

# Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Strategic Plan 2014-2017

## Education/Learning

Goals	Strategies
We aim to teach in ways which reflect a knowledge of how students learn, using teaching strategies which are both proven and innovative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage students in learning experiences which cater for different learning needs</li> <li>Provide specialised learning opportunities for students who require support or extension</li> <li>Implement teaching strategies which promote problem solving and deep understanding</li> <li>Provide homework that is both meaningful and timely</li> </ul>
We aim to offer an effective school approach to reporting that reflects a shared understanding of assessment principles and practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use data effectively to inform the teaching and learning process and to improve student performance</li> <li>Implement assessment strategies that are comprehensive, age appropriate, timely and provide feedback</li> </ul>
We aim to meet system, state and Australian Curriculum requirements with integrity and the best interests of our students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement curriculum requirements in ways that reflect our values, culture and direction in teaching and learning</li> <li>Maintain an ongoing review of our teaching and learning practices</li> </ul>

## Catholic Identity/Discipleship

Goals	Strategies
As a faith community, we seek at all times to make Jesus real in the lives of our students, our families and our staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making Jesus Real for all members of our community</li> <li>Continue whole staff MJR professional development</li> <li>Give witness to our Catholic faith</li> <li>Continue to implement our Evangelisation Plan</li> </ul>
Embrace diversity and respect the dignity of each individual by strengthening the integration of faith, life and culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invite students to discover God's presence in their daily lives and engaging them in a dialogue between their life experiences and Catholic teaching (MJR)</li> <li>Provide opportunities for students to learn about the Aboriginal culture, by utilizing the knowledge of our Aboriginal Teacher Assistant and acknowledging significant dates on the calendar</li> </ul>
We aim to foster the spiritual formation of each member of our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide diverse spiritual experiences e.g. Mass, retreats, prayer reflections</li> <li>Provide sacramental programs that make our faith real</li> <li>Continue to promote the practice of our Faith through sacramental preparation meetings</li> <li>Nurture students' faith and lead them to deepen their relationship with God through prayer and celebration</li> <li>Parish Priest visits to the classrooms to share his faith and support the student's faith development</li> <li>Involve students in ministry at Mass</li> </ul>
We aim to offer a vibrant Religious Education curriculum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to emphasise that Religious Education is the 'first' learning area</li> <li>Nurturing students love of learning and teaching students to know, understand and act on Catholic social teaching</li> <li>Staff engagement and participation in opportunities for theological and academic formation delivering excellence in the teaching of Religious Education</li> <li>Caring for students through an inclusive curriculum, with varied opportunities provided for experiential learning encouraging faith and spiritual growth for students and staff</li> </ul>

## Vision Statement

### Core Purpose:

Making Jesus real in the lives of our students, our families and our staff.

Mater Christi Primary School, in the name of Mary, Mother of Christ, exists to give witness to the love of Jesus Christ as embodied in our Catholic faith.

As a faith community, we seek at all times to make Jesus real in the lives of our students, our families and our staff. We do this by modelling gospel values in our daily work. In particular, we strive always to demonstrate deep respect for the people we encounter. We have a close and supportive connection with our parish and our liturgies are dynamic and sacred opportunities to further strengthen each person's relationship with Christ.

As an educational community, we nurture in every student a belief in their individual potential and commit ourselves to helping them achieve this while respecting and protecting the rights of each other. Students are at the centre of all our educational endeavours and are encouraged to be open to new learning experiences.

As a professional community, we are determined to make a difference to each student. We endeavour to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our students, marked by the active presence of Jesus. Our parents are our partners in all our endeavours. Relationships with families are marked by respect, courage and integrity. As a staff, we are loyal to each other and conscious that our professional lives set the tone for the school. We are clear in our purpose and priorities and each person takes personal responsibility for their unique role to ensure that we continue to grow.

## Community/Engagement

Goals	Strategies
We aim to inform parents of current teaching, curriculum and assessment practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advertise current knowledge of educational issues through the newsletter</li> <li>Inform parents of current teaching, curriculum and assessment practises at parent information evenings</li> <li>Actively increase the knowledge and engagement of parents/guardians in their child's learning and faith formation by encouraging shared responsibility for student learning</li> </ul>
We aim to have active parent involvement in order to achieve the best outcomes for all students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using parents in classrooms to assist in group work</li> <li>Using parent expertise in the classroom</li> <li>Value and promote the worth of mutual cooperation and positive relationships</li> </ul>
We aim to strengthen our relationships with the wider community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and renew the current Mater Christi website</li> <li>Make relevant policies available to all parents</li> <li>Continue to foster meaningful partnerships with the parish</li> <li>Continue to develop initiatives and programs that celebrate cultural diversity</li> </ul>
We aim to provide opportunities for collaboration and consultation in our planning and decision making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing meeting opportunities for staff and parents to discuss significant issues</li> </ul>

## Stewardship/Accountability

Goals	Strategies
We aim to continually improve our school, recognising its interconnection with student learning and wellbeing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employ qualified, capable and professional staff</li> <li>Review the current use of learning spaces</li> <li>Plan for the future Information Technology needs of students and staff</li> </ul>
We aim to provide a quality Catholic education at an affordable price.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annually review our fees and charges</li> <li>Continue to offer Health Care Card (HCC) and other fee discounts to financially vulnerable families</li> <li>Maintain respectful, open relationships between the school's finance staff and those families in financial difficulty</li> </ul>
We aim to provide quality facilities in response to educational priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Capital Development Plan and evaluate it on a regular basis</li> <li>Develop an Asset Register, and a Maintenance schedule</li> <li>Maintain and upkeep the facilities for three-stream primary enrolments</li> <li>Provide pleasant, welcoming and safe school grounds, facilities and buildings</li> </ul>
We aim to promote the school effectively and with integrity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicly celebrate the success of our students</li> <li>Consider and document promotional/marketing needs of the school</li> </ul>
We aim to maintain the financial viability of the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide sound and prudent financial management</li> <li>Consult with key stakeholders in budgeting processes</li> <li>Access targeted programs which provide additional support for students</li> </ul>