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Turnbull High School, Level 1, 2021-2024

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LETTER FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our June newsletter. As we enter into the final weeks of term, I hope you enjoy reading about some of what has been happening across our school community.

SQA Exam Diet 2025

The SQA Exam diet for 2025 is almost complete. Results Day is Tuesday 5th August. **MySQA** is SQA's online and text results service allowing candidates to receive their results from 8am on results day. It's also a helpful resource to check the personal information SQA holds for each candidate, including SQA qualifications previously achieved.

To register for MySQA, pupils will need their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) and a valid email address. They can find their SCN on their SCN card issued prior to study leave or a previous SQA certificate. Anyone who cannot find their SCN should contact their Pastoral Care teacher or year head. You can access mySQA using the link below:

[Sign up for MySQA](#)

Class of 2025

On Wednesday 23rd April we bid a very fond farewell to 'The Class of 2025'. Parents, staff and pupils were able to join together in a day of celebration and fun, thanks to the impeccable behaviour of our S6 students. We wish them all well as they embark on the next stage of their life journey.

Celebrations will continue with the Caritas Awards Ceremony taking place on Thursday 5th June at the Clyde Auditorium and the S5/6 Prom being held on Wednesday 4th June at the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld.

Induction Days

On Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th May we hosted our P7 Induction Days. Pupils spent these days following their planned timetables, getting to know key staff and meeting new friends. We look forward to welcoming our incoming S1 cohort into our school community in August.

Award Ceremonies

Our BGE awards will take place at the end of term. Look out for a full list of award winners in our August edition of the Turnbull Times.

Well done to all our award winners on their successes and achievements.

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Staffing

After many years of outstanding service to Turnbull High School, Mrs Connachie will be retiring at the end of this academic session. On behalf of the pupils, parents and staff, I would like to thank Mrs Connachie for her significant contribution to our school community and wish her a long and happy retirement.

We would also like to thank our NQTs: Miss Tunney, Mr Lindsay and Mr Saberi for their contribution to our school community over this academic session. We congratulate them on the successful completion of their probation year and wish them well in their future careers.

School Improvement Plan

Many thanks to parents who responded to our parent survey and school improvement plan consultation. These responses have been considered alongside those from pupils, staff and partners. This analysis has been used to inform our School Improvement Plan for session 2025/26. A summary of this collaborative plan can be found on page 3.

Uniform

Turnbull High School has been renowned for our excellent standard of uniform over many years, however, I am disappointed to report that there has been a dip in this standard.

A number of students are wearing leggings, cropped tops and branded footwear to school on a regular basis. These do not conform to our agreed uniform policy and I would ask for parental support in ensuring these items are not worn to school.

There has also been a drop in the number of pupils wearing a school blazer. This is an important part of our uniform and I ask that you encourage your son/daughter to wear their school blazer travelling to school and moving around the school.

Your support in restoring our excellent uniform standard is greatly appreciated. We can only achieve this with your support as parents. Full details of our dress code can be found on pages 13 of this newsletter. When purchasing uniform for session 25/26 I would ask that you please be cognisant of this dress code and support us in returning to our excellent standards.

Reading Schools – GOLD

I am very pleased to inform parents and carers that Turnbull High School has received notification of our Reading Schools Gold accreditation. This award recognises the hard work the school has put in to building and sustaining a reading culture, and the range of support available to encourage all staff, learners and their families/carers to engage with the positive benefits of reading for pleasure.

Learning for Sustainability

I am also delighted to share that Turnbull's Learning for Sustainability journey has been featured on Education Scotland's sharing best practice website. <https://education.gov.scot/professional-learning/video-resource-library/learning-for-sustainability-in-practice/>

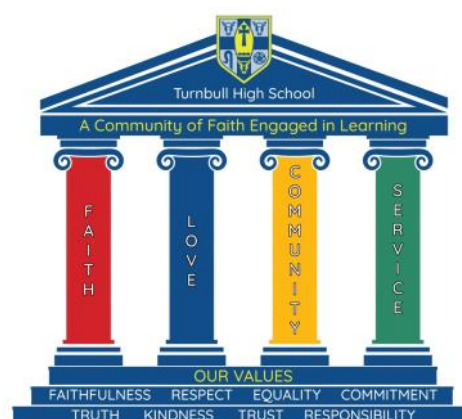
Holiday Arrangements

School will close at 1pm on Wednesday 25th June.

School will re-open to pupils on Thursday 14th August at 9am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for continuing support over this past session.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer break.



School Improvement Plan 2025-2026

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As we look ahead to the next academic session, we are pleased to share our School Improvement Plan - a collaborative roadmap shaped through meaningful consultation with our pupils, parents, staff, and partners.

This shared effort reflects our commitment to continuous growth and excellence in education. We are deeply grateful to everyone who engaged in the consultation process to help us identify priorities and achievable goals for the future of our school community.

PRIORITY 1 - HOW WE GROW

Continue to strengthen relationships and wellbeing across the school community

INTENDED OUTCOME	ASSOCIATED TASKS
Positive relationships exist across the school community and children's rights are learned and lived.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further develop common understanding and commitment to the virtues associated with our school values through Patronal Feast Day and Themed Assemblies Continue to work towards achieving RRS Gold Award
Continue to enhance supports to promote wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update wellbeing policy Complete analysis of SHINE survey 2025 and implement action plan based on findings
All stakeholders are informed and make a conscious contribution to our inclusive school community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Equalities and Inclusion Policy and implement identified training requirements Engage with EDC training (Equally Safe at School, The Promise & Trauma Informed Practice)

PRIORITY 2 - HOW WE LEARN

Continue to refine the learning experience of our young people to enhance their engagement, enjoyment and successes

INTENDED OUTCOME	ASSOCIATED TASKS
Learning outcomes are improved through a continuing review of our curriculum and pedagogy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete review of BGE courses Develop programme of quality assurance and training to ensure continuing focus and development of Building Learning Power (BLP) Further development of Literacy across Learning (incorporating EDC literacy strategy and dyslexia guidance) Implement EDC and THS Digital Learning Strategy

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PRIORITY 2 - HOW WE LEARN—Cont'd

Continue to refine the learning experience of our young people to enhance their engagement, enjoyment and successes

INTENDED OUTCOME	ASSOCIATED TASKS
Learning outcomes are improved through a continuing focus on meeting learner needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to engage with EDC CIRCLE training programme Review curriculum delivery for pupils experiencing emotional based school avoidance (EBSA) Further develop the use of assistive technologies
Pupils are equipped with the essential skills they need to thrive in a constantly changing world, both in education and in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete SDS Metaskills training Implement SDS Metaskills framework

PRIORITY 3 - EQUITY

To close the gap between the most and least advantaged pupils

INTENDED OUTCOME	ASSOCIATED TASKS
To improve the attainment and achievement of pupils within our equity cohort.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use data analysis of equity cohort and feedback from Pupil Forum to develop action plan to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> minimise the impact of the cost of the school day support pupils in being ready to learn improve wellbeing improve attainment and skills development

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHAPLAINCY

Follow our RE and Chaplaincy department on Twitter and Instagram for more updates and spiritual well-being resources @turnbullhs_re

March Update

It has been a while since I have managed to get an update in the Turnbull Times or on our blog- it has been such a busy year so far! Here are just a few insights into the last few months at the Turnbull High School RE department!

Our amazing Caritas class raising funds and awareness for Aid to the Church in Need!



Our Caritas class leading the Rosary on our Patronal Feast Day

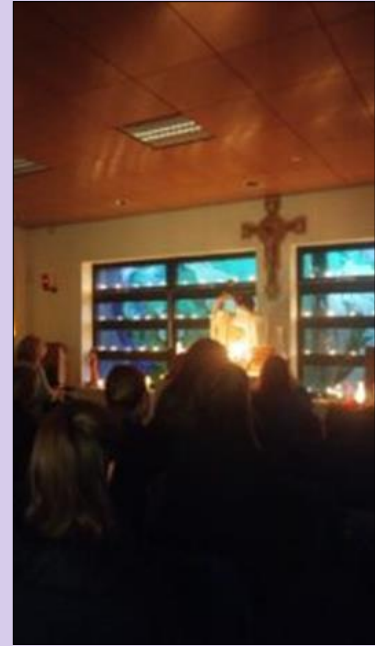


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S2 after their AGAP Rosary Drama workshop



Our Advent Rorate Mass



In other news, our first ever Higher RMPS class are doing really well and have just finished their assignment. Our S2 pupils are just completing their SQA Religion Beliefs and Values award on Jesus as the Son of God. Our successful Caritas pupils have been submitted for their award and everyone in the class has achieved a combination of the Caritas Award, two units of the SQA Religion Beliefs and Values at Level 6 and the Saltire Award!



Taking our donations of baby products to the Sisters of the Gospel of Life at the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life initiative who provide support to families who are struggling.

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One of our lovely S1 classes after receiving a presentation and the gift of a New Testament from 'Good News For Everyone' formerly, The Gideons.



Our S3 pupils participating in their NET retreat.

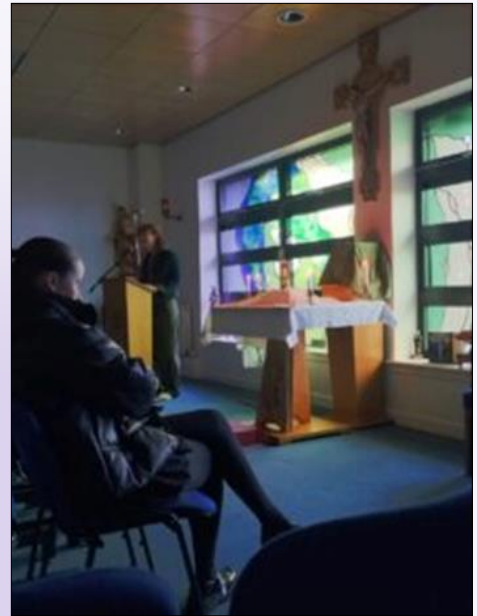
Our S3 pupils benefiting from a presentation on the 5K's from one of their peers during our topic on Sikhism.



Our brand new outdoor stations of the cross were blessed and prayed for the first time at the start of Lent.

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Some pupils praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament during a retreat.



Our S3 pupils meeting priests and religious as part of our S3 Vocations Conference

S5 studying the scriptures at their FireCloud Retreat



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S2 pupils sending cards to Pope Francis while he is in hospital



As part of our school almsgiving, the RE department hosted a sponsored silence during which BGE pupils had to keep shtum for a whole period!

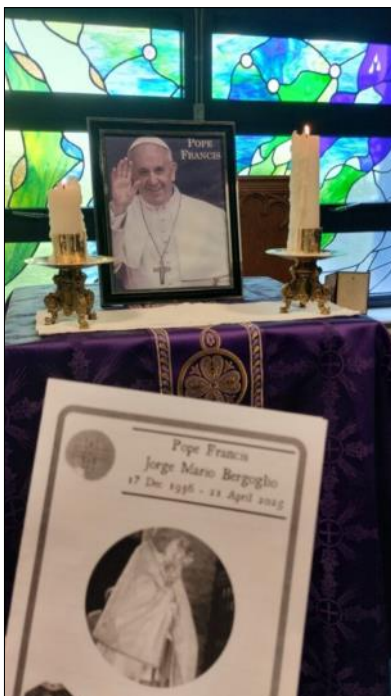
Well done and thank you to all pupils and their families for raising an incredible £927. 95. This does not include the donations made to the foodbank. Well done to one of our S1 pupils who raised a very substantial sum.



April Update

As the young people have been learning in class, the resurrection is the miracle of miracles- the central belief of Christianity because, if it is true, then Jesus really is the Son of God and he really has defeated sin and death. S1 have studied the account of the Holy Women in Mark's gospel, S2 are studying Luke's account and examining the various 'empty tomb theories' and S3 are focusing on the

road to Emmaus, covering the post resurrection appearances. So happy Easter! And remember that Easter continues for fifty days- longer than Lent!



It is with this hope of the resurrection that we heard the news of the death of Pope Francis. As the funeral Mass says, 'life is changed, not ended' and so we commend Francis' soul to the mercy of God as his life finds it's fulfillment. Our Friday prayers that week were led by Miss Morrison and the CREDO club who guided us through a service, praying for the Pope.

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S1 Pilgrimage 2025

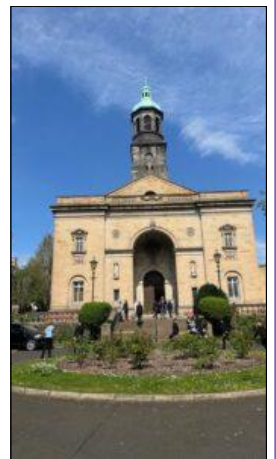
It was the first day of May, the month of Mary and the feast of St Joseph the worker. What better day to make a pilgrimage? And what better day to learn about how we can become saints. A group of S1 made the journey to St Patrick's Church in the Cowgate, Edinburgh to visit the national shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair.

Pupils enjoyed a presentation from the dedicated team of volunteers about this ordinary girl who is on the path to sainthood. Learning about the joys and sufferings of an ordinary live at the turn of the century, our young people gained a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus- not being boring and cut off, and not necessarily by receiving great revelations from God, but through the ordinary things of life, done with love for God and others.

Then pupils made a prayer walk around the church, pausing to ask questions about the many relics of the saints and works of art that have been brought there by the new Oratorian community. Deepening their understanding of the church building, the young people revisited many foundational beliefs and practices including why and how we genuflect, the real presence, baptism at the font, May crowning of the statue of Our Lady, veneration of the saints, intercession, the power of the Holy Spirit, the Litany of St Joseph and the Angelus. The pupils participated in a Mass that was reverent and beautifully celebrated with the priest addressing them in his homily on St Joseph and the holiness of offering our daily work to God, and finding Him in it.

After a picnic in the sun, we walked to Blackfriars Street where venerable Margaret used to live and on our return, the chairman of the canonisation committee gave a talk on the process by which a person is declared a saint.

The young people were perhaps the most respectful, inquisitive and affable group that we have every taken on this trip. They were an absolute credit to the school and to their families. We hope that they were inspired to consider how they might invite God into their everyday life, to love Him in the Blessed Sacrament and to discover a life of prayer.



Young Carers' Action Day – 2025

On Wednesday, March 12th, Turnbull High School proudly celebrated *Young Carers Action Day* by offering a well-deserved break to some of its most hardworking and selfless pupils – its young carers.

To mark the national awareness day, young carers at the school were given the opportunity to take part in specially arranged activities aimed at promoting wellbeing and relaxation. Pupils could choose from a range of options, from calm, peaceful spaces to physical activities. Refreshments, including drinks and snacks, were provided throughout the morning.

The event also gave pupils the chance to unwind, chat with others in similar situations, and forge new friendships. A highlight of the day was seeing several S1 students meet peers from other year groups and begin building a support network that will last well beyond the day itself. For some, it was also the first time they received their official *Young Carers card*, a small but powerful symbol of recognition for their vital role at home.

Young Carers Action Day is an annual event that shines a spotlight on the incredible contributions of young people who help care for family members. Turnbull High School's recognition of this important day underlines its ongoing commitment to supporting the mental health, wellbeing, and social inclusion of all pupils.

Mrs McBride and Mrs Kerr expressed their pride in the school's young carers, many of whom balance their studies with significant responsibilities at home. "It's essential that these students know they're seen, supported, and celebrated." Mrs Kerr said.

As the morning wrapped up, many young carers left with smiles on their faces, new friends by their sides, and the reassurance that their efforts, both in and out of school, do not go unnoticed.

For further information about how to support Carers and Young Carers in East Dunbartonshire, please see the details below:

Address:

Milngavie Enterprise Centre
Ellangowan Road
Milngavie
Glasgow G62 8PH

Telephone: **0141 955 2131**

Freephone: **0800 975 2131**

Email: enquiry@carerslink.org.uk

During evenings and weekends, if you or someone you know requires urgent social work support, please call 0800 811 505



EASTER EGG APPEAL 2025

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who donated Easter Eggs to our Annual Lenten Appeal. The total donated was **245** which is a fantastic amount. These were shared between Chesters Nursery in Drumchapel, St Aloysius Church in Springburn and the Foodbank.



Chesters Nursery, St Aloysius Church & the Foodbank say a BIG thank you to everyone for the donations.

Hope you all had a good Easter break.

Thanks again

Mrs Swann

TURNBULL HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY :

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Our dress code aims to provide a cost-effective way for pupils to show that they are proud to belong to our school community. Wearing uniform reflects a positive attitude to learning and removes any peer pressure to wear expensive brand names. Wearing uniform also promotes equality and inclusion. We continue to expect the highest possible standards for our Turnbull school uniform.

BLAZER

The school blazer complete with embroidered badge is compulsory for ALL pupils. There are two styles of blazer available, fitted or traditional design, for both boys and girls.

Plain black jackets, **no logos or colours**, may be worn over the blazer and removed upon arrival at school.

SCHOOL SHIRTS/BLOUSES

Only blue school shirts/ blouses that can be fastened to the top are acceptable. These should be traditional school wear clothing.

TIES

- ✓ S1-S3 striped
- ✓ S4-S5 plain blue
- ✓ S6 plain blue with bar
- ✓ The school tie should be full length when worn.

SKIRTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Smart, formal school skirts must be of an appropriate length, coming to just above the knee. ✓ Skirts must be black. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Dresses, pinafores and lycra skirts are NOT acceptable. |
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TROUSERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School trousers must be black, formal and tailored. ✓ If belts are worn with trousers these should be plain black with small buckle. ✓ Shirts must be worn tucked into trousers. | <p>All other forms of trouser are NOT acceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ shorter length ✗ skinny- fit ✗ leggings ✗ jeans ✗ chinos ✗ shorts ✗ culottes |
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UNIFORM POLICY : DRESS FOR SUCCESS

CARDIGANS/JUMPERS

✓ Black school cardigans must be fitted and be of an appropriate length	✗ Long cardigans and tank tops NOT acceptable
✓ Only plain black V- neck jumpers must be worn	✗ crew neck jumpers and hoodies are NOT acceptable

TIGHTS/SOCKS

Black tights should be worn. They should be plain without any pattern. Black knee high socks and short socks must be plain.

FOOTWEAR

✓ Black, formal school shoes or plain black trainers which appear similar to school shoes must be worn.	✗ ALL other types of fashion footwear are NOT acceptable eg Converse etc
✓ Black boots must be robust and in keeping with the formal dress code	

PE KIT

Plain T- shirt or Turnbull PE top must be worn with shorts / plain sportswear trousers. Leggings are allowed for girls. Neutral colours are fine it need not be black.

Please take note of the following guidelines for your young person's PE kit:

- **Full Change of Clothing:** Students must bring a full change of top, bottoms, and footwear specifically for PE. This helps maintain hygiene and ensures they are dressed appropriately for class.
- **Tops:** Crop tops, belly tops, or any top that exposes the midriff are not permitted. Students should wear a full-length t-shirt or sports top.
- **Bottoms:** Students should wear appropriate sports shorts, leggings, or tracksuit bottoms. These should be suitable for physical activity and the weather.
- **Footwear:** Proper sports trainers are required for PE. Please ensure your child is wearing footwear that provides adequate support. ****Crocs, sandals, or any open-toed shoes are not appropriate**** for PE activities.
- **Team Colours:** To maintain a neutral and inclusive environment, we ask that students do not wear clothing with football colours or logos from any team.
- **Weather-Appropriate Gear:** On days with wet or cold weather, please provide your child with a waterproof jacket or other appropriate outerwear. This will help them stay dry and comfortable during outdoor activities.'
- **Jewellery:** No Jewellery should be worn during PE, with particular reference to hooped earrings, bracelets and necklaces that are on show as they can be easily damaged, lost or cause harm to the wearer and classmates.

We appreciate that this information is prescriptive. This is to ensure that there is no ambiguity as to what is acceptable with regard to school uniform. The school supplier, Baru, provides a very cost effective package for our school. Uniform may also be purchased from reputable stores, or supermarkets which also provide an appropriate range of school wear. High Street fashion retailers do not provide appropriate Turnbull High school uniform. If you are in any doubt please contact the school before purchasing.

Our Community Hub offers recycled uniform items to support all pupils in wearing full school uniform every day. Pupils should go to the Community Hub between 8.45am and 9am to collect required items - stationery, toiletries etc are also available free of charge.

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Sunday Masses:	Evening Vigil: 5.30pm Morning: 9.30am Morning: 11.00am
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 10.00am
Confessions:	Friday after 10am Mass and 5:00 pm before Vigil Mass

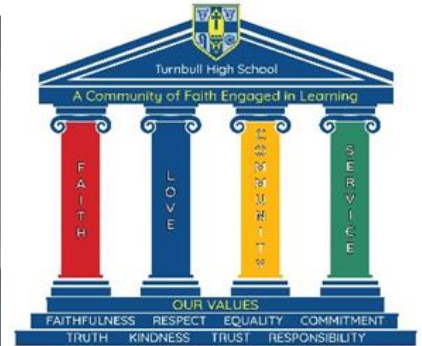
St Dominic's Parish Parish Priest: Father Chiedozie Ezeribe	21 Kirriemuir Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, G64 1DL Tel: 0141 762 1154 Parish Email: stdominic@rcag.org.uk Website: www.st-dominics.org.uk
Sunday Masses:	Evening Vigil: 5.00pm Morning: 10.00am Midday: 12.00pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday - Friday 9.30am
Confessions:	Immediately after weekday Masses Saturday 4.30pm to 4.50pm and on request

St Andrew's Parish Parish Priest: Father Michael Maloney	29 Roman Road, Bearsden, G61 2SN Tel: 0141 942 4635 Parish Email: standrew@rcag.org.uk Website: www.standrewsbearsden.co.uk
Sunday Masses:	Evening Vigil: 5.00pm Morning: 10.00am Morning: 12.00pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 10.00am
Confessions:	Saturday Afternoon: 4.15pm - 4.45pm Sunday Morning: 9.15am - 9.40am and on request.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Month	Event	Date
June	End of Term	Wed 25 June 2025
August	Pupils Return	Thu 14 Aug 2025

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-holidays>



Prayer for the School Community

Jesus our Teacher, in your love for us, help us to develop our own talents so that we may become like you and lead lives of goodness.

Bless all learners and all teachers.

May our Catholic schools continue to serve our families, our communities and our country.

Help us, through our learning, to believe in you and to celebrate the life of your Church.

Help us to grow in holiness as we grow in friendship with you and try to become saints.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen



Turnbull High School

A Community of Faith Engaged in Learning

Our Values

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