Defining Features

Catholic Schools & Colleges for the 21st Century in the Diocese of Cairns
Be places of authentic evangelisation where faith and life are one

Our faith is a gift which enhances our capacity to live rich and meaningful lives.

The overarching purpose of Catholic schools of the past as well as the future is to bring the good news of Jesus to all who will hear it. We will continue to work towards the formation of people who experience faith not as an obligation or restriction, but as a gift which enhances their capacity to live rich, full and meaningful lives.

Celebrate God’s abundant and abiding presence in all creation

We are co-creators of our world which God’s love continues to entrust to us.

Catholic schools of the future will place greater emphasis on our responsibility to be actively involved in ‘co-creation’ of the world and to inject a new urgency into our individual and collective need to be good stewards over the world which God’s love continues to entrust to us.

Be centres of vital holistic learning

A focus on the holistic growth of individual people is the prime educational purpose of the Catholic school.

In the midst of a world of educational, social and economic change, the focus on the holistic growth of the individual remains the surest way Catholic schools can prepare students for the uncertainties of the future, and will remain the prime purpose of their educational endeavours. Teachers in our schools will be models of lifelong learning, holistic living and leaders of learning and will continue to be acknowledged as Catholic education’s greatest resource.

Be places of self-renewal and sowers of change

Our schools will remain ever new by engaging in self-evaluation and

Self-renewal, beginning with the individual and extending to the community and all society. Our schools will continue to be open to the challenges and opportunities this new age provides and to be ever new by engaging in self-evaluation and self-renewal. Renewal however, begins with the individual, and it is the individual who remains the focus of the school’s educational, pastoral and spiritual efforts.

Build constructive covenants with all partners

Our schools will actively engage with the communities of which they are a part.

The trend away from the relatively self-contained ‘stand-alone’ Catholic schools of the past will continue. Our schools of the future will more actively engage with the wider communities of which they are part in order to meet the educational, vocational and personal needs of students, and to provide families with appropriate spiritual and pastoral support.

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