

St Patrick's Primary School Gympie



POLICY DOCUMENT

Teaching and Learning

VISION STATEMENT

St. Patrick's Primary School partners with parents and the community to develop Christian character and individual excellence.

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that:

We are a Christian Community, in the Catholic tradition, living out the values of the Gospels, with Jesus as our model.

Parents are the primary educators of their children. We value and promote cooperative partnerships between parents, school and the wider community.

It is important to provide opportunities which challenge and inspire. All members of the school community are encouraged to achieve individual excellence.

BROAD STRATEGIC GOALS

St Patrick's School will promote and develop an authentic Catholic community working towards Christ's mission in our world.

St. Patrick's School will promote and enhance quality teaching and learning.

St. Patrick's School will provide a quality, attractive and functional teaching and learning environment and be committed to processes of reflection, review and ongoing renewal.

St. Patrick's School will promote and enhance positive relationships within and beyond the school community.

RATIONALE

St. Patrick's Primary School affirms the belief that we are a community of diverse individuals who are all capable of learning through an active, collaborative and lifelong process. Our Catholic Christian tradition is an integral part of our learning environment. Our learners are valued and treated with dignity and justice.

VALUES

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5: 14-16*

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching. For he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes. *Matthew 7: 28-29*

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. *Mark 4: 33-34*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. *Proverbs 1: 7*

Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray. *Proverbs 22: 6*

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. *Matthew 28: 19-20*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. *Acts 2: 42*

And everyday in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. *Acts 5: 42*

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12: 2*

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. *2 Timothy 1: 13*

Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us. *Titus 2: 7-8*

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. *Isaiah 64: 8*

POLICY STATEMENT

Teaching and learning at St Patrick’s Primary School empowers all learners in our community to understand, shape and enrich our changing world, by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

POLICY CONSEQUENCES

<i>Learning occurs when individuals are engaged in the process</i>	<i>Knowledge and understanding are constructed through inquiry and active investigation</i>	<i>Learning caters for the diverse needs and learning styles of the learners</i>
The contribution made by parents, school, parish and community to the learning process is valued	Teachers have a strong commitment to quality teaching and learning grounded in current research	Opportunities for learning arise from personal, shared and world experiences.
Learning gives witness to the Gospel by integrating faith, life and culture	Learning is grounded in a strong educational framework	Learning takes place in a safe and supportive environment
Learners are given opportunities to express and celebrate their faith	Learning caters for different stages of development by being flexible and outcomes oriented	Learners are given the opportunity to contribute back to the community
All success is acknowledged		

Appendix: St Patrick’s Primary School Policy for Teaching and Learning fits within the guidelines of the BCE Learning Framework

