

## Catholic principles for education in MACS schools

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**MACS schools build communities of faith, hope and love in the light of Jesus Christ.**



Jesus Christ is our inspiration, the very life of our purpose as Catholic educators. Everything we do is illuminated by the light of Jesus Christ.

MACS schools are sacred spaces where students encounter the transformative power of Jesus Christ. The interconnected virtues of faith, hope, and love hold profound significance and are essential for our spiritual growth and transformation. Derived from the teachings of St Paul in the New Testament, these theological virtues offer guidance for a rich, fulfilling life. We as educators are called to 'form lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Jesus Christ' (1 Cor 13: 12-13).

2

**MACS schools are collaborative, inclusive, faith-filled communities.**



God's love for every person encourages relationships to be at the centre of Catholic schools. As such, learning is a collaborative partnership where parents, staff and students work together to promote unity, common vision, mission, and purpose. MACS school communities build flourishing relationships between parish and school, between school and home, between parent, teacher and student, between learning and living, focused on formation, learning and wellbeing outcomes for all children.

Catholic schools recognise and value parents as the first and most important educators of their children.

3

**MACS schools recognise the inherent dignity of every person as being created in the image of God.**



The sacred dignity of each person is honoured in MACS schools. The school community bears witness to the unique and distinctive abilities of each student. 'Every student has the potential to enrich the world throughout their lives by using the gifts they have' (Haldane 2022). When students are known, valued and loved, they can genuinely flourish.

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**The Catholic intellectual tradition emphasises the pursuit of knowledge and excellence.**



'Life ... is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful' (Benedict XVI 2008). MACS schools draw from the deep intellectual heritage within the Catholic Church, as a body of knowledge, beliefs, and practices that have developed within the Catholic Church over centuries. MACS schools instil a desire for lifelong learning and continuous faith formation. MACS schools offer a solid foundation for lifelong learning, empowering students through ongoing knowledge acquisition along their spiritual learning journey.

5

**We are inspired by the Gospel to act for a just society.**



Catholic teachers aim to engage and empower students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and values to actively contribute to the betterment of the broader community. By fostering a deep sense of social responsibility and moral awareness through justice, peace and integral ecology, MACS schools strive to develop compassionate leaders who seek the common good and the good of each and every person.