Our Shared Vision
2023
ST PATRICK’S COLLEGE Shorncliffe
A CATHOLIC BOYS’ SCHOOL IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION
Developing young Men of Action since 1952...

St Patrick’s College was established on the cliffs of Shorncliffe overlooking Moreton Bay on 29 January 1952 with 129 students and 4 Christian Brothers as the staff. From its beginning, it became a significant and proud part of the Shorncliffe and Sandgate communities offering a holistic Catholic education to many young men within the local areas.

Over the decades, the College has grown but is still very much a proud part of the local Shorncliffe community. It has become well-known within the local and broader community for its excellence in education and service programs that have given much to the local and wider communities.

St Patrick’s College is renowned as an inclusive community that respects and embraces the diverse backgrounds of all its families. It has always been very proud of its connection to the local community and heritage as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

In 2018, St Patrick’s College will develop its new Strategic Plan to take the College forward for the next five years. The St Patrick’s College Shared Vision 2023 will be the foundation for this plan.

Mr Chris Mayes
College Principal
After consulting with all members of the teaching and support staff, parents and students and key stakeholder groups within our community, a shared vision has been developed that reflects community aspirations for St Patrick’s College moving into the next five years.

**Vision**

Our vision is to develop St Patrick’s College into a Catholic School (in the Edmund Rice Tradition) that is proud of its past but also open to future possibilities. It will be an inclusive and welcoming community that delivers an excellent holistic education to young men. St Patrick’s will challenge each young man to use a growth mindset to allow him to reach his full potential. The young men will be formed into Men of Action who have a good understanding of their own faith and spirituality and a commitment to support the community, particularly those who are poor and marginalized and have little voice.

The students of St Patrick’s will value learning and show love and respect to those around them and a commitment to service learning. They will be taught a relevant and contemporary curriculum through innovative, engaging and sequential pedagogical methodologies from Year 5–12 grounded in evidence-based practice. St Patrick’s will be committed to building learning spaces that are innovative and contemporary and engaging to the teachers and learners.

Teachers will be valued as approachable, collegial and collaborative professionals who are committed to life-long learning and continuous improvement. They will be experts in curriculum development and delivery and generate energy, passion and an excitement in their teaching.

The campus environment at St Patrick’s College will be recognised for its commitment to developing sustainable practices and its place within Catholic and Christian Brothers’ traditions and the local Shorncliffe community and its Indigenous story.

**To be authentic to this Vision, St Patrick’s will be committed to continuous development within the:**

- **Educational pathways and opportunities for the students**;
- **Formation of the young men into Men of Action**;
- **Professional development and formation of (teaching) staff**;
- **Values and traditions held dearest by the College community**;
- **Physical environment and learning spaces**.
St Patrick’s College offers an excellent holistic boys education that nurtures growth mindset and offers many opportunities within the classroom and beyond to challenge and extend each to reach their full potential.

Evidence

St Patrick’s College will be recognised for its …..

- excellence in education of young men;
- distinctive Catholic education for young men;
- student opportunities within the curricular and co-curricular dimensions of schooling;
- safe, caring, inclusive and welcoming community;
- educational pathways that are sensitive to cultural differences;
- programs that lead to opportunities and pathways for students after their senior schooling.

‘Holistic Education’

Students of St Patrick’s College are young Men of Action who have a good understanding of their own spirituality and faith. They value learning and show love and respect to those around them and a commitment to service learning and responsibility to make a positive difference as a global citizen. Each young man understands the value of persistence, effort, attitude and self-responsibility.

Evidence

Students of St Patrick’s College will be acknowledged for their …..

- growth mindset;
- confidence and self-responsibility;
- resilience;
- support and commitment to others;
- compassion and empathy;
- integrity and trust;
- respect and humility;
- commitment to being the best they can be.

‘Faith Humility Learning’

Formation of young men into Men of Action
Professional development and formation of (teaching) staff

St Patrick’s College will be well-known for its (teaching) staff because of their professional, collegial and collaborative manner and commitment to lifelong learning. They will be experts in curriculum development and delivery and generate energy, passion and an excitement in their teaching. They will support and nurture students to also have a passion and respect for their own learning. They will understand the importance of using growth mindset within their own work and developing good relationships with their students. All staff at St Patrick’s will be committed to the best interests of the student body.

Evidence

St Patrick’s College is committed to employing and developing (teaching) staff who are ..... committed to providing equitable opportunities to learn for all students; committed to improving student outcomes; adaptive and flexible; progressive and experts within their curriculum areas; accepting of diversity of student learning; committed to high standards; approachable.

Values and traditions held dearest by the College community

St Patrick’s College will be a welcoming, diverse and inclusive community that is proudly Catholic and authentic to the Edmund Rice Tradition. The community will celebrate past traditions and promote right relationships and a real sense of belonging for all within it.

Evidence

The St Patrick’s community will most value ..... inclusivity; right relationships; a sense of belonging for all; respect for the dignity of each individual; partnership and a sense of togetherness; diversity of individuals; supportive and safe structures; friendly and welcoming community members.

‘Welcoming Traditions’

‘Compassionate Supportive’
The campus environment at St Patrick’s College will be inviting, sustainable and reflective of our Catholic and Christian Brothers’ traditions, the local Shorncliffe community and its Indigenous story. The learning spaces will be flexible, innovative and contemporary and engaging places for the teachers and learners.

**Evidence**

St Patrick’s College will be celebrated for its development of.....

- environmentally sustainable practices;
- environmentally friendly plant and equipment;
- progressive and functional learning spaces;
- green spaces and gardens within the campus areas;
- Catholic and Christian Brothers iconology around the campus;
- a campus area that recognizes our local Indigenous heritage;
- boy friendly spaces for activities and games.
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