

Our Vision

Our St Joseph's College is an educational community focused on the Spirit of Jesus. It aims to nurture in all who join it:

- > An alive and deepening search for God present-amongst-us in the world;
- > An expectation that to educate each person to his/her potential is a journey to self, and from self, to the world beyond;
- > An appreciation that growth which happens differently for each person needs space and time to truly bear fruit; and
- > A commitment to the life and energy of this community to enable good to happen.



Our Mission

At St Joseph's College, Christian principles permeate all aspects of college life. It is where an atmosphere of Christian Spirit and values takes precedence, so that the student's gift of faith may be nurtured, internalised and integrated with the culture of our times.

St Joseph's College will cultivate intellectual values, will promote integrity, honesty, truth, openness, and respect for scholarly virtues. Each student will be encouraged and assisted to achieve according to his or her abilities.

The College's programs will encourage students to develop skills of inquiry, research, explanation and critical awareness.

The College will assist students' growth as individuals with unique gifts, and will foster an environment within which students grow towards an inner-directed sense of discipline.

Students will be encouraged to reach out to, and learn from those in need, within and beyond the College.

The application of Christian principles in all aspects of College life maintains an evolution between the Christian values it espouses and its policies and practices.

Over Arching Ambition

In respecting the dignity of each and all, we reach out with compassion and justice to build an inclusive community. Within this context and inspired by the life of Jesus, we endeavor to enable each individual to be the best he/she can be.



STRATEGIES to achieve our goals >

- 1 | Develop opportunities for personal commitment for both staff and students to the person of Christ by way of prayer, scripture, liturgy and action.
- 2 | Encourage an understanding of our Catholic beliefs and values and allow these to permeate all aspects of College life, eg Principles of Catholic Social Justice Teaching.
- 3 | Create an atmosphere of openness, respect and understanding that will enable the dignity of the individual to be recognized and celebrated.
- 4 | Cultivate the values of truth, loyalty, concern, service and love of others by raising awareness, example and instruction.
- 5 | Assist students to acquire a language that will enable them to more easily express their experience of God.

GOAL > To cultivate the notion that the gift of Faith may be nurtured, internalized, and integrated within the culture of our times.



STRATEGIES to achieve our goals >

- 1 | Develop our capacity as a leading academic Catholic Coeducational College to promote contemporary and innovative approaches to education; by developing and implementing a literacy plan and numeracy plan, by reviewing learning and teaching programs, resources and the tracking and moderation of student achievement.
- 2 | Develop and implement an ICT blueprint for the College, to maximise learning outcomes.
- 3 | Collate, analyse and promote the use of data as a tool to improve student outcomes at the College.
- 4 | Create a diverse range of learning environments to cater to the needs and expectations of students; including the further development of College facilities.
- 5 | Develop challenging, flexible and differentiated opportunities to meet the individual needs of students; including learning support, special needs, Indigenous education and enrichment learning plans.

GOAL > To continue to create a supportive environment focused on excellence in teaching and learning, complimented by differentiated opportunities to meet the needs of individual students.



STRATEGIES to achieve our goals >

- 1 | Promote and enhance the profile of St Joseph's College in the wider community by raising students' awareness of their interconnectedness within that community.
- 2 | Explore and encourage ways to promote College spirit and identity amongst students, staff and within the College community.
- 3 | Optimise and broaden the College Calendar of Events which draws parents, the wider community, teachers and staff, in to contact with each other.
- 4 | Create and action an Alumni Association for St Joseph's College and provide opportunities for past students to reconnect with the College Community with a view to; Engage meaningfully with past students, staff and parents; Alumni becoming involved with College Events; provide opportunities for past students to further enrich their school through an Alumni Scholarship Program and/or Endowment Fund contribution.
- 5 | Strengthen College ties with the wider community through our network of contacts with employers, professionals and the tertiary and business community.
- 6 | Further develop links with other schools, P & F Associations and School Boards.

GOAL > To continue to develop and strengthen St Joseph's College as a vibrant and inclusive Catholic community; endorsing the reputation of St Joseph's College in the wider community, while strengthening Alumni relations.



STRATEGIES to achieve our goals >

- 1 | Promote the inclusiveness of the school community (students, teachers, parents and alumni) to be advocates for social justice through sponsorship of identified causes and charities.
- 2 | Enable and empower students to take action in the community by seeking out those in need through service activities.
- 3 | Undertake consultation with relevant stakeholders to identify the most effective programs and how to implement and assist with developing those programs.
- 4 | Continue to develop a safe and caring environment within the school community.

GOAL > Empathise, actively contribute and collaborate with people to enable them to live their full potential through equality, feeling safe and in an inclusive community.

