



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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