



St Joseph's School

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VISION AND MISSION

School Vision

In the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, St Joseph's School Wyndham is a welcoming and supportive Catholic Community. We challenge our community members to discover God in themselves and in others, and to live by Gospel values. We are committed to enabling personal growth and academic excellence. We respect cultural diversity and acknowledge and share our differences.

School Mission

Recognition of the cultural diversity of St Joseph's School in Wyndham permeates all teaching and learning through mutual sharing of the development of meaningful relationships.

We develop relationships by:

- Bearing witness to Jesus' message by the way we live, the way we relate to each other, and participation in parish/school life.
- Providing a challenging and comprehensive curriculum that through best practise, promotes a respect of learning and a positive view of self as a lifelong learner for every individual.
- Ensuring that the needs of the whole person are met - spiritually, socially, emotionally, academically and physically.
- Demonstrating our support through open communication, pastoral care and service.
- Committing to continuously building partnerships with the community to encourage regular attendance and engaged learners.

Values and Beliefs

We believe that the parents are the first educators of their children.

- We will always personally do our best to meet the needs of our students.
- We will support all staff and students to be their best.
- We will be honest and positive in dealing with all community members.

OUR BELIEFS ABOUT TEACHING AND LEARNING

St. Joseph's School strives to be a Catholic Education Community, involving teachers, students and parents.

We believe that:

- High expectations promote learning and responsibility.
- Quality teaching and learning practices improve learning for all.
- Learning should cater for the uniqueness and giftedness of the whole person
- Each person has the innate and continual capacity to learn
- Learning should be meaningful, purposeful and relevant to our lives

CURRICULUM OFFERING

Religious Education is a focal point in our day-to-day school life. Religious Education is seen as an area in curricula which brings together many other disciplines and aspects of life, integrating these in a context of faith. St. Joseph's works closely with parents and the Parish in preparing students for the sacraments.

Physical Education, as an integral part of education, aims to assist each child attain maximum development - physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually - according to his/her capacities. The Physical Education Program includes; swimming, games, skills and inter-school sports. Through all of this the emphasis is placed on individual achievement rather than on competition.

St. Joseph's offers a progressive and comprehensive curriculum in line with the Australian National Curriculum.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

“We the parents, community and staff of St Joseph’s Wyndham, the top town of the West, agree to provide an environment that exemplifies gospel values. We commit to better communication and build relationships within the school community, maintain our cultures and strive to encourage attendance by engaging our students in shared positive learning.”

Staff will:

- Plan and teach Aboriginal Studies across all learning areas in the curriculum
- Work with the Aboriginal community to organize NAIDOC celebration
- Celebrate and respect the traditions and beliefs of the Indigenous Culture

Parents will:

- Assist the school staff to organize NAIDOC celebrations and encourage the community to participate
- Encourage and support teachers in the Aboriginal Studies Program e.g as guest speakers, advise about cultural issues of attendance and engagement.

Staff will:

- Promote programs to encourage student participation, engagement and success (eg BluEarth, swimming lessons and excursions)
- Maintain a consistent message about the importance of wearing school uniform and abiding by school rules.
- Work with parents to develop strategies to maintain good attendance
- Continue to keep emphasis on values teaching (PATHS) in all areas of learning.