

St James' Parish School

Sebastopol



Excellence, Service, Relationships
Better Me Better You Better Us

We aspire to be an authentic example of a Christ-centred learning community which empowers students to bear witness as responsible and independent members of society.

Education in Faith

- ❖ Inform, form and transform learners and teachers by engaging them with the intellectual, ethical and spiritual richness of the Catholic tradition.
- ❖ Provide an education in faith that actively lives out and promotes Gospel values.

Learning & Teaching

- ❖ Provide relevant and purposeful feedback to our students and their families so that both school and home work together to support the child's learning.
- ❖ Create a learning environment that stimulates thinking, nurtures creativity and promotes active learning.
- ❖ Immerse students in many and varied learning experiences.
- ❖ Create a culture of excellence in all pursuits.
- ❖ Use evidence from assessment to inform planning and focussed teaching.
- ❖ Make available appropriate levels of support and adjustment where needed.
- ❖ Provide effective information and communication technologies.

Student Well-Being

- ❖ Recognise the unique characteristics, interests, abilities and needs of each student.
- ❖ Ensure a safe, secure and stimulating environment in which to learn and play.
- ❖ Ensure a positive and consistent approach to student discipline.
- ❖ Promote a sense of responsibility for self and others.
- ❖ Offer a dynamic methodology which provide opportunities for students to meet personal goals and potential.
- ❖ Build positive relationships through knowing and valuing each student.
- ❖ Embrace parents in the planning and implementation of inclusive school strategies.

School Community

- ❖ Develop a sense of belonging in a community where all members have rights and responsibilities.
- ❖ Develop a strong sense of community characterised by positive relationships.
- ❖ Foster parents' participation in and contribution to the overall life of the school.
- ❖ Develop a positive and consistent image and reputation for the school, strongly linked to our values.
- ❖ Recognise the importance of connectedness of the school to the community and society more generally.

Leadership & Management

- ❖ Achieve a professional, coordinated approach to structures and processes, including human resources, financial management, asset management, information technology, risk management and administration.
- ❖ Ensure staff provide quality progressive educational leadership.
- ❖ Provide buildings and facilities that meet the needs of the students, parents and staff.