

Oaklands

Catholic School and Sixth Form College

A Specialist Humanities and Science College



Mission Statement

Community: No one gets left behind

Unity: United by the cross

Opportunity: Potential for greatness



Our values

We believe that the essential nature of Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College is one where education and formation occurs for all, in Christ. Therefore, the transmission of Gospel values is integral to the distinctiveness of our school community. At Oaklands we strive to live as a Catholic Christian community. We celebrate unity and embrace opportunity. Our students are formed in their faith to recognise and fulfil their potential in the service of Christ and educated to become disciples who inherit the mission to transform society into a more just and loving place.



Community: No one gets left behind

Oaklands strives to be a genuinely and fully human community where people can grow and develop whilst feeling cared for and valued.

The School aims to offer to “all, and especially to the poor and marginalised” the opportunity of an education, of training for a job and human and Christian formation.

We value the family as the primary educators of our students, and the warmth, intimacy and inclusivity that the family community provides. We strive to create a climate within our school community that reproduces this, particularly in the

promotion of a common spirit of trust and solidarity.

We value the willingness that exists between teachers, parents, carers, students and clergy, together with parents and governors as they work together as a community for Oaklands’ common good and their right to be involved in its responsibilities.

We believe the truth of Jesus Christ compels us to exclaim the gospels in service, actions and words and within the wider community. In this way Oaklands contributes to the “divine mission of helping all to arrive at the fullness of Christian life.”

In recognising what it is to be truly Catholic we work closely with parishes, diocese and the universal church. This partnership with the wider Catholic community integrates the components of cultural, spiritual and religious education that exist within school home and parish life.

Beyond the Catholic community we believe Oaklands has a pivotal role to play in the development of “society and culture” in the wider community. Oaklands is a beacon of excellence for learning and spiritual development.

Unity: United by the cross

We recognise the importance of placing Christ at the centre of all that we do. As a result, a student’s journey through Oaklands will be one of an education in faith and spiritual development.

Our work at Oaklands is guided by the Gospel values of faith and integrity, dignity and compassion, humility and gentleness, truth and justice, forgiveness and mercy, purity and holiness, tolerance and peace, service and sacrifice, respect and responsibility. These values are nurtured and integrated into our work.

We all recognise the importance of uniting behind a common ethos that is visible through the outward

signs, teachings and experiences that are integral to the tradition of the Catholic Church.

We attach great importance to the celebration of the Eucharist, symbols and icons, liturgy and prayer, chaplaincy, charitable outreach, pastoral care and guidance, the centrality of RE and the development of religious literacy within the curriculum.

We recognise that for many students our teachers are the face of Christ on the cross and for some, Oaklands is their experience of church. This places great importance on the quality of relationships between staff and students.

We recognise the importance of nurturing the faith of our staff so that we become confident in articulating, sharing and celebrating our faith tradition with each other and our students.

We all recognise the importance of maintaining the distinctive Catholic character and ensuring that it permeates all aspects of our school.

Although the community has a distinctive Catholic character it remains inclusive, embracing within it the diversity found within society as a whole. Those who are not Catholic are “fully part of the school community and are greatly treasured.”

Opportunity: Potential for greatness

We value the opportunity that Oaklands provides for every student to achieve their full potential through high quality education and academic success.

We value the opportunity that comes with the freedom to choose Catholic education at Oaklands and “the right of parents to see that their children receive the sort of education they want for them”. This we believe contributes to community and social cohesion as

parent’s rights are respected and educational diversity is maintained.

We value the sanctity of the individual and promotion of “the formation of the whole person.”

We recognise that each student has special and different gifts. At Oaklands we identify those gifts and find opportunities to develop them in a climate where they can be shared and personal achievement can be

maximised; where difference is not just tolerated but celebrated.

We value the importance of providing for students an environment where they can develop their unique God given gifts and feel lovable, loved, capable and valued members of the community. This is relevant for all students but particularly for those students who most need to experience God’s love.

