



STATEMENT OF SPECIAL RELIGIOUS CHARACTER AT SACRED HEART

ENRICHING SPIRITS

EDUCATING MINDS

Introduction

Sacred Heart School was established by the Presentation Sisters in 1958 in John St Yeppoon. Due to increasing enrolments the school was relocated to its present site at Lammermoor Beach in 1991.

The guiding charism of Sacred Heart School is the love of Jesus symbolised in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This love which we commit ourselves to emulate has been described by the missionaries of the Sacred Heart founded by Jules Chevalier in 1854 as follows:

A Spirituality of the heart focuses on the love of God, for each of us personally and for all people, and it leads to a way of life that reflects the qualities of the heart of Jesus: Compassion, Mercy, Service, Prayer, Fidelity, Obedience to God's will.

The person and life of Jesus are central to the school mission statement and life of the school community.

With Jesus as our companion we honour the past by:

- Honouring our school history in the tradition of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters
- Honouring the traditions, religious practices and cultural identity of the Indigenous Australians especially the traditional custodians of this region – the Darumbal people, and of all people of our country Australia and our global community
- Honouring our Catholic Church heritage and living traditions

With Jesus as our companion we enrich the present by:

- Enriching daily living with the message of the Gospel
- Enriching school life through prayer and liturgical celebrations
- Enriching every learner through a holistic approach to education: spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical
- Enriching the school's educational programs with the inclusion of Religious Education as a Key Learning Area
- Enriching the school's physical environment with symbols of our Catholic Heritage and visual displays of our School Logo, Motto and Mission Statement
- Enriching community life through partnerships with parents, parish and the wider community

- Enriching the life of our parish by being a vibrant entity giving witness to our Catholic faith and heritage
- Enriching the uniqueness of each individual created by God through the encouragement and celebration of individual gifts and talents and through the promotion of creativity and enjoyment
- Enriching relationships through school structures which encourage the staff to work in teams giving witness to the Christian values of co-operation, collaboration and right relationships
- Enriching the school community through the recognition of diversity in religious practice, cultural experiences, physical and learning abilities, interests and learning styles and by the promotion of inclusive practices which identify and respond to the needs of all students

With Jesus as our companion we shape the future by:

- Shaping individuals who follow Jesus and have a sense of justice, personal integrity, respect for human dignity and hope for the future
- Shaping individuals who respect and nurture God's gifts of life in humanity and in the environment
- Shaping individuals who can strive to bring the Good News to the world in which they live

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