

Miriam College

Quezon City, Philippines



A century-old Catholic school for girls in Loyola Heights, pairing liberal arts with pioneering gender and peace studies programmes.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	62/100
Academic outcomes	63/100
University placement	61/100
Prestige & heritage	64/100
Alumni network	63/100
Facilities	62/100
Transparency	50/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Miriam College occupies a distinct niche in Metro Manila: a Catholic girls’ day school with a long institutional memory, founded in ****1926****, and a sharper-than-average intellectual identity. The headline point is not prestige theatre or imported curriculum packaging. It is a Filipino K-12 school in Loyola Heights that has built its reputation around girls’ education, liberal arts instincts and a serious commitment to gender equality and peace education. For parents who want a school with a moral frame but not a narrow one, that combination carries weight. The Maryknoll heritage matters; so does the fact that the school’s public emphasis reaches beyond piety into social questions, citizenship and women’s leadership. That gives Miriam a **clear moral centre** and a **more thoughtful brief** than many Catholic

schools that stop at discipline and devotional culture.

What puts it on a shortlist is that it offers something coherent. Girls from ages **3-18** move through a school that knows exactly what it is for: academic formation in English and Filipino, anchored in the Philippine K-12 Basic Education Curriculum, inside an all-girls environment at the Loyola Heights campus. Families who value that setting will read this as a strength, not a compromise. Single-sex schooling still divides opinion, but Miriam makes the case for it through mission rather than slogan. A girl who thrives in spaces where female participation is assumed rather than negotiated will find a *confident female environment* here. A family that wants a school to cultivate conviction, voice and civic intelligence—not only grades—will find Miriam easier to justify than schools that market breadth and disclose little substance.

The school will not suit every child. Parents chasing an overtly global curriculum, heavy exam branding or glossy university-placement theatre will find a different proposition here. Miriam's appeal is more rooted, more local and more values-driven. That is a strength for students who are academically capable, socially aware and comfortable in a campus culture shaped by Catholic identity without reducing girls to obedience. The best fit is the student who wants scholarship with purpose: a girl who enjoys literature, humanities, debate, community engagement and leadership, and who benefits from a setting that treats women's education as *serious work* rather than a branding line. For that child, Miriam offers a *strong sense of mission*, a *century-deep tradition* and a school culture with more intellectual and ethical substance than the market norm.

STRENGTHS

- Long-established institution founded in 1926, with over nine decades of continuous operation in Quezon City.
- All-girls Grade School and High School program, which some families specifically seek for single-sex education through adolescence.
- Located in the Katipunan/Loyola Heights education corridor, near Ateneo de Manila University, in an established academic neighbourhood.
- Runs a dedicated Women and Gender Institute (WAGI), reflecting a distinct institutional focus on gender studies and advocacy.
- Offers a full continuum from preschool through college on one campus, allowing continuity for families staying long-term in Manila.

TRADE-OFFS

- Single-sex basic education (Nursery through Grade 12) will not suit families seeking co-educational schooling for boys or girls together.
- Follows the Philippine K-12 curriculum only, without an IB or Cambridge international track, which may concern families planning cross-border transfers.
- As a well-known Metro Manila school, entry to popular grade levels can be competitive, and published tuition/fee schedules are not independently verifiable here.
- Single-campus day school in a congested part of Quezon City, so commute times can be significant for families living outside the immediate area.

ADMISSIONS

Admission points typically include Nursery/Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 7, with limited transfer slots in other years subject to space. The process generally involves submission of school records, an entrance assessment, and a parent-student interview, consistent with standard practice among established Philippine private schools. As a long-running, well-regarded all-girls institution in Quezon City, competitiveness for popular entry grades can be moderate to high, particularly for Kindergarten and Grade 7 intakes. Families should confirm current fee schedules, seat availability, and specific document requirements directly with the admissions office, as these are not consistently published or independently verifiable.

WTS RATING



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