



Mater Dei Primary School Strategic Renewal Plan 2012 - 2016



PRIORITY ONE



Mission and Religious Education

Mater Dei is a parish Catholic school where we will endeavour in partnership with parents to foster a Catholic Identity and Faith Community true to the Gospel Values of Jesus our teacher and mentor.

Therefore we intend to:

- nurture the Faith and Spirituality of staff, students and community members as they grow in the love of God.
- further develop Social Justice and Mission programs to put our beliefs into action.
- integrate a contemporary religious education curriculum that supports the mission and vision of our school community.



PRIORITY TWO



Learning and Teaching

Mater Dei is a community committed to providing quality inclusive learning and teaching for all. We aim to provide learning that is personalised, active and interactive. As a result of this, we hope to develop successful, creative, confident and informed learners who will shape and enrich our world.

Therefore we intend to:

- Continue to implement the Australian Curriculum within the context of the BCE learning framework catering for the specific and diverse needs of our student population in an environment which nurtures, challenges and supports skills for life-long learning.
- Implement a holistic and accessible pastoral care program relevant to our school community needs and appropriate to the changing structure of schooling.
- Support staff and students in the ongoing acquisition of skills and pursuit of excellence in the use and application of Information and Communication Technology.
- Implement current curricula based on best teaching practice that is data-informed and evidence-based.



Vision Statement

The Mater Dei School Community is made up of children, parents, teachers and staff and upholds its motto "Caritas" (caring) by having a welcoming, inclusive and positive environment as we work together through our Catholic Christian faith, actions and love for all.

We shall have a quality, safe environment where learning is relevant, motivating and meaningful because our children have developed the knowledge, skills and Christian values needed for life's journey.

Mater Dei is a place where our children are encouraged to work and reach their full potential as individuals and as members of the wider community.

Mission Statement

Our students will achieve their learning by:

- Striving for optimum achievement in literacy and numeracy
- Being investigators and explorers
- Being critical thinkers and problem solvers
- Being prepared to take risks
- Understanding and managing technology

Our students will be encouraged to improve their lives together by learning to:

- Interact and communicate effectively and appropriately
- Be socially aware and adept
- Work co-operatively with others

Our students will grow in their Christian spirituality and morality by being given guidance and example on how to be:

- Thoughtful, caring and compassionate
- Positive, joyful and confident
- Courteous, honest and respectful
- Persons who know, like and accept themselves and others
- Persons of Christian faith who show care and responsibility as individuals and members of a wider community

PRIORITY THREE

Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

Mater Dei is a community committed to promoting professional teams who develop and maintain current, relevant and best teaching practice.

Therefore we intend to:

- Identify staff qualities and capabilities, and align relevant professional development.
- Develop a long term plan to facilitate development of professional standards and staff well-being.
- Implement appropriate coaching and mentoring programs.

Mater Dei is a community committed to developing and maintaining collaborative communities with professional, spiritual and local affiliations to support holistic outcomes for all students.

Therefore we intend to:

- Identify affiliations that support the long term goals of the school.
- Implement formal networks and arrangements to support collaborative partnerships.

PRIORITY FOUR

Strategic Resourcing

Mater Dei is a community committed to maintaining integrity, respect, accountability and excellence through its implementation of policies and practices.

Therefore we intend to:

- Embed sustainable environmental practices into our school structure and processes.
- Continue to plan for the allocation of school resources informed by stewardship, contemporary learning and the changing needs of our students.
- Focus our attention on information and learning management systems and technology to enhance engagement with learning, teaching and evolving technologies.
- Prioritise resources and budget allocations to support our goals in achieving best teaching practice.

