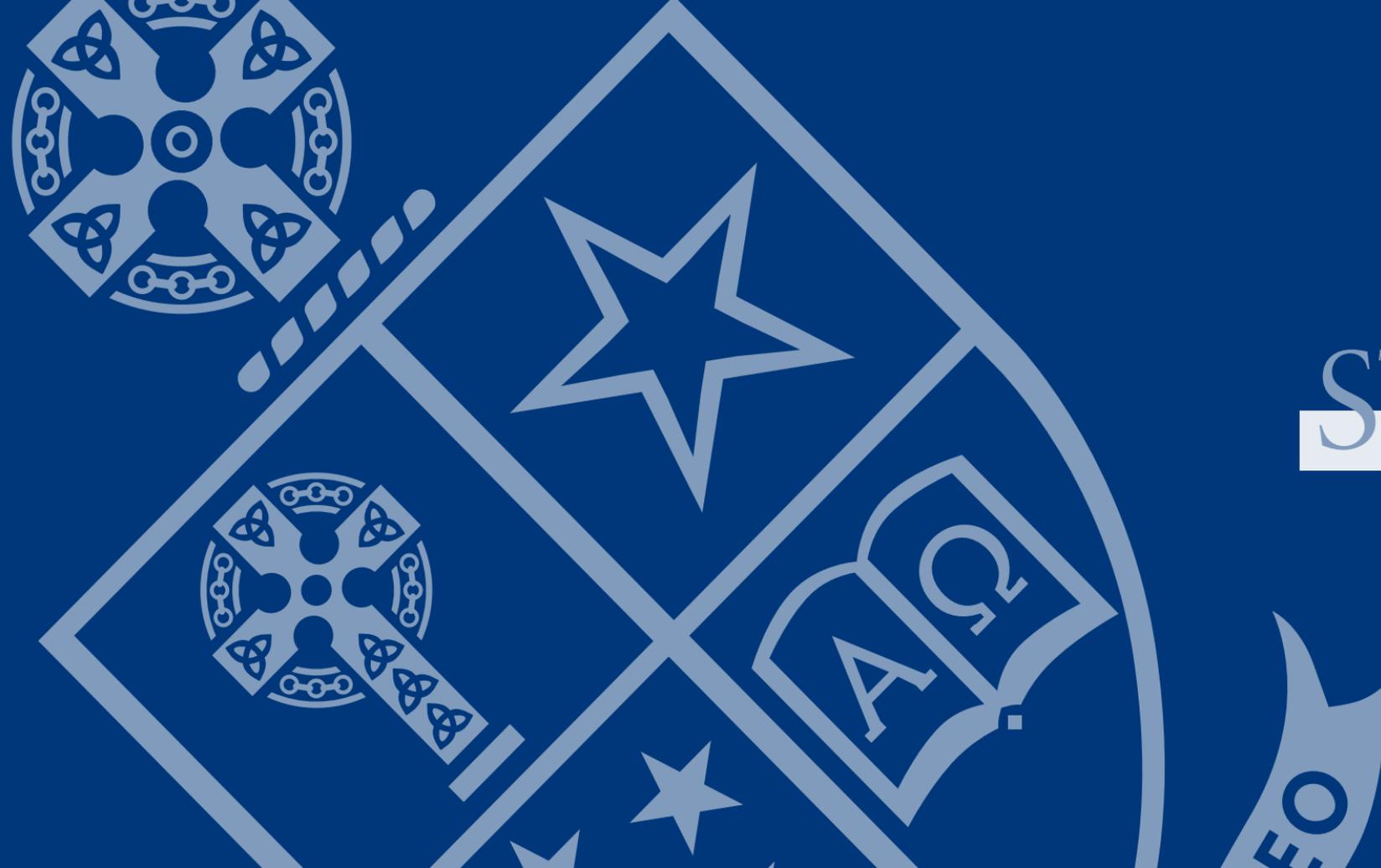


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St Kevin's College, in keeping with its Catholic heritage, Edmund Rice tradition and history, inspired by the contemplative spirit of St Kevin and Glendalough, is centred on Christ's transforming vision of humanity. In this spirit, St Kevin's aims to be a welcoming and hospitable community that will provide strong witness to Gospel values.

Shared by all Edmund Rice schools are our Touchstones. These Touchstones provide the foundations upon which our community is built and they guide our policies and practices.

Central to the mission of St Kevin's College is the promotion of excellence in learning as an essential means of facilitating human growth and liberation, the recognition of family life as providing an affirming context for the nurturing of the whole person and a desire for all to achieve fullness of life.



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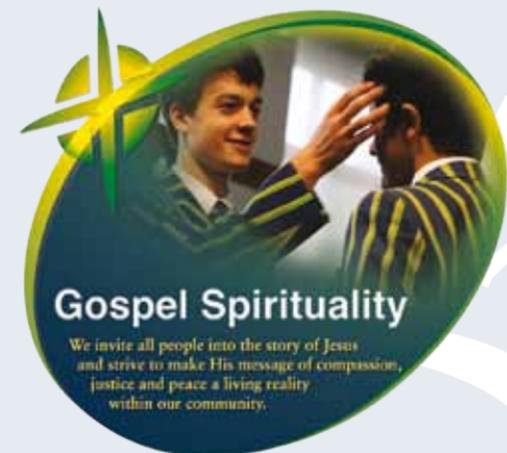
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# Our four Touchstones

## Learning

## Family

## Fullness of Life



### Gospel Spirituality

*We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make His message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community.*



### Liberating Education

*We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement, each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.*

Committed to Edmund Rice's desire 'to uplift youth through education', St Kevin's College acknowledges the intrinsic value of learning in promoting personal liberation and growth.

In striving for excellence in learning, we will:

- Assist all students to achieve their potential academically, culturally, physically, socially and spiritually
- Promote within the community a genuine love of learning and foster academic excellence and achievement
- Create academic and co-curricular programs which are engaging and meet the specific needs of boys' education
- Recognise the issues that impact on Australian society, open our eyes to global issues and encourage active citizenship
- Ensure that learning be recognised as a means of empowerment and liberation in our world within a Gospel context
- Develop a culture where relationships promote positive behaviour and improved academic outcomes, through fair process, restorative practice and Relationship-Centred Education.

St Kevin's aims to support a sense of family in the way that it sets about creating a community which extends to all a strong sense of belonging.

To care for, support and encourage the St Kevin's community we will:

- Develop a profound sense of respect for all
- Nurture relationships and develop friendships among students, staff, Old Collegians and their families
- Celebrate family life as the embodiment of a deep spirituality, which nurtures the individual and promotes personal liberation
- Acknowledge that for many members of the school family, the College is their primary faith community
- Value diversity and friendship within the community
- Develop an awareness that the St Kevin's College family forms part of the global Edmund Rice family
- Nurture boys to become strong in their inner selves, to be confident, resilient and optimistic about their future.



### Inclusive Community

*Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.*



### Justice and Solidarity

*We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself.*

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.  
John 10:10

In the tradition of this Gospel call, St Kevin's endeavours to nurture in each individual their potential as God's masterpiece in time, Omnia Pro Deo. St Irenaeus claimed that the glory of God is a person fully alive. It is our mission as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition to encourage and nurture the spirituality of each person.

In nurturing the development of the whole person we will:

- Understand that true conversion of the heart best occurs within a community that reflects authentically in all its structures and lives the full richness of the Gospel call to justice and peace
- Value our Catholic heritage, its foundations and view of the world
- Enrich the life-journey of each person through a personal understanding of, and relationship with, Jesus Christ
- Tell the story of St Kevin's and nurture the spirit of Glendalough as inspiring great scholarship and a growing prayerfulness and sense of contemplation

- Promote the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice calling us to see God present in all members of our community and society, especially those alienated and with little hope through service of others in local, national and world communities
- Proclaim the message of the Beatitudes that true happiness comes from serving and making others happy
- Affirm the school's religious rituals, liturgies and celebrations as significant events in the nurturing of faith of both the community and individuals
- Commit to reconciliation and actively promote interaction with indigenous Australians both in their communities and the St Kevin's community.