

Mare de Déu dels Àngels

Barcelona, Spain



In a Modernista building in La Sagrera, this 1898 Manyanet school pairs Cambridge English prep with Nazarene tradition.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	59/100
Academic outcomes	62/100
University placement	60/100
Prestige & heritage	60/100
Alumni network	59/100
Facilities	58/100
Transparency	50/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Mare de Déu dels Àngels occupies a distinct niche in Barcelona: a Catholic day school for ages ****3–18**** with deep local roots, housed in a Modernista building in La Sagrera and tied to the Manyanet tradition. That combination matters. Parents are not buying a generic urban colegio; they are choosing a school with a defined religious character, a long institutional memory and a setting that carries **real architectural presence**. Founded in ****1913****, it offers continuity without the social theatre that surrounds some of the city’s better-known international names. The draw here is not global branding. It is **structure, identity and permanence**.

What puts it on a shortlist is the blend of mainstream Spanish schooling with Cambridge English preparation and a clear Nazarene ethos. Instruction in Spanish and Catalan suits families who want firm integration into the local system rather than an expatriate bubble. At the same time, the Cambridge strand gives English measurable weight, which sharpens the offer for parents who want stronger language credentials without leaving the domestic curriculum. This is a school for families comfortable with Catholic formation being part of daily life, not a decorative add-on. That religious framework will appeal to some and rule it out for others. The school's strength lies in that clarity: **a school that knows what it is**.

The right student for Mare de Déu dels Àngels is one who thrives in a school with explicit expectations, adult authority and a community shaped by tradition. Children who benefit from routine, collective culture and **clear moral framing** will fit better here than students who want maximum informality or a highly personalised, progressive model. For local and internationally minded Catalan or Spanish-speaking families, the attraction is practical: day schooling, a broad ***3-18*** age span and English preparation without abandoning local academic and cultural fluency. In market terms, this is not the flashy option. It is the **grounded, serious choice** for parents who value belonging, discipline and a school identity that has held its line for more than ***100*** years.

STRENGTHS

- Barcelona location suits city-based families.
- Catholic ethos offers faith-based schooling.
- Spanish curriculum suits local system continuity.
- Spanish and Catalan instruction builds regional fluency.

TRADE-OFFS

- Spanish curriculum may limit non-Spanish transferability.
- Catholic character may not suit secular families.
- Spanish and Catalan instruction may challenge newcomers.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions appear to follow the school's full age range, with entry possible from the early years at age 3 through to later joins in primary or secondary, subject to places. As a day Catholic school in Barcelona teaching in Spanish and Catalan, it is likely to prioritise age-appropriate placement within the Spanish system rather than any unusual international admissions track. Publicly available information in the material provided does not set out formal entry points beyond the stated 3-18 span.

The school also does not publish, in the information supplied here, detailed admissions mechanics such as assessment format, interview structure, application deadlines or whether places are allocated partly by academic testing, pastoral fit or religious criteria. Likewise, no bursary or financial-aid provision is stated in the source material provided. Parents should therefore expect to enquire directly about timing, required documents and any school-specific selection steps, particularly for oversubscribed year groups or mid-year applications.

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