

Mother Teresa School Vision Statement



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Mother Teresa is the place to be:

- Safe, happy and have fun
- welcomed and welcoming
- accepted and valued for who you are
- inspired by our common values
- in positive partnership with students, parents, teachers and the wider community
- part of an innovative and engaging learning environment
- immersed in a Catholic community as part of the Holy Spirit Parish
- environmentally responsible.

Mother Teresa School Mission Statement

Safe, happy and have fun

At Mother Teresa we:

- have school rules which state that everyone has the right to feel safe and happy
- all have a responsibility to act in a safe and friendly manner
- have a whole school focus that reminds us about personal safety and happiness including the use of 'I' statements
- celebrate birthdays, special events and mile stones in the life of the school as a community
- build a happy, fun community: BBQs, Mothers' Day, Grandparents day, Easter, Movie Night
- put a weekly joke in the newsletter
- we laugh with one another
- pay attention to the rights and responsibilities of all members of the community
- operate with a spirit of service that permeates the school
- have a Community Council that is committed to supporting the school and building a positive culture.

Welcomed and welcoming

At Mother Teresa we:

- provide a 'welcome blessing' for new community members
- greet one another each day with a happy smiling face
- view parents as partners in education
- welcome children at morning assemblies and celebrate birthdays
- have a school building that is open and welcoming
- offer school tours and acknowledge visitors
- ensure there is a welcoming and happy greeting from front office staff
- encourage parent helpers
- use car park duty as an opportunity to pay special attention to children by assisting them into cars
- welcome the Parish Playgroup to use the facilities on a fortnightly basis
- welcome and greet one another as staff in a positive manner.

Accepted and valued for who you are

At Mother Teresa we:

- welcome parents and children from a variety of faith backgrounds
- support children at both ends of the spectrum
- have a mechanism for supporting families from low socio economic backgrounds
- attempt to retain low fees for parents
- support families in times of difficulty
- arrange to have parent contact officers for each class in the school
- acknowledge student achievement through principal's awards.

Inspired by our common values

At Mother Teresa we:

- come together as a whole school for liturgies on a weekly basis
- accept responsibility for our own actions or inaction
- guide our classroom teaching by the values that form part of the whole school focus
- teach explicit values that are named each fortnight and enacted during assemblies
- pray on a daily basis as members of staff
- support outreach programs that provide assistance for those less fortunate than ourselves.

In positive partnership with students, parents, teachers and the wider community

At Mother Teresa we:

- ensure children's work displays are inviting and welcoming
- view family contact as a high priority
- work together as teachers and staff to build learning experiences for children.
- establish links with the community through events such as 'shop for your school', Open Days, excursions and special events when community members are invited into Mother Teresa
- focus at the start of the school year to develop positive classroom climates where good relationships are encouraged
- give time to those children in need.

Part of an innovative and engaging learning environment

At Mother Teresa we:

- encourage the use of modern technology to enhance learning
- integrate the ELC into the life of the school.
- develop a whole school focus that engages all children.
- e-mail our newsletter to all parents.
- have a focus on sustainability.
- view learning as meaningful as it goes beyond the classroom.
- offer a curriculum that is engaging and fun for students.
- take part in liturgies and celebrations that are well planned and make people want to be a part of the celebration.
- share problems and seek out innovative solutions.

Immersed in a Catholic community as part of the Holy Spirit Parish

At Mother Teresa we:

- ensure prayer is central in all classrooms, meetings, assemblies and celebrations
- ensure our newsletter has a prayer focus for parents and links with the wider parish
- welcome Fr Mark and Fiona who are regular visitors to the school
- communicate with Principals, APs and RECs of the three parish schools on a regular basis
- advertise parish activities widely in the newsletter
- live our motto of "do small things with great love."

Environmentally responsible

At Mother Teresa we:

- enjoy a building that has been designed to be sustainable and environmentally friendly
- recognise that all members of our community have a responsibility to care for the environment
- recycle paper and demonstrate to the children items that go to landfill and those that can be recycled
- train children and community members to act as monitors to turn off power that is not being used and to check our recycling bins
- look after the natural environment.