



Located in Santa Ana, California, Mater Dei High School is a nationally recognized college preparatory school with a strong athletics program and innovative 1:1 iPad learning model.

For more than 70 years, Mater Dei alumni have achieved incredible success—earning National Merit recognition, winning county-wide science fairs, receiving competitive scholarships, and excelling as award-winning performers, artists, and athletes. Graduates have gone on to top universities and leadership roles across a wide range of fields, continuing the school's proud tradition of excellence.

- Location: **Santa Ana, California**
- Niche Ranking: **A+**
- Total Students: **2000 students**
- International Student Numbers: **5%**
- Grades Offered: **9-11**
- AP and Honors Course: **75**
- Average Class Size: **25**
- Number of Sports & Clubs: **115+**



Your bridge to top-ranked U.S. universities. *Guaranteed.*



Students who meet program requirements are guaranteed admission to a Top 100 university. Our academic model—focused on GPA management, advanced coursework, test prep, and extracurricular guidance—ensures international students are fully supported. Ambitious students may also qualify for the Top 50 Track, receiving enhanced mentoring from on-campus experts to access the most competitive universities.



Get 24/7 support from unique on-campus International Department

Mater Dei's International Department works hand-in-hand with school faculty to provide daily, comprehensive support—from academics and safety to social-emotional care and logistics. This exclusive model is uniquely designed to optimize the international student experience and outcomes, ensuring success from enrollment through graduation.



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Mater Dei High School (Orange County)



Rooted in our tradition of Honor, Glory and Love, we serve a diverse student community committed to knowledge, faith, and service.



Ranking

#3 Best High Schools for Athletes in California
#22 in Best Catholic High Schools in California

One of the Top Athletic Programs in the United States

Mater Dei offers one of the most reputable high school athletic programs in the United States, with 28 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sports teams.

- 7 club sports teams are offered at Mater Dei including Boys Beach Volleyball, Esports, Equestrian, Ice Hockey, Roller Hockey, Sailing and Surfing.
- Mater Dei's high school football program ranks No. 1 in California high schools and 3rd in the Nation.
- The school's nationally-renowned Basketball program has won numerous championships, including a National Championship and multiple State Titles.
- Mater Dei has many athletic championships, including 10 national championships, 120 CIF championships and 387 Trinity League championships.
- The school has produced 23 Gatorade Players of the Year and has 12 Olympian alumni. It is also the only high school in America that has produced three Heisman Trophy winners.



Scan the QR-code and take a virtual tour of the Mater Dei campus.

Exceptional Art Department

Mater Dei's Arts Department offers an exciting arts curriculum that gives students experience both inside and outside of the classroom. Students can take part in Instrumental Music, Theatre Arts, Film and Media, Dance, Choral and Vocal Music.

A Theatre Capstone Program is offered to students who are passionate about the dramatic arts. Through this, students can discover their interests and pursue their passion – ranging from creating a solo performance, directing or writing their own show, designing a Main Stage production or more. Over 10 theatre shows will be performed every semester.

Daily Peer-to-Peer and Faculty Tutoring Offers Students Additional Help

Mater Dei partners with multiple organizations to offer tutoring opportunities to students who need additional help in their classes. Both online and in-person tutoring is available.

Top University Outcomes

Mater Dei offers students amazing university outcomes. Recent university acceptances include:

- **Brown University**
- **Harvard University**
- **University of California, Berkeley**
- **University of California, Los Angeles**
- **Carnegie Mellon University**
- **Columbia University**
- **Cornell University**
- **New York University**

And Many More!

Admissions

Open grades for applications	9-11
Language requirements	Accepted Test: Duolingo, IELTS, TOEFL iBT, ELTiS Minimum Score: ELTiS 650 + for Grade 9; 680+ for Grade 10 & 11
Application materials	2 Years of Transcripts and the progress report for the current year, Passport
Interviews	Amerigo Interview

Residential Life

Mater Dei High School's international students can choose to live in a fully-staffed residence or a warm and welcoming homestay, depending on their preference.

The International Residence includes

- A 24/7 staffed residence in close proximity to the school
- Comfortable accommodations with two students per room, shared study spaces and amenities (including a gym, a pool, outdoor space and more)
- Regular acculturation activities
- Full-time English language environment
- Transportation to and from school and school-sponsored events and activities
- Healthy catered daily meals and snacks
- In-residence academic supervision and university counseling services
- Extensive safety features



Homestay includes

- Safe, comfortable homes in close proximity to the school
- Comfortable bedrooms, including a dresser, bed, desk and closet
- Regular acculturation activities with the host family and through the school
- Access to Amerigo's international team, who is in constant communication with families and send monthly reports
- 24/7 team available for emergency assistance or urgent issues
- Full-time English language environment
- Transportation to and from the school every day, provided by hosts
- Healthy meals every day