



Located just minutes from the San Diego coastline, Mater Dei Catholic offers students a transformative study abroad experience.

With specialized programs like the Academy of Science—where students conduct university-level research and internships—Mater Dei challenges students to excel and prepares them for future success. The 48-acre campus includes advanced science labs, campus-wide Wi-Fi with an Apple Genius Bar-style IT help desk, and athletic facilities such as a swimming pool, outdoor stadium, and full-sized gymnasium. A supportive environment with free after-school tutoring and SAT/ACT prep ensures achievement remains a priority, and graduates go on to become doctors, scientists, athletes, artists, politicians, and changemakers—setting international students on the same lifelong path to success.

The premium way to study in the USA

Choosing a top-ranked school is just a start. Amerigo 360° is what comes next, helping students grow and prosper and making sure nothing falls through the cracks.



- Dedicated on-campus support team, 24/7
- Academic coaching
- Wellbeing & progress check-ins
- Parent app for real-time updates

- Location: **San Diego, California**
- School Type: **Co-Ed**
- University Acceptance Rate: **100%**
- Total Students: **1036 students**
- Grades Offered: **9-12**
- AP and Honors Course: **30+**
- Average ACT Score: **31**
- Number of Athletic Teams: **27**
- Faculty-to-Student Ratio: **1:16**

Amerigo
GLOBAL CONFIDENCE

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

International students accepted to Top 100 universities*

100%

International students accepted to Top 50 universities*

67%

International students accepted to Top 30 universities*

25%

* Class of 2026, out of those who applied



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.



Mater Dei Catholic High School

A Premier University Prep School
Near the San Diego Coastline



Elite Academy of Science Program

The Academy of Science is a unique, three-year program for advanced students with a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Students conduct university-level research, take advanced courses, participate in internships and receive mentorship from medical researchers and scientists receiving their doctoral degrees.

Robust Technology Program

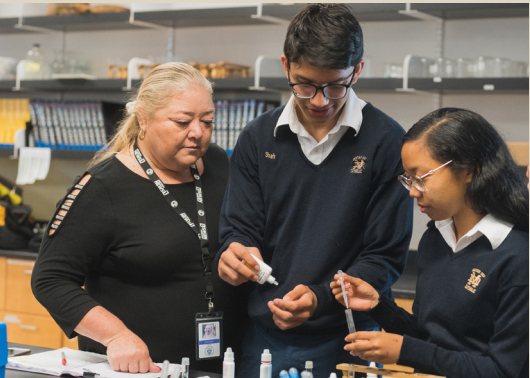
Mater Dei offers students a wide range of technology program, including an IT help desk modeled after the Apple Genius Bar, campus-wide WiFi and advanced computer science courses. The school is also a Microsoft Showcase School.

After-School Tutoring Included with Tuition

Students have access to free after-school tutoring in a wide range of subjects, as well as SAT and ACT tutoring courses. Students begin prepping for the SAT and ACT exams in 9th grade.

Senior Capstone Project

All seniors complete a Senior Capstone Project that allows students to dive in-depth into their field of interest. Students work closely with a professional mentor to complete the project.



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

Top University Outcomes

Mater Dei offers students amazing university outcomes, with a 100% University Acceptance rate for students who apply. Recent university acceptances include:

- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- Columbia University
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Miami
- Northwestern University
- Pepperdine University
- Villanova University

And Many More!

Sports + Clubs

Mater Dei offers 27 athletic teams, with 8 state titles and 113 league titles. The school also offers a wide range of clubs, ranging from Art to Creative Writing to eSports Club.



Residential Life

Mater Dei international students live in fully-staffed, comfortable residences near the school campus. Mater Dei's international residence offers students unique amenities, advanced safety features and convenient locations near the school.

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



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