

Associated College Documents – Procedures, Processes

- Associated membership with AJASS (Association of Josephite Affiliated Secondary Schools) and EREA (Edmund Rice Education Australia).
- BCE Teacher Accreditation processes.
- BCE Annual Reporting Processes.
- Prayer life of the College, i.e. Homeroom, liturgy, assemblies, reflection days, meetings, College events, etc.
- Religious Education Curriculum - BCE and Archdiocesan Syllabus and Guidelines, Junior and Senior Unit outlines.
- Excursion, visit and guest speaker information and planning pages.
- Missions information pages, memos, IT, House activity records.
- Staff Induction, PD, and Formation information and planning.
- Catholic Education Week.
- Religion and Mission pages on College Website.
- Religion department Procedural and Teacher information pages and memos.
- Student Leadership - House Missions and Mandates.
- Student Formation (Retreat and Reflection).
- Annual Budget Documents including Department, Reflection Days, Retreats, College Events, Excursions.
- Religion Department Annual Report.



Policy Statement

Faith Development

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to work actively as a Catholic, Christian, inclusive learning community.

Our Context: Clairvaux MacKillop College is a co-educational Catholic Secondary College that seeks to develop a unique identity of faith, hope and love, based on the vision and person of Jesus Christ.

There are 5 College Policy Documents, (1) Education; (2) Resourcing the College; (3) Faith Development; (4) Pastoral Matters; (5) Community Relationships.

Each policy is anchored in our Mission and each is supported by a range of procedures and processes that are documented and reviewed so that they remain relevant.

*“Jesus welcomed the crowds, spoke to them about the Kingdom of God,
and healed those who needed it.”*

Luke 9:11

Faith Development

The Faith Policy at Clairvaux MacKillop College maintains a learning community dedicated to furthering the Catholic tradition. Staff engage with students and their families to provide appropriate opportunities for prayer and faith formation in an educational context oriented towards Catholic belief concerning Christian mission in life.

Purpose

Together with associated principles, guidelines and procedures, this Faith Policy informs decision making and action, and describes our goals and accountabilities in Formation, Religious Education, and Catholic Ethos.

Rationale

As a contemporary learning community within Catholic Education, we embrace an abiding effort to extend the faith life of everyone in the community. We educate the whole human being in each of our students, physical, mental, social and spiritual, by integrating all academic and vocational programs with sound principles based on Gospel values. This Catholic ethos is framed within the charism of our founding orders, the Christian Brothers of Blessed Edmund Rice and St. Josephite Sisters of St. Mary MacKillop. It is nourished by involvement with the Liturgy of the Catholic Church in the ceremonial life of the College. We reach out as a Catholic school to families and parishes related to the College.

Reporting and Accountability

Our endeavours in religious education, formation and Catholic ethos are founded on principles articulated in Church teaching and Archdiocesan Guidelines. Programs and reporting are also faithful to appropriate secular authority. The College responds to parents, who are the first educators of their children. It is among the priorities of the College to have effective structures for planning, implementing, resourcing, evaluating and reporting on religious education and formation programs. This demand of teachers and other responsible staff, both professional competence and an awareness of the spiritual dimension of the work.

Inclusive Practice and Participation

The community encompasses a range of cultural and belief backgrounds, and varying degrees of religious commitment and church affiliation. While reflecting the ideals of Australian society, and espousing culturally inclusive practices, the College remains dedicated to the Catholic tradition. Spiritual formation, religious education and maintenance of our ethos allows for the diverse ages, circumstances, social and religious backgrounds, needs, interests, affective capacities, cognitive abilities and learning styles of students and staff.

Pastoral Care is a crucial expression of the College mission, whilst prayer draws on a variety of cultural influences, traditional and modern, and is particularly enriched by learning about the diversity of rites and liturgical adaptation provided for within the Church. At the heart of caring for the faith life of students and their families is the nourishment of the faith life of the staff and the provision for its regular devotional expression. All staff are involved in creating the religious quality of the College, embracing the work of College ideals across a spectrum of services with a spirit that builds the ethos of the school.

Futures perspective

The College embraces ongoing renewal and prudent innovation, responding to changes in Catholic Education, the College population, and Australian society. As part of the Church, we continue the mission of the Holy Spirit to transform the world according to the person and vision of Jesus Christ. We seek ways to strengthen the College ethos, reinforce familiar Catholic values for some in our community and exert an evangelising influence on others. Our futures perspective is focused on seeking to authenticate lives and relationships within the College community, in its place in society, with a view to achieving a better future under God's care.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or as:

- New developments/research occurs
- Legislation updates occurs
- Brisbane Catholic Education requirements change

By this process, Clairvaux MacKillop College can ensure the best practice for its students, staff and parents.

Authorisation

The Clairvaux MacKillop College Pastoral Board endorses this policy which has been determined in consultation with staff and parents. The policy takes effect as of March 2009 and is authorised by the Clairvaux MacKillop College Principal.

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