

“to be the best that we can be”

Our Vision Statement

St Joseph's seeks to be a community where all our actions, permeated by Gospel values, are directed to fully developing the talents of all through active partnership with home, parish and the wider community. We strive to be the best that we can be, to be able to face the future with confidence and take up the challenges of the modern world.

Statement from Governors

We recognise that the family role is paramount. God has given parents and carers the duty to educate their children to the best of their ability and we can supplement their efforts and dedication by offering professional Christian guidance and teaching applicable to the age and ability of all our students. Our vision is built upon the principle of equality of opportunity for all, and:

the Recognition that we are a caring Catholic community permeated by Gospel values which seeks to develop the talents of all. It follows that there needs to be an awareness and recognition of the value and uniqueness of every individual within the College, and a positive effort to further develop this uniqueness. We nurture all the young people in our care so that they feel safe and develop a sense of respect for themselves, for others and for their environment. As the only Catholic secondary school in our area, we offer a unique educational experience across the full secondary age range.

the Respect that we are part of a much wider community in active partnership with students, parents, parishes, our local school partners, alumni and the world of work. Students and parents are encouraged to play an active part in all aspects of College life. We recognise the vital contributions made by the parishes and our local Catholic partner schools and we seek ways to recognise that commitment. In preparing our young people for life we make every effort to incorporate outside organisations in all our planning and implementation of teaching content. We are actively involved in a work-related curriculum and ensure that this principle is paramount in all our planning

the Responsibility to prepare our students to face the future with confidence and take up the challenges of modern life. We ensure that our young people have the relevant life skills to take a fully active part in society. We must promote individual talents, skills, interests, abilities and responsibilities to help students become the best that they can be. Our concern is for the whole person and recognises the special needs, strengths and weaknesses of every individual when providing help and support as well as spiritual guidance.

In spiritual terms, we must be involved through Christian example and teaching in developing in every individual an awareness, understanding and, where appropriate, practice of the Catholic Faith.

In academic terms, we must ensure that the College sets challenging targets and ensures the highest quality of teaching and learning so that our students can become the best that they can be.

In social terms, we offer a safe physical and emotional environment within the College, believing that every student needs the appropriate guidance, support, care and assistance to develop as confident and competent members of the society that awaits them after schooling ends. Central to this is the right of every student, no matter what the circumstances, to her or his good name.