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Mater Dei Mission and Religious Education Policy Statement

Rationale

Mater Dei is a parish Catholic School that endeavours, in partnership with parents, to foster a Catholic identity and Faith community true to the Gospel Values of Jesus, our teacher and mentor. We are committed to sharing and living the Gospel message at school, at home and in the wider community. Education at Mater Dei is inspired by the vision and works of the Sisters of Charity.

Values

Faith – we believe in God and have a trusting acceptance of His will.

Hope – we desire and search for a positive future attained with God’s help.

Love- we strive to do what Jesus challenges us to do: ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.

Compassion – we have a deep awareness of the suffering of others and are compelled to do something about it.

Social Justice – we believe in equality for all and have a preferential option to support those in need.

Respect – we promote the acceptance of people for who they are and value others points of view.

Policy Statement

At Mater Dei, we will nurture the faith and spirituality of staff, students and community members as they grow in the love of God. Guided by our Caritas motto – care and concern for others – we believe in promoting the religious life of the school.

Implementation

We strive to create and maintain a contemporary Religious Education curriculum that supports the mission and vision of our school community. This promotes deep knowledge and understanding of the Catholic tradition.

Mater Dei will further develop social justice and mission programs to put beliefs into action.

Consequently, the Mission and Religious Education policy will be implemented in the following ways:

- affirming and supporting parents / care givers in their primary role as the first educators of their children in the faith
- aligning religious education with Archdiocesan Vision, policies and guidelines
- developing, implementing and reviewing a quality religious education program in accordance with the Brisbane Catholic Education Guidelines.
- embedding religious practice (prayers and liturgy) in the everyday life of the school
- supporting and developing learning opportunities for religious educators, including the spiritual development of staff
- including ecumenical and multi-faith perspectives in the religious education of young people
- supporting the Parish Sacramental Program
- engaging in charity work that has a focus on Catholic mission

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