Welcome to the Community of Brisbane Catholic Education

Responsive to the Jesus Communion Mission vision of the Archdiocese of Brisbane we at Brisbane Catholic Education carry out our vital educational ministry.

It is in community that we shape our capacity to be Staff with Spirit.

We welcome you into this community and invite you to share in its spirit!

“You may be Catholic, you may be of another Christian tradition, you may be of another faith, or you may be at some other point on your personal quest for meaning and your spiritual journey. Be assured that you are welcome, that we are grateful for your contribution to our work of Catholic education, and we invite you to support the ethos of our Catholic education community and share in our story.”

David J Hutton Executive Director of Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane
**Spirit of Welcome**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- ensuring that visitors are properly welcomed with normal social courtesies and hospitable practices
- providing structures, processes and rituals to welcome, induct, companion and mentor new staff
- maintaining a welcoming and hospitable working environment in our schools and offices

**Spirit of Ritual**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- joining together for liturgies and ritual celebrations for significant times in the life of the world, the Church, the nation, and our BCE community
- providing formation opportunities for staff true to our Catholic tradition and respectful and inclusive of all
- gathering in teams and whole of staff to acknowledge and respond to the joys and tragedies of life

**Spirit of Journey**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- being aware and affirming that we are deeply enriched by what we learn from and give to each other
- supporting individuals and groups in their journey of faith
- supporting the work of other agencies and ministries of the Church

**Spirit of Presence**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- valuing everyone for who they are in their rich diversity
- providing times and spaces for silence, stillness and reflection
- using religious art and visual features in our environment that remind us of God's presence in the world and through our Catholic story

**Staff with Spirit**

**Prayer**

We invite you to engage in the prayerlife of our community, to connect with the different opportunities for this, and to take time to develop your own personal way of praying.

**Welcome**

We invite you to be part of a community that generously welcomes all friends and strangers alike, and fosters a sense of belonging in our everyday interaction.

**Ritual**

We invite you to be part of the ritual and spiritual life of our community, to mark the important moments of life and the seasons of the year.

**Purpose**

We invite you to see your work as part of the broader mission of Catholic education, and to grow into a sense of real contribution.

**Fidelity**

We invite you to treat everyone as important, to show energy in showing care, and to grow in our commitment to service, support and lead with wisdom, justice and compassion.

**Commitment**

We invite you to identify your role within the vision and mission of the Catholic Church, the nation, and our BCE community, to connect strongly with it, to see it as your own, and to grow in the sense of a community that generously welcomes everyone as you listen to others, speak with them and include them.

**Spirit of Prayer**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- providing opportunities for personal prayer through the Light a PrayerFire resources and the provision of prayers and prayer cards for the seasons and feasts of the Church's year
- providing a prayer focus for staff during the day to day rhythm of work
- beginning our meetings with a moment of prayer

**Spirit of Principle**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- ensuring our policies and structures are informed by gospel values of justice, compassion and inclusion
- encouraging critical reflection of our work and action informed by the vision and values of Jesus and Catholic social teaching
- engaging in outreach to the disadvantaged and the marginalised within our community and beyond it

**Spirit of Purpose**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- valuing and supporting the ongoing professional learning of all staff
- celebrating events which honour the vocation of staff
- sharing stories of staff and others who live their Christian vocation in inspiring ways

**Spirit of Commitment**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- serving, supporting and leading with wisdom, justice and compassion
- celebrating accomplishment and being resilient in the face of disappointment
- modelling a genuine experience of service

**Spirit of Fidelity**

We seek to shape this spirit by:
- recognising the work of Catholic education as a vital ministry of the Catholic Church
- providing opportunities to connect strongly with other communities who share the work of Catholic education
- providing opportunities to know and explore the story and ethos of Catholic education.