We are a Relational School that Educates in the Josephite Tradition for Now and the Future.
Offering a high quality educational experience for all students, which guides their spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical development.

Our School Strategic Plan has been developed following a period of consultation with our community. Our school is guided by the Continuous Improvement Framework for Catholic Schools.

The process highlighted the strengths at our school and identified the challenges. This Strategic Plan is designed to shape our plans and thinking for the period of 2015 - 2017.
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Our Vision – what we want to be

In building a foundation of quality Catholic Education, we have God and students as its centre working in partnership with staff and parents. Each child is respected as an individual as we support them to lead fulfilling and productive lives guided by the Gospel value “In All Things Love”.

Our Mission – why we exist

To build on Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop’s legacy and provide opportunities for everyone to be creative and develop to their full potential while contributing to God’s loving plan in this everyday world.

Vision Statement

Parents are seen as the first educators. There is a mutual respect between home and school. The school community actively supports the school and its projects. There is an awareness and a need for pastoral care. We acknowledge our role in the wider community. Individuals and the environment are respected. We strive to nurture Gospel values. Prayer, Liturgies and the Eucharist are seen as essential. Commitment and accountability is an expectation of staff and students. The students recognise the life long value of learning. To provide a safe and secure learning environment. We encourage a sense of love with emphasis on Respect, Safety, Learning and Trust. We value the dignity, culture and individuality of our whole community as we prepare children for ongoing success. To ensure the provision of an education for the whole person in a quality learning environment.
Mission and Vision

Value 1.
Experiences Inspired
By Faith

Value 2.
Strengthening
Partnerships

Value 3.
Developing
Exemplary Learning
Opportunities

Value 4.
Responsible Use
of Resources

Strategic Direction
Value 1. Experiences Inspired by Faith

Goals

1.1 ~ At St Joseph’s School we will create formative experiences inspired by our Catholic faith. [CIF 1.1]

1.2 ~ Establish community and charitable works programs. [CIF 1.2]

1.3 ~ Initiate involvement to promote an avenue for Christian youth to engage with the wider community. [CIF 1.3]

1.4 ~ Provide opportunities for students to articulate social justice issues. [CIF 1.2]

1.5 ~ Celebrate and rejoice in our Catholicity through established traditions and community events. [CIF 1.3]

1.6 ~ Develop the expression of our story through prayer, sign and symbol. [CIF 1.5]

1.7 ~ Continue our established traditions that speak to our community. [CIF 1.2]

1.8 ~ Explore contemporary ways of expressing our Catholic traditions. [CIF 1.2]

1.9 ~ Continue to develop faith formation experiences for staff. [CIF 1.5]

[CIF = Continuous Improvement Framework]
Value 2. Strengthening Partnership

Goals:

2.1 ~ To develop a culture of shared responsibility to build positive partnerships with families. [CIF 4.1] [CIF 4.2]

2.2 ~ Continue to foster a culture of invitation and welcome. [CIF 4.1] [CIF 4.2] [CIF 8.1]

2.3 ~ Use technology to better inform the parent community of School activities. [CIF 8.3] [CIF 4.2]

2.4 ~ Create communication processes that value and promote School-parent interaction and partnership. [CIF 8.2]

2.5 ~ Further develop parent-teacher relationships. [CIF 7.1]

2.6 ~ Facilitate access for families who are disadvantaged. [CIF 3.1]

2.7 ~ Continue to support families to meet their financial obligations to the School. [CIF 9.2]

2.8 ~ Explore pastoral ways of supporting families in need in our community. [CIF 3.1]

2.9 ~ Promote KidsMatter social and emotional framework. [CIF 7.1]

2.10 ~ Commit to invitation to indigenous/multi cultural families. [CIF 4.2]

2.11 ~ Allied Health project for students with disabilities or learning needs. [CIF 7.1]
Value 3.
Developing Exemplary Learning Opportunities

Goals:

3.1 ~ Provide support and professional development to enhance contemporary learning experiences. [CIF 3.3]

3.2 ~ Review/implement contemporary teaching and learning pedagogies. [CIF 5.1]

3.3 ~ Strengthen staff mentoring processes. [CIF 5.5]

3.4 ~ Continue to build staff Professional Learning Teams to enhance teacher capacity. [CIF 5.5]

3.5 ~ Provide a learning environment that allows the learner to realise their full potential in a Josephite tradition. [CIF 5.1]

3.6 ~ Reconnect with our Josephite colleagues and clergy. [CIF 1.4]

3.7 ~ Provide leadership experiences for students and staff with Josephite immersion activities. [CIF 3.3]

3.8 ~ Build the capacity of staff to develop positive relationships with students. [CIF 7.1]

3.9 ~ Further develop the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of each individual. [CIF 7.1]

3.10 ~ Continue to emphasise and nurture the R-7 nature of our School community. [CIF 8.2]

3.11 ~ Striving for improvement through consultation and reflection. [CIF 5.5]

3.12 ~ Use data as a means to reflect on student learning. [CIF 6.1, 6.2]

3.13 ~ Create opportunities for peer support programs for staff and students. [CIF 5.4]

3.14 ~ Improve and develop the staff review process. [CIF 5.5]

3.15 ~ Create learning spaces which enhance student learning. [CIF 5.4]

3.16 ~ Take a focused approach to the analysis of data in order to inform, identify and lift student progress. [CIF 6.1] [CIF 6.2] [CIF 6.3]
Value 4. ~ Responsible Use Of Resources

Goals:

4.1 ~ Enhance Information Technology and Communication to provide innovative learning opportunities. [CIF 9.3]

4.2 ~ Continue to develop ways to integrate ICT now and into the future in our curriculum. [CIF 9.3, 9.4]

4.3 ~ To increase staff and student access to, and competency in, the use of a variety of learning technologies. [CIF 9.3, 9.4]

4.4 ~ Continue the upgrade and expansion of ICT infrastructure to allow for new methods of curriculum delivery. [CIF 9.3]

4.5 ~ Develop an R-7 structure of support for students with special needs. [CIF 5.1, 9.3]

4.6 ~ Increase teacher capacity for understanding how differentiation can support student learning. [CIF 9.4, 5.1]

4.7 ~ Review the ESO support for students with special needs. [CIF 9.4]

4.8 ~ Continue the maintenance and upgrading of school resources. [CIF 9.4]

4.9 ~ Review Policies and practices to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment for staff and students. [CIF 9.1, 9.5]

4.10 ~ Review/Develop a Building Master Plan. [CIF 9.3]

4.11 ~ Review/Develop a ICT Strategic Plan. [CIF 9.3]

4.12 ~ Implement the WHS Strategic Plan. [CIF 9.1]

4.13 ~ Implement the Continuous Improvement Framework For Catholic Schools. [CIF 9.1]

4.14 ~ To use the Board as an effective structure to support the school in its strategic priorities. [CIF 2.1]

4.15 ~ To establish highly effective processes for financial management. [CIF 9.2]
Our Schools Mission, Vision and Values

Values

Experiences Inspired By Faith

Positive Relationships
Student Centred
Authentic Engagement
Developmentally Appropriate Practice

Mission: why we exist

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Vision: what we want to be

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Mission and Vision

Pedagogy: It's not what you do, it's the way you do it.

Developing Exemplary Learning Opportunities

Responsible Use of Resources

Strengthening Experiences
St Joseph’s School  ~  Renmark

“In All Things Love”

Respect  ~  Safety  ~  Learning  ~  Trust

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