



Charter for SALESIAN SCHOOLS *in Australia*

In keeping with the spirit of Saint John Bosco, whereby 'education is largely a matter of the heart' that leads young people to 'know that they are loved', the Salesian school community of today is challenged to be: a home that welcomes, a parish that evangelises, a school that prepares for life and a playground where friends meet and enjoy themselves.

A HOME THAT WELCOMES BY:

- *Being committed to the care and support of all young people, especially the poor and marginalised*
- *Cultivating relationships based on genuine affection, openness and acceptance of others*
- *Fostering a spirit of joy and hope, based on the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ*
- *Encouraging an attitude of optimism and a conviction that life is fundamentally worthwhile*

A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES BY:

- *Having a strong and vibrant programme of religious education, liturgical celebration and sacramental encounter*
- *Addressing the spiritual yearnings of young people and adults*
- *Giving priority to the faith development and formation of staff*
- *Providing students with significant experiences of faith in action and apostolic involvement*

A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE BY:

- *Encouraging a passion for life-long learning and a quest for excellence*
- *Developing a sense of meaning and purpose, which expresses itself in a spirit of service and self-giving*
- *Proclaiming the challenge of community building, commitment to others and responsible decision-making*
- *Cultivating resilience, resourcefulness and adaptability as important skills for life*

A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET AND ENJOY THEMSELVES BY:

- *Being present to each other in an active, engaging and constructive manner, in fidelity to the Salesian Preventive System*
- *Building positive and inclusive relationships between each other*
- *Having a rich experience of interaction and sharing, especially between students and staff*
- *Creating occasions for celebration and festivity*

Faithful to the tradition of Saint John Bosco, the Salesian school community is constantly challenged to re-interpret and re-enliven his educational vision in every generation and circumstance, according to the requirements of the contemporary situation and the needs of young people, to whom he once said: 'I have only one wish: that you be happy in this world and the next'.

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