

## INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

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Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology (MBCET) places strong emphasis on arts and cultural activities, recognizing their vital role in the holistic development of students. These activities serve as powerful avenues for both students and staff to engage beyond the boundaries of academics, nurturing creativity, self-expression, and community spirit. Participation in cultural programs offers opportunities to cultivate essential life skills such as organization, presentation, leadership, and interpersonal communication. By planning, coordinating, and performing in these events, individuals enhance their confidence, teamwork, and ability to adapt to dynamic environments—qualities that are as critical as technical expertise in today's professional world. MBCET's inclusive cultural environment ensures that both students and staff actively contribute to and benefit from these experiences, reinforcing a vibrant, collaborative, and growth-oriented campus culture.

#### 1. OBJECTIVES

This document outlines the guidelines for the planning and execution of cultural activities for both students and staff of Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology (MBCET), located at Mar Ivanios Vidyanagar, Nalanchira, Thiruvananthapuram. All student cultural activities are coordinated under the College Senate, which functions under the leadership of the Dean of Student Affairs, while staff cultural engagements are organized through the Staff Club. These cultural initiatives play a significant role in fostering the development of character, leadership, efficiency, knowledge, and a spirit of service among both students and staff. By actively participating in these programs, members of the college community are encouraged to grow beyond academics, contributing to a vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic campus environment.

#### 2. SCOPE

This policy is intended for the students and staff of MBCET.

#### 3. POLICY STATEMENT

### 3.1 College Day

College Day serves as a significant occasion to celebrate and showcase the diverse talents of the students. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on and recognize their achievements

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across academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular domains. As part of the celebration, awards and accolades may be presented to students in recognition of their outstanding performance and contributions. These honors are designed to create meaningful moments of recognition, with the aim of inspiring peers and reinforcing the values, efforts, and behaviors that led to such achievements. The academic environment at MBCET offers numerous opportunities to acknowledge student excellence—not only for scholastic accomplishments but also for leadership, service, and active engagement within the college and the wider community.

#### 3.2 Baselian Fest

There is no true depth to education without the presence of art. Art enriches learning, encourages self-expression, and gives voice to creativity that transcends textbooks. The celebration of College Arts Day is a tribute to the vibrant artistic spirit of students and a platform that brings their creative ambitions to light across a spectrum of genres.

More than just a showcase, this day is an opportunity for students to bridge academic knowledge with hands-on experience—deepening their understanding of their unique abilities, exploring hidden talents, and shaping clearer visions for their future careers.

Baselian Day, led by the Arts Secretary of the College Senate, is a proud tradition dedicated exclusively to celebrating the artistic talents of the students of MBCET. It stands as a testament to the belief that education, when infused with creativity, becomes truly transformative.

#### 3.3 Annual Technical Fest

The annual technical fest serves as a dynamic platform that opens the campus to students from engineering institutions far and wide, offering them a wide array of enriching experiences and fresh inspiration. By engaging with diverse groups of peers and professionals, students are exposed to new perspectives, innovative ideas, and collaborative challenges. This interaction not only fuels intellectual growth but also fosters holistic development—shaping them into well-rounded individuals equipped for the evolving demands of the engineering world.

#### 3.4 Annual cultural Fest

Crossroads is the flagship cultural festival of Mar Baselios College of Engineering and

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Technology (MBCET), Trivandrum, and one of the most anticipated college events in Kerala's cultural calendar. Organized annually, this vibrant fest is a celebration of youth, creativity, and community, drawing participants and audiences from across the state and beyond.

Held over several electrifying days, Crossroads transforms the MBCET campus into a hub of music, dance, drama, art, and innovation. The fest features a wide array of competitions and events that span genres—from solo singing and instrumental duels to street plays, photography, short films, fashion shows, and high-energy dance battles. It also serves as a platform for techinfused creative expressions, reflecting the college's strong engineering roots.

One of the major highlights of Crossroads is its pro-nights, which have witnessed performances by prominent national and regional artists, including bands, DJs, and singers who set the stage ablaze, pulling in massive crowds. These nights are not just entertainment—they're a celebration of music, unity, and youthful spirit.

Crossroads is known for its inclusive atmosphere and meticulous student-led organization. It is a testament to MBCET's encouragement of holistic development, where students are given the reins to conceptualize, plan, and execute large-scale cultural programs. The fest also emphasizes social responsibility, often incorporating themes that resonate with current societal and environmental issues. Over the years, Crossroads has evolved into more than just a college fest—it's a cultural movement that promotes talent, encourages collaboration, and fosters a strong sense of identity among the student community. With its perfect blend of tradition, modernity, and technical brilliance, Crossroads remains a true crossroads of culture, creativity, and youthful energy.

#### 3.5 Club activities

At MBCET, student life is not confined to classrooms and laboratories alone. Through a rich array of active clubs, the college nurtures multifaceted enigmas—talents and passions that shape holistic individuals. These clubs serve as dynamic platforms where students and faculty converge, express, and expand their creativity, technical skills, and personal growth. Be it through art, science, technology, literature, or performance, the clubs help create a socially aware, culturally rooted, and intellectually thriving campus community.

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FRAMES – The Photography Club

FRAMES captures moments that matter. From documenting campus life to exploring the world through lenses, the club is a space for visual storytellers to grow, experiment, and exhibit the art of seeing the extraordinary in the ordinary.

Nature Club

A call to reconnect with the environment, the Nature Club fosters eco-consciousness through green initiatives, sustainability campaigns, and nature-based learning—instilling responsibility towards the planet in every student.

Samvadam - The Public Speaking Club

Samvadam is where voices find confidence. Through debates, elocutions, and public speaking sessions, the club hones articulation, critical thinking, and oratory skills, empowering students to express with clarity and conviction.

RAGAM – The Music Club

RAGAM is the rhythmic soul of the campus. Be it Indian classical, western melodies, or fusion experiments, the club brings together musically inclined students to create, perform, and celebrate the universal language of music.

Performing Arts Club

This club gives life to the stage with drama, mime, dance, and more. It celebrates expression through performance, providing students a platform to explore theatrical arts and deliver impactful messages with creativity and emotion.

FOSS Club (Free and Open Source Software)

Championing open-source ideals, the FOSS Club encourages collaborative coding, tech literacy, and knowledge sharing. It empowers students to contribute to real-world projects and become part of a global tech movement.

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### AKSHARAKOOTAM - The Creative Writing Club

AKSHARAKOOTAM is where imagination meets language. Be it poetry, prose, satire, or essays, the club nurtures literary talents and offers a haven for storytellers to voice their creativity and cultural thoughts.

#### YOGA Club

The Yoga Club promotes mental peace, physical well-being, and mindfulness. Through regular sessions, students learn to balance the pressures of academic life while staying rooted in wellness and discipline.

#### TENSORZ Club

TENSORZ is the playground for mathematical minds. It sharpens analytical thinking and problem-solving through puzzles, logic games, and theoretical explorations—ideal for those who love to challenge the limits of numbers and logic.

### Open Lab AI Club

Dedicated to the future of artificial intelligence, this club serves as a hub for students interested in machine learning, data science, and AI innovation—fostering research, experimentation, and project development.

#### Science Club

Curious minds thrive here. The Science Club ignites scientific inquiry, experimentation, and interdisciplinary discussions—helping students explore the wonders of science beyond textbooks.

### Space Club

For the astronomically curious, the Space Club offers a gateway to the cosmos. With activities like stargazing, space tech workshops, and discussions on astrophysics, it inspires a fascination for the universe and beyond.

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#### μLearn

Part of a larger peer-learning movement, µLearn encourages students to lead their own learning journeys in fields ranging from coding to soft skills, promoting a culture of curiosity, consistency, and collaboration.

#### Block Hub

Block Hub introduces students to the emerging world of blockchain technology. Through workshops and hands-on projects, the club explores decentralization, Web3 innovations, and the ethical evolution of digital systems.

#### 3.6 Cultural activities for staff

The Staff Club at MBCET plays a vital role in fostering a cohesive and enriching work environment through cultural engagement. The Onam and Christmas celebrations, organized annually by the Staff Club, are key highlights in the college's cultural calendar. These celebrations are not just festive in spirit—they are platforms for meaningful social interaction, team bonding, and skill development among the faculty and administrative staff. During Onam, the campus comes alive with traditional flower carpets (pookkalam), cultural programs including Thiruvathira, games, and a grand Onam sadya, all orchestrated with enthusiastic participation from staff members. Similarly, the Christmas celebration features carol singing, crib-making competitions, festive décor, and a warm atmosphere of joy and togetherness. Importantly, these staff-led events are more than just celebrations—they serve as avenues for personal and professional growth. Cultural involvement among staff members is positively linked to the development of interpersonal skills, self-confidence, and managerial potential. By taking leadership roles in organizing and executing these events, staff members hone skills such as event planning, coordination, and communication. These experiences also strengthen cross-departmental relationships, enhancing social integration within the college community.

#### 3.7 Other activities

All activities conducted on the college campus are designed to contribute positively to the emotional, intellectual, social, and interpersonal growth of the entire community. These engagements not only enrich the academic experience but also nurture well-rounded individuals. Active participation in programs that celebrate the history and cultural heritage of our nation plays a vital role in fostering social awareness, maturity, and a sense of identity

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among students, helping them become responsible and informed members of society.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITY

The College Senate is composed of elected Class Representatives from each batch, along with an Executive Committee chosen from among them. This representative body plays a key role in coordinating student activities and fostering leadership on campus. The Senate's functioning is guided and supported by two Staff Advisors, nominated by the Principal, who provide mentorship and ensure smooth execution of its initiatives.

On the staff front, cultural and community-building activities are spearheaded by the **Staff Club**. Every employee of **MBCET** is a member of this club, which promotes camaraderie and wellness among faculty and staff. From this collective, an **Executive Committee** is formed to plan and lead various events, ensuring an engaged and vibrant campus community for all.

#### 5. RELATED PROCEDURES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

- i. Procedures for Constitution of Students Senate
- ii. Bye laws of Staff Club
- iii. Constitution of Staff Club

#### 6. POLICY HISTORY

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