



At St Francis’ Catholic Primary School, we believe that children are beautifully and wonderfully made: they make God’s world a better place.

With Christ as our guide:
we pray together to nurture faith; we learn together to seek truth;
we look to our future with hope; we aspire to be the light;
to make our school a place of joy.



What we want for children...

Pray	Learn	Hope	Aspire
Faith: Children will develop a deeper relationship with God; and a deeper understanding of our faith and that of others.	Knowledge: Children will gain key skills and essential knowledge to learn about the world around them.	Optimism: Children will be supported to be the best they can be, because we believe in them.	Excellence: Children will be given opportunities to shine within a broad and balanced curriculum.
Stewardship: Children will appreciate and care for God’s world through Catholic Social Teaching.	Reading: Children will be immersed in a love for reading quality texts, enabling access to wider areas of learning.	Talents: Children’s individual talents and interests will be nurtured so that school is a place of joy for each one of them.	Ambition: Children will be ambitious in their goals and dreams and there will be no limits on what they can achieve.
Service: Children will meet the needs of others with compassion and love.	Behaviour: Children will be encouraged to be ready to learn, respectful of the learning others and safe in the classroom and playground.	Future: Children will have successful transitions, approaching their next stage of learning with confidence.	Pride: Children will take pride in their learning, their school and themselves.

This means we will ...

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Faith: We will lead liturgies which provide every child the opportunity to pray, both out loud and in the silence of their hearts. We will nurture children in the traditions of our Catholic faith. We will share our respect for the faith of others.	Knowledge: We will help children commit essential knowledge to long term memory. We will ensure teacher subject knowledge inspires children’s thirst to learn. “Our curriculum should whisper to our children ‘you belong. You did not come from nowhere. You are one of us. All this came before you, and one day you too might add to it.’” <i>Ben Newmark</i>	Optimism: We will start with the belief that all children can achieve. We set up our classrooms to be inclusive, low- sensory environments, ready for children to learn. We plan our lessons using approaches rooted in research and evidence.	Excellence: We teach with fidelity to our carefully constructed curriculum so that children have an excellent and equitable education. We know learning is urgent so no time is wasted: we will be ready to teach. Through oracy, we will empower our children to be effective speakers and listeners; to better understand themselves and to find their voice to succeed in school and life.
Stewardship: We will introduce children to Catholic Social Teaching to make God’s world a better and fairer place for everyone. We will teach children to value and care for the environment; recognising it as a gift from God and understanding their responsibility to protect and preserve it for the children of the future. This starts with our own school environment.	Reading: We will ensure each child leaves this school a reader. We will carefully curate a journey through diverse and inspiring quality texts.	Talents: At our school, all children are known by name and loved for who they are. We will make the effort to get to know the talents, interests and skills of every child. We will enrich our curriculum with opportunities for every child to feel joy.	Ambition: We will be ambitious for children’s cultural capital. We understand that granular developmental feedback is essential to maximise progress. We will inspire children’s ambition for future success, to make their world a better place.
Service: We will embody Xavier’s mission: ‘called to serve’. We will inspire the children to be active members of school community and wider communities within our parish, Trust and global family. We will facilitate opportunities for the children to contribute to causes which are close to their hearts.	Behaviour: We will ensure all children develop good learning habits for them to become self-disciplined. We have the highest expectations of children’s behaviour to ensure the highest standards of learning can take place. We will create an environment where children are taught to respect and support each other and accept responsibility and consequences for their own actions. Our routines will be relentless and consistent so that our school is a reliable and predictable place to be.	Future: Our children will feel welcomed and that they belong in our school. We will ensure that children keep up rather than having to catch up with learning as they progress through our school. We will work in partnership with parents and colleagues at every stage. We will support children to be discerning and safe digital citizens, using technology as a tool to succeed.	Pride: This school is everyone’s responsibility, and we all deserve to feel proud of it. We will follow and enforce our rules about presentation, uniform, behaviour, dress code and environment. We don’t walk past something that isn’t good enough.