interview to answer any questions from parents and students. In Term 4, prior to admission in the new school year, parents and staff meet to discuss diagnoses and support arrangements. Teachers and staff are alerted to the students' needs through SEQTA (MBC's Teaching and Learning software system) and a Learning Support Plan, or Individual Education Plan if required, is developed in detail. Students are also welcomed into the school and meet the Learning Support Team in small group pre-orientation sessions.



*"The Learning Support Team at MBC provided a safe, supportive and caring environment for our daughter. Frequently they went above and beyond to encourage, guide, adapt and ensure sound learning outcomes for her."*

**- Former MBC Parent**



## MACQLIT

Introduced into the Secondary School in 2020, the MACQLIT program for students is an explicit and systematic reading intervention program for small groups of older low-progress readers.

It provides teachers and EAs with a comprehensive sequence of lessons that includes all the key components necessary for effective reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

## Small Group Study

Small Group Study is an integral part of the support system for learning support students at MBC. Students are assisted by an EA in preparing for assignments, assessments and homework in a small group.

EAs assist students to organise their time effectively and teach explicit skills such as keeping a diary or understanding SEQTA.

## Study Support Classes

Study Support classes are run in Years 8 to 10 where students can access assistance in breaking down and completing assignments, have their work edited and learn explicit skills such as timetabling their studies and planning ahead. Students can choose this class when they select their electives for the coming year.

**To learn more about Mandurah Baptist College's programs, visit [mbc.wa.edu.au](http://mbc.wa.edu.au)**



*"We are the parents of a wonderful young man who has learning difficulties and is attending Mandurah Baptist College.*

*We were concerned how he would go with the transition from primary to high school. Meetings were held, suggestions were made and plans were put into place on how we would work together to make his transition run smoothly.*

*For the first time in our son's education, I can drop him off at school and am not concerned about how his day is going. He is loving attending MBC."*

**- MBC Parent**



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