



# Charism

MANDURAH CATHOLIC COLLEGE



# CHARISM

The word charism, in the tradition of the Church, refers to spiritual gifts used for the service of the whole community. These gifts or graces of the Holy Spirit are given to individuals and groups for the sake of others.

A Catholic Christian school draws upon this rich heritage of spiritual gifts to formulate its own unique way of being and giving service to all. The central influence on the charism of our College is the person of Jesus Christ. All charisms seek to provide a pathway through which a school community might interpret and give voice to the centrality of Jesus Christ.

This charism document seeks to outline how we as a College community interpret and create a pathway for our students, staff and community to follow, using our spiritual gifts in service to all.

## PATRONAGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family were chosen as the Patrons of the College as they are an inspiration to the students and staff in their pursuit of learning and faith development. The Interim School Board agreed to the College being placed under the patronage of the Holy Family at its inception. A Secondary Catholic School was requested by the families of the Peel Region, who petitioned the Bishop to open one. Mandurah Catholic College was started by families, for families in the Mandurah area, and so the Holy Family were fitting patrons for a College founded on the family unit.

The Holy Family of Nazareth – the child Jesus with his mother Mary and foster father Joseph is a popular and traditional subject of devotion. Mandurah Catholic College draws inspiration and direction from the stories of how our patron saints exemplified particular gifts of the Spirit. The Holy Family is a symbol and example of what we, as Christians and Catholics, aspire to become in the daily living of our lives. The College strives to uphold and affirm traditional family values, in particular having high moral standards and discipline, honesty, truthfulness and sincerity, integrity, kindness and perseverance.

Patrons' Day is the day on which the whole College gathers together to pay respect to the Holy Family.

## SPIRITUALITY OF THE FAMILY

*‘Jesus said. “For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name”  
(Ephesians 3:14 – 15)*



# COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Our College is a learning community seeking truth by living out the Gospel values through the Catholic faith and by promoting the holistic and optimal development of each person.

We challenge our members to:

- Seek Truth
- Live out the Gospel Values of Peace & Hope, Learning, Faith and Love
- Cultivate a love of learning
- Develop their God-given gifts and talents
- To make a positive contribution to society

## COLLEGE MOTTO

The motto, "Seek Truth", comes directly from the aims of the College. There is always a need to seek and the word itself implies effort and a willingness to work according to one's capacity. Truth is the object of all discovery, implying a search for an ideal and never being satisfied with mediocrity. The ultimate truth is God, who is the object of all our seeking. (1991)

## SPIRITUALITY OF SEEKING TRUTH

*'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14.6)*

## COLLEGE LOGO

The logo of the College is a cross within a circle. The cross symbolises the sacrifice that we, as Christians, must make to ensure that we leave this world a better place, while the circle symbolises the eternal and all-encompassing nature of our God.

## OUR VALUES

We are striving to Seek Truth through our community realising their full Christian potential by following the values of the Holy Family.

We promote kindness and respect through the values of:

- Peace & Hope
- Learning
- Faith
- Love

# PEACE & HOPE

At MCC we believe that **PEACE & HOPE** means to live in harmony with all of God's creation. This promotes inner freedom and desire for a relationship with God and with others.

Our members display the value of **Peace & Hope** through **respect, tolerance, dignity** and **forgiveness**.

Reflected in valuing others' stories, openness to diversity, seeing the potential in others and self and developing positive relationships.

# LEARNING

At MCC we believe that **LEARNING** is an ability to marvel at the complexity of the created world. It promotes a desire to seek an understanding in order to live in harmony.

Our members display the value of **Learning** through **persistence, integrity, respect** and **equality**.

Reflected in doing our best, fostering lifelong learning, participating fully in the learning process and embracing all learning styles.

# FAITH

At MCC we believe that **FAITH** is a gift from God. It promotes the development of a personal and harmonious relationship with him.

Our members display the value of **Faith** through **truth, honesty, respect** and **integrity**.

Reflected in imitating Christ, being sincere, respecting self and honouring the teachings of Jesus.

# LOVE

At MCC we believe that **LOVE** is the basis of all humanity. It promotes the selfless act of Jesus and helps us to become more like him in order to live harmoniously with others.

Our members display the value of **Love** through **service, compassion, empathy** and **acceptance**.

Reflected in advocating for others, showing sympathy to others, identifying with others and sense of belonging.

# COLLEGE PRAYER

Dear Lord,  
Bless us the people of Mandurah Catholic College,  
that we may be guided to do right each day and to seek your truth.

Though we travel together through good times and bad,  
let us always remember the example of the Holy Family.

Mary, Mother of God and mother to all,  
help us to be as faithful as servant to God as you were.

Joseph, earthly Father of Jesus, you showed unconditional love,  
help us to love and care in this way also.

Jesus, Son of God the Father, watch over us.  
May our College be a place of Peace & Hope, Learning, Faith and Love.  
Amen.

## COLLEGE SONG

### SEEK TRUTH AND FIND THE WAY

#### Verse 1

Did you hear the angels in the bush the other day  
Calling out God's holy name in places where we play?  
How the bush-land came alive in wonder of it all;  
Sun-silvered trees danced proud and tall and native wildlife called.

#### Chorus

Seek Truth in our school; Seek Truth in our hearts,  
Seek Truth in a changing world; our God will light the way.  
Seek Truth as friends grow; Seek Truth in all we do;  
Seek Truth in wisdom, age and grace, and so our world renew.

#### Verse 2

We come together in this place to grow and learn and pray;  
Our thanks to God who cares for us with blessings every day.  
May the Holy Family be our guide in every thing we do.  
We'll trust and hope and work for peace, a better world pursue.

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