

Learning Framework: Preamble

As a community of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton it is important to reflect on our identity: who we are and who we are striving to become.

The Catholic school participates in the evangelising mission of the Church and is the privileged environment in which Christian education is carried out.¹

As part of our search for 'Meaning for Life', all involved in Catholic education and faith formation from birth to death accept a call from God to serve the communities of the Diocese of Rockhampton.²

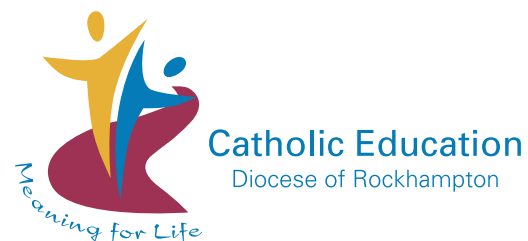
As a community of believers, we live out the call of Baptism through personal faith in Jesus, witnessing together to the Good News of the Kingdom.³

In serving the many communities of our vast diocese we are all invited to **lifelong and life-wide learning, seeking meaning for life** as we **journey together with Christ** full of vitality, optimism and a sense of joy.

The six key defining features of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton call us to:

- ✦ Give witness to the message of Jesus and the mission of the Church.
- ✦ Have a clear Catholic identity.
- ✦ Be communities of care.
- ✦ Offer a relevant and holistic curriculum of quality teaching and learning.
- ✦ Be open and accessible to all who seek [our] values.
- ✦ Be characterised by inclusive partnerships within a community of faith.⁴

Existing not to be different, but to make a difference...



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The Learning Framework reflects our understanding of what we believe and value as we journey together seeking 'Meaning for Life'.

¹(The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium) ²(Diocesan Catholic Education Office Mission Statement) ³(Vision Statement of the Diocese of Rockhampton) ⁴(Queensland Bishops' Catholic Schools Research Project 1998-2000)

LEARNING FRAMEWORK

Our purpose: inviting and challenging learners of all ages to be and become reflective and self-directed as we journey with Christ in our ever-changing world...

honouring the past, enriching the present, shaping the future, finding meaning for life.

We believe ...

- ✦ God reaches out to us through our experiences of life each day.
- ✦ Jesus offers us meaning and purpose for life.
- ✦ The Holy Spirit inspires and unites us.

We believe each person ...

- ✦ Is uniquely created in the image and likeness of God.
- ✦ Is inherently spiritual and called to a relationship with God.
- ✦ Is intimately connected with others.
- ✦ Is a co-creator and steward of creation.
- ✦ Has a yearning for knowledge and understanding.

We believe learners ...

- ✦ Develop and learn in different ways, at different rates and in a variety of contexts.
- ✦ Reflect on their own thinking and learning.
- ✦ Learn independently and in community.
- ✦ Construct knowledge and understanding through active participation.

We believe Catholic school communities ...

- ✦ Share in the Church's mission of proclaiming the Good News.
- ✦ Offer safe, inclusive, enjoyable, collaborative, challenging and empowering learning environments.
- ✦ Assist individuals to grow to the fullness of their potential.
- ✦ Are actively involved in shaping a socially just future.

