OUR SCHOOL

MERCY VALUES
About Our School

VISION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Primary takes great pride in our traditions, multiculturalism and strong Gospel values. We provide a caring school community, which nurtures the integrity and gentleness of each individual.

Our staff model respect and honesty through their authentic and genuine relationships with parents and students. We believe all people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Our whole school community shows kindness, care and understanding. We work together as compassionate and empathetic people to offer moral support of the highest level to children and staff. At Our Lady of Mercy we pride ourselves on demonstrating tolerance and acceptance for every individual.

Our School is committed to Religious Education, Sacramental celebrations and traditional teachings of the Bible. We promote tolerance, compassion and forgiveness by living through the example of Jesus and applying Christ's values to everyday life. Our school celebrates diversity and nurtures cultural equality. Through empathy, trust and honesty, we provide students with the foundations for developing a meaningful relationship with God and with one another. We create an atmosphere where children can develop sensitivity to others and to live in harmony.

Our Lady of Mercy Primary School encourages openness in relationships among all members of the school community and upholds a strong sense of belonging. We respect and value the needs of each individual child. We give all students the opportunity to develop the relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to achieve their academic and social goals. Our school fosters a trusting environment where children can grow as confident and independent learners.

We nurture the spiritual, intellectual and social potential of each child and assist children to improve self-management skills and develop the ability to make informed choices. We create and encourage an atmosphere where individual talents and contributions are respected and valued. We acknowledge the parent's role in their child's education and encourage partnership.

The dedication of our passionate teachers is highly valued. With a positive, welcoming and friendly atmosphere and approachable staff, our school has a strong sense of harmony. This makes Our Lady of Mercy a sought after school of choice. We maintain a strong, whole school discipline policy supported by our fair and supportive Principal and leadership team, which fosters respect for students and promotes the morals and values of our school. The needs of all students are catered for effectively through the provision of Educational Assistants and are further supported through structures that are in place for students at educational risk, as well as talented and gifted students.

We work collaboratively to provide engaging programs that ensure educational excellence, this includes networking with neighbouring schools. Seeking clarification, sharing resources, making consistent judgements and professional conversations are school priorities. We empower students to become critical thinkers by teaching them the tools to effectively access and sort information. Modern technology and digital resources are incorporated to prepare students for living in a technological and changing society. Diagnostic, formative and summative assessments are used as tools to facilitate student progress and as a basis for constructive feedback. Through collaboration and reflection, student's needs are catered for to achieve their maximum potential.

We create faithful leaders of tomorrow. Students are provided with the necessary tools and strategies for life-long learning. Learning experiences are purposeful and driven. Students leave Our Lady of Mercy Primary School equipped with the knowledge and skills required to deal with and work through life's challenges.
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“You should be like a shining lamp giving light to all around you”
Catherine McAuley

Catherine encouraged all who worked with her to be a like shining lamp. The Mercy value of service is about helping others. You help others because it is what God wants you to do, and you don’t ask for pocket money or some other reward in return. You might also help your teachers, the environment and animals.
“The mercy value of justice is about being responsible for one another and trying our best to be fair by taking our turn and sharing. It is about trying to make sure everyone is treated fairly and justly.”

Catherine quote’s – a generous way to live! She believed that everyone was entitled to the best, or as close to the best as possible. Does that resonate with how we operate today?
INTEGRITY

“**Integrity** is being true to yourself. It is about being the best version of yourself that you can be. Integrity is being responsible for your actions.”

Integrity is being true to yourself: We admit our mistakes, we have the courage to do what is right, we are honest and trustworthy in our dealings with others, we act in a way that is true to our Christian values.

Bible Links
The Lost Son: **Luke 15: 11-32**
Love: **Corinthians 13: 4-8**
Paul’s prayer: **Ephesians 3:15-19**
COMPASSION

“The mercy value of compassion is about loving and caring for your family and friends, and about showing kindness to people who are feeling sad or upset to help them feel better. The mercy value of compassion is about feeling that you can make a difference.”

Compassion has a lot to do with our attitude. We know Jesus was a person who lived and showed compassion. Compassion is about ‘our hearts burning within us’ - burning with the desire to live like Jesus; to be loving, caring people. Reference to Catherine’s dream, to provide safe accommodation for young, poor women and for children in need. Reference to ‘knowing’ inside ourselves. Learning to understand and respect that. Follow your dreams. Catherine’s quote speaks for itself – the value of friendship and support.
RESPECT

“The mercy value of respect is about recognising the gifts and talents of the people around you. It is also about being responsible for our own actions and our own choices.”

We are all made in the image of God.

All of life reflects God.”

If we really believe we are made in the image of God, that each person is made in the image of God, what might that mean for us?

What challenges does this pose for us?

Bible Links
Jesus Washes His Disciples’ Feet: John 13: 12-17
"Excellence is about setting high goals. The mercy value of excellence is about trying your very best in everything that you do. It doesn’t matter if something is new and really hard, or something you do every day – you give it 100% effort every time."

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