

IDENTITY

EDUCATION

WELLBEING

COMMUNITY



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 TO 2022

SCHOOL VISION

As a Catholic school community we are committed to valuing each individual child in a nurturing and inclusive environment which empowers lifelong learners.

SCHOOL VALUES

At **St Columba's**, we live the Gospel values of respect, kindness and compassion in our everyday lives.

QUALITIES OF OUR STUDENTS

At **St Columba's**, we nurture and develop a love of learning, perseverance, resilience and leadership in all our children.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The consultation phase of the Strategic Plan gave members of our school community the **opportunity to articulate their thoughts for the school's future direction.**

The School Board would like to thank the students, staff members and parents who gave their time to meet and complete the School Board Survey in preparation for the development of the School Strategic Plan. The contribution, involvement and support of all members of the staff, students and parents is essential for the ownership and implementation of the Plan, and we thank everyone for this.

The Plan is a living document; if the circumstances of the school change, then so too should the Plan. The Strategies and Priorities from our Strategic Plan will form a part of our yearly School Improvement Plan and will be reported on, back to the School Board at the end of each term and the wider school community in the annual **School Principal's Report, at the conclusion** of the school year.

Allen McMahon, Principal

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Developing the whole child – mind, heart, soul and imagination – in an environment where children feel safe to learn, discover and explore their unique identity and gifts.



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CATHOLIC IDENTITY

St Columba's Catholic Primary

School will help nurture and **develop each child's** lifelong journey in faith, inspiring them to shape and enrich the world by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives, with values such as justice, love, compassion, peace and forgiveness.

*"Love one another as Jesus loves us."
John 13:34*





CATHOLIC IDENTITY

STRATEGIES

Living gospel values in our everyday lives

Social Justice

Engaging the Catholic family

PRIORITIES

1. Embedding new and contemporary Religious Education across the school.
2. Deepening our relationship with God, by making prayer a focus.
3. **Nurturing parent's faith as the child's first** teacher.

1. A Social Justice framework for the school community.
2. Indigenous Reconciliation Plan.
3. Staff professional development – cultural immersion program.

1. Enhance our relationship with the St Columba Parish and Holy Family Catholic Parish, as well as other Catholic primary schools.
2. Fostering a meaningful relationship with Caritas, Mission Australia, St Vinnies and LifeLink .

EDUCATION

Education recognises that each human **being is a unique creation made in God's** image, possessing inherent dignity and worth.

Children learn what it means to be human, and that in Jesus Christ we have a model we can follow. It is about discovering a personal meaning in life, of liberating and empowering individuals to take charge of their own lives and contribute to the society in which they live.

With education, individuals will develop an inquiring mind, an integration of faith, life and culture to be active members of society.





EDUCATION

STRATEGIES

Vision for Learning

Enabling Resources

PRIORITIES

1. **Enhancing teaching practice to optimise children's learning.**
2. Foster inquiring minds to enable critical thinking.
3. Create opportunities to enable children to have a voice in their learning.
4. Create a school wide scope and sequence for Indigenous education.

1. Provide necessary resources to support and deliver educational programs.
2. Develop a CDP for the building of a Multi-Purpose Room



WELLBEING

At St Columba's we believe that developing wellbeing practices for the mind, body and spirit nurtures the growth of the whole child. We acknowledge that student wellbeing is essential for both academic, social and emotional development.

As a Catholic school, we are committed to positively influencing the wellbeing of all students. By providing an environment in which wellbeing practices are fostered, students will develop a meaningful connection to God, a strong sense of self and a connection to the broader community.

We believe that wellbeing is nurtured in the context of community and trusting relationships.



WELLBEING

STRATEGIES

Wellbeing across the school


A whole of school values program

PRIORITIES

1. A practical wellbeing framework for staff and students.

1. Implement a values program.

COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT

A group of children in black t-shirts are working together on a large, colorful project. They are holding up a long, curved strip of paper that has been decorated with various colors and patterns. The children are smiling and appear to be enjoying the activity. In the background, there is a brick wall and a poster with many hands raised around a yellow sun.

At St Columba's, we value a strong sense of community through the positive relationships between families, children, teachers and the wider local community.

To do this the P&F are an integral part of our school, in providing a platform for parents and families to engage and connect through both social experiences and collective effort to enhance the school community.

Developing, building and sustaining local community engagement facilitates learning and demonstrates how actions and involvement can positively influence the local environment and create meaningful impact on the lives of community members.



COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT

STRATEGIES

Local community relationships

P&F Community

PRIORITIES

1. Collaboration with local environment groups.
2. Increase Aboriginal enrolments
3. Participation and presence in local community events.
4. Community service.
5. Fostering relationships with South Perth early years networks.

1. Developing, building and sustaining community relationships.
2. Connecting parents and families with each other to build effective relationships.
3. Calendar of events for both social and engagement to enhance the school community.