

Serving God

As Christians, we are called to serve God in our neighbour. We expect all our pupils to:

- treat all members of the school community - adults and fellow students - with dignity and respect
- support the school's policy of zero tolerance of bullying
- avoid name-calling
- avoid lifting their hands or feet to others
- avoid isolating other pupils
- welcome new pupils to the school.

We encourage all pupils to reach out to the disadvantaged in our own society and in the developing world by:

- contributing food parcels for senior citizens and gifts for disadvantaged children during Advent;
- giving generous financial support to international charities during Lent;
- joining the Community Involvement Group, SVDP, Pro-life, Fair Trade and other voluntary groups.

On leaving Turnbull, we hope that our pupils will go into society, committed to social justice and prepared to make a difference to the lives of others.

How Can You Help?

At Home

When you presented your child for Baptism, the priest reminded you that you would be the *'first educators of your child'* and prayed *'that you might be the best of educators'*. The school exists to support you in your role as the primary Christian educators of your child.

- Children live what they learn. As adults, we are called to give witness in our lives to the gospel values of love, forgiveness, justice, peace, truth and holiness.
- Try to make some time for family prayer.
- Try to attend Church as a family.
- Discuss moral issues which arise in newspapers or on TV.

In Partnership with the School

- Attend the S1 Welcome Mass.
- Attend the Exam/Leavers Mass.
- Encourage your son/daughter to give generously to school charity campaigns.
- Encourage him/her to respect other people and treat them fairly.
- Ask to see the R.E. jotter and discuss some of the themes.



A Community of Faith

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A Community of Faith

Turnbull High School aspires to be a community of faith engaged in learning.

Our mission is not just to be a building where Catholics come to school. Rather, we aim to be a community where the values of the Gospel are lived out in the daily life of the school. By endeavouring to live out our shared Christian values, we hope to provide a good example for young people and to reinforce the example given in the home. An important part of our mission is to enable young people to grow in the knowledge, love and service of God and their neighbour.

The word 'Catholic' is derived from the ancient Greek '*katholos*' meaning '*welcoming all*'. Turnbull High promotes respect for the dignity of each human being irrespective of their gender, race or religion.

This leaflet is intended to provide information for parents and carers on how we seek to fulfil this important mission and how we aim to support you in your role as the principal educators of your children.

Knowing God

The school enables young people to grow in the knowledge of God and His creation by:

- a well resourced and structured Religious Education programme from S1-S6, delivered by specialist RE staff and committed generalist teachers
- visits by the chaplain to classrooms at the invitation of the pupils and/or the teacher to discuss certain aspects of Church teaching
- visiting speakers from SCIAF and other voluntary agencies
- a personal and social education programme, including human relationships, in keeping with the teaching of the Church
- an annual conference for S6 students which explores a major social issue from a Christian perspective.

The moral development of young people is not restricted to the Religious Education department, but is the responsibility of the whole-school. The contribution of other subjects include dealing within a Christian context with issues such as:

- the developing world in Geography
- racism in Modern Studies
- the Holocaust in History
- cloning and other bio-ethical issues in Biology.

Loving God

As a Catholic school, we provide opportunities for young people to grow spiritually. The school chaplain plays a pivotal role in the liturgical life of the school, supported by the volunteer members of our Catholic Ethos committee. We are grateful for the support of our partner parishes for providing their churches and parish halls for Masses and Retreats. We also encourage our pupils to be active members of their parish communities.

We encourage young people to grow in the love of God by:

- beginning and ending the school day with special prayers composed by pupils
- celebrating lunch-time Masses in the oratory
- organising a programme of day retreats
- celebrating Masses on Holidays of Obligation, House Masses on Patronal Feasts and end-of-term Community Masses
- celebrating Class Reconciliation services during Advent and Lent
- celebrating the November Mass for Deceased Pupils and Staff
- providing other opportunities during the year for spiritual growth: for example, Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary.