

# Crespi Carmelite High School

Encino, United States



*An all-boys Carmelite brotherhood in Encino pairs 800 years of contemplative tradition with modern gender-based learning science.*

RANKING DIMENSIONS

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| Overall              | 56/100 |
| Academic outcomes    | 68/100 |
| University placement | 64/100 |
| Prestige & heritage  | 63/100 |
| Alumni network       | 0/100  |
| Facilities           | 65/100 |
| Transparency         | 63/100 |

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Crespi Carmelite High School occupies a clear niche in the Los Angeles market: a Catholic, all-boys, college-preparatory day school in Encino with a long institutional memory and a very explicit theory of education. Founded in **\*\*1959\*\***, it ties that mission to Carmelite identity — prayer, community and service — and to the mechanics of single-sex teaching. Parents who want co-education should strike it off at once; the point here is not balance, it is focus. For families who want a boys’ school with a strong religious spine and a disciplined pastoral frame, Crespi earns attention. The **\*\*1:12\*\*** student-teacher ratio strengthens that case, promising classes small enough for adults to know boys properly rather than manage them at scale. *\*Brotherhood with structure\** is the central offer.

What marks Crespi out is the combination of Catholic formation, an all-male peer culture and a programme broad enough to avoid the stale version of “traditional” schooling. The school publishes a full academic architecture across English, mathematics, science, theology, social studies, world languages, technology and engineering, visual and performing arts, physical education and counselling, with visible co-curricular investment in robotics, esports, Taiko, service, retreats and athletics. That breadth matters. Many faith-based schools speak fluently about character and less fluently about the day-to-day life of intellectually mixed adolescent boys; Crespi does both. The recent AP School Honor Roll mention adds a useful academic signal, though the school does not publish aggregate AP scores, so parents cannot inspect attainment in hard statistical detail. *\*Serious without being austere\** fits the profile.

Its market position is therefore not “elite Los Angeles school” in the broad, interchangeable sense. It is narrower and more distinctive: an Archdiocese Catholic boys’ school for families who value formation as much as credentials, and who want a campus culture that treats adolescence as something to shape, not merely supervise. The right student for Crespi is a boy aged **\*\*13-18\*\*** who will thrive in a male environment with rituals, expectations and belonging built into the week — Mass, service, teams, clubs, house spirit and a visible language of duty. He does not need to be a star athlete, though sport is prominent; he does need to tolerate accountability, uniforms and an openly religious setting. Boys who want *\*clear guardrails\**, *\*purpose beyond grades\**, *\*a tight male cohort\** and *\*an adult community that takes formation seriously\** will find Crespi compelling.

#### STRENGTHS

- All-male setting for ages 13-18.
- Catholic identity shaped by Carmelite tradition.
- American college-prep curriculum in English.
- Notable football, basketball and baseball programmes.

#### TRADE-OFFS

- Boys-only model will not suit every family.
- Day school only; no boarding option.
- Catholic framework may feel too confessional for some.

## ADMISSIONS

Crespi Carmelite High School is a Catholic all-male day school for ages 13–18, so the main entry point is high-school age, broadly from the early teenage years through to graduation. The website makes clear that admissions includes an enquiry, visit and application process, and it also references an international programme, suggesting the school is set up to consider applicants from overseas as well as local families. It does not, however, publish a full public breakdown of assessment format in the material provided.

On selection, Crespi presents itself as a college-preparatory boys' school shaped by Carmelite values, so families should expect character and fit with the school's religious and educational ethos to matter alongside academic readiness. The school does not publish specific application deadlines in the source material here, nor does it set out any interview structure or testing requirements publicly in these extracts. Financial support appears to be available in some form: the admissions section includes "Affording Crespi", and the wider site lists scholarship opportunities, but no bursary or financial-aid terms are detailed in the provided sources.

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