



Principal's Report AGM 2020

As a staff, our focus has been around building the narrative of St Francis Xavier as employees of the school. As this story has become entrenched into staff's collective belief, it is essential that the wider community not only hears the story but become tellers of the story.

Our Vision Statement is:

We are called to provide an exemplary Catholic Education

Discipleship: With Christ as our light we aspire to nurture the whole person in a community centred on Gospel values.

Learning: We are committed to providing an education that empowers all to become life-long learners.

Collaboratively, staff have worked and continue to work on defining and reimagining what this means in a contemporary Catholic School. It evolved to the tag #Christcentredchildfocusedlifelonglearners

So what does it mean to be Christ Centred, Child Focused, Life Long Learners?

Behind every decision is the face of the child, a gift from God. The role a Catholic school is to provide all members, particularly children, the opportunity to develop a relationship with the person Jesus.

Through supportive relationships with the Fr Bernard, Fr Tam and Bishop Michael, students in 2020 have had the opportunity to experience Jesus through Mass, liturgy and as recently as Saturday, receiving sacraments. I extend my thanks but also the thanks from the staff and the community to our clergy.

As a school, we have continued to focus on bringing our 5 school's values alive through the story of Jesus. Jesus was a teacher and his examples of how to live in the Gospel provide student's practical ways to think, speak and act towards one another. We should be proud of the work in this area.

Project Compassion and Catholic Missions also provided opportunities for students to connect with the wider world and support those in needs with financial aid.

Children are our collective goal. The partnership between home and school ensure we are child focused.

From financial decisions supported by our school Board and community events created by P&F Executive, the children are our focus. I thank both groups for their ongoing commitment to the school community and representing the parent body. Finances have been impacted significantly this year, however the diligence and prudence in decision making this year and previous years has ensured we are well positioned to continue to operate, maintain our facilities and maximise opportunities for the children.

Staff have continued to focus on developing evidenced based teaching and learning opportunities that support students to know what they have achieved and the steps to improve. By ensuring personalised, child focused feedback, students have been able to access the curriculum, achieve growth and importantly be challenged to extend their learning.

As lifelong learners, staff at St Francis Xavier have continued to challenge and seek continuous improvement in their craft. The agility to adapt and move to an online mode of delivery whilst simultaneously working with students highlighted their collective capacity. The willingness to attend after hour evenings, webinars and conferences is a real example that we are all lifelong learners. Thank

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you to each of you. A special mention to the office staff for their work transitioning this year to the new operating system for our school.

We are not perfect, and our journey will never be complete. But in closing, as we face the future together let us remember our school motto, Christ be my Light. May we all radiate Christ's light to ensure our students, our families and one another find fulfilment and harmony in all that we do.

God Bless

Ben Doyle
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