



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE  
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# Aims and Ethos

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This policy relates to all sections of St Joseph's College, including the Early Years Foundation Stage.

### St. Joseph's College's Mission

To encourage, inspire, challenge and support pupils to fulfil their potential in a community founded on Catholic Christian values.

### The Aims for St Joseph's College

We aim to provide the best possible opportunities to **encourage** each pupil to:

- explore the spiritual dimension of life
- gain a framework for making ethical and moral decisions
- acquire skills of initiative, application and perseverance

We aim to provide the best possible teaching to **inspire** each pupil to:

- achieve the highest possible academic qualifications
- develop intellectual curiosity and creativity
- love learning and be excited about discovering new possibilities

We aim to provide the best possible range of activities to **challenge** each pupil to:

- participate in the widest possible range of performing arts; sporting; outdoor; academic and cultural activities
- cultivate skills of communication and leadership
- provide service to others, gain an understanding of belonging to the world and develop a desire to contribute to society

We aim to provide the best possible pastoral care to **support** each pupil to:

- feel happy, safe and valued whilst at school and have the confidence to seek help if necessary
- grow in self-worth, self-confidence and learn to take on responsibility
- develop compassion; to care for and support one another, respect the opinions of others and value relationships



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## **Ethos**

This College seeks to provide, within its structure, an experience of Christian community. In such an atmosphere, maximum learning can take place and young people will be helped to develop their full potential academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually. By enabling them to experience what it is to live in a caring community, it is hoped that all pupils will go on to become creators of a more just and peaceful society in the future.

**St Joseph's is a community of people, united in serving the needs of its pupils. A highly professional and caring staff offers a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum to all pupils which prepares them for academic achievement and sees each pupil as an individual with their own strengths and aspirations.**

## **Religious Belief and Practice**

St Joseph's is a Catholic school. Pupils of other faiths and denominations are welcomed and encouraged to make an active contribution to the spiritual life of the School. Pupils are educated in an atmosphere where Christian values and standards are recognised and established. Collective Worship is held regularly including a weekly Celebration of the Word in both Senior and Prep schools. Parents are always welcome at the College's major liturgical events including the Christmas and Easter celebrations as well as smaller liturgies and section/year group mass throughout the year.



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## Our Mission

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