

Mater Dei High School named Apple Distinguished School 2012-2013

Santa Ana, CA – January 7, 2013 – Mater Dei is pleased to announce that it has renewed status as an Apple Distinguished School for the 2012-2013 school year for its integration of iPad with their one-to-one program and the pedagogical shift in teaching and learning that has occurred.

This year, Mater Dei joins 87 schools that Apple is renewing nationwide as exemplary learning environments. The Apple Distinguished School designation is reserved for schools that integrate Apple technology in education and meet criteria for the five best practices: visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching, ongoing professional learning, compelling evidence of success, and a flexible learning environment.

“This honor is a true testament to our faculty for the way that they have implemented the technology and changed the face of teaching,” said Frances Clare, principal. “We have seen students take more ownership in their own learning and demonstrate their knowledge in a variety of different and new ways.”

Since implementing iPad teachers have been able to create dynamic, engaging lessons, with the use of Journals, Discussion Boards, Keynote Presentations, iMovies, WebQuests, Podcasts and picture collages.

Mater Dei High School, established in 1950, is a coeducational Catholic high school dedicated to the development of the whole person, spiritually, intellectually, morally, psychologically, socially and physically while at the same time recognizing the rich diversity of students’ cultural and social backgrounds. Each student is challenged by a college preparatory curriculum and encouraged to reach their full potential through co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

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