



DOMINICAN SCHOOL

Prayer | Study | Ministry | Community

Strategic Plan

2022 - 2025



At Dominican School, we strive to be the best school we can be - as we continue to achieve new levels of excellence.

Here, with the support of an outstanding staff, our students are provided with a broad and diverse learning program that enables them to reach their full potential. We value life-long learning, have high expectations and promote the wellbeing of all.

Dominican School offers a safe and nurturing environment where students' gifts are nurtured and celebrated. A wide range of extra-curricular programs are offered - including Music, Sports, Homework Club, and Drum Corp.

We are a Catholic Parish school, supported by the School Board and working in conjunction with the Lefevre Catholic Community, the SA Commission for Catholic Schools and the Catholic Education Office.

We acknowledge that parents are the first educators of their child and we commit ourselves to working in partnership with your family to help your child reach their full potential.

With flexible learning spaces and teaching techniques, we offer your child comfortable and inspiring surroundings to enable them to become competent and capable learners.



CONTEXT

Dominican School serves the LeFevre Peninsula community and surrounding suburbs as a Reception to Year 6 Catholic Parish School.

Our school boasts contemporary learning environments that nurture the whole child. Our community connects with nature through exploration in our Nature Play Space and large oval.

We are a proud and close-knit community, assisting all children to thrive as learners. We work in partnership with the parish, families, and the wider community to create a culture of welcome, inclusion and shared responsibility for our children's learning and wellbeing.

We are a small and inclusive Catholic school that welcomes over 170 children and their families.

We are a school with children who are curious, competent, and capable learners.



MISSION & VISION

Dominican School in partnership with families, is a community which creates opportunities for encountering life to the full – in all its personal, religious, political, ecological, and cultural richness.

At Dominican School we create a welcoming Christ centred community bound by the Dominican Charism. We live by our motto of *VERITAS*, where we seek the TRUTH and what is right in all things.

Our students engage with a progressive and inclusive curriculum underpinned by contemporary teaching and learning practices. Students and families are welcomed, valued, accepted and supported within a safe environment committed to ecological sustainability.





DOMINICAN PILLARS

At Dominican School, our all four Dominican Pillars are experienced in a faithful and rich way. Living a balanced life placing emphasis on each value helps us to do the work that our founder, Dominic, has asked us to do.

Prayer

Our lives are nourished through God's word through prayer and liturgy

Study

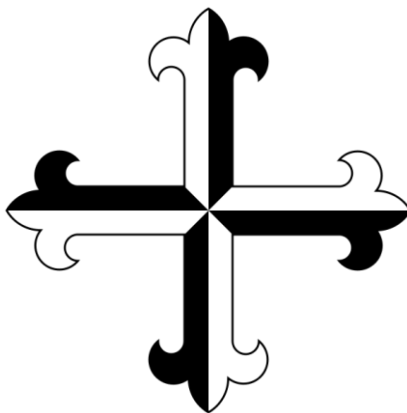
Striving for new levels of excellence to be the best we can be

Ministry

Our mission includes the work of social justice and outreach to serve those in need

Community

Being a welcoming, accepting community where we all have a sense of belonging





LIVING LEARNING LEADING STANDARDS

1. Catholic Identity

- School identity
- Education in identity
 - Dialogue and reflection
 - Formative experiences and relationships
- Religious Education

2. Curriculum & Co-Constructed Learning and Assessment Design

- Curriculum Knowledge
- Learning Design
- Assessment Design

3. Student Agency, Identity, Learning & Leadership

- Student agency and engagement in learning, assessment design and dialogue
- Student reflections on their identity and capabilities growth as people, learners, and leaders

4. Community Engagement

- Community involvement and engagement

5. Resources & Environment

- Educational Resourcing
- Infrastructure and Environment

Thriving people, capable learners, leaders for the world God desires



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Goal 1:

To ensure authentic and meaningful experiences with our Catholic faith and Dominican spirituality through prayer, study, ministry, and community.

Strategic Actions

- Develop and implement a plan for staff faith formation
- Deliver high quality Religious Education teaching and learning informed by contemporary theology and best practice
- Create a whole community plan for Ecological Conversion and Sustainability





CURRICULUM & CO-CONSTRUCTED LEARNING AND ASSESMENT DESIGN

Goal 2:

To promote high-quality teaching and learning that develops creativity, collaboration, critical reflection, and communication skills to achieve new levels of excellence for all.

Strategic Actions

- Develop a whole-school approach to effective literacy and numeracy pedagogies to ensure consistent language is developed for student success
- Create an environment that fosters productive collaboration and respectful dialogue between students and teachers to ensure high expectations for all.
- Commitment from all teachers to participate in ongoing professional learning, ensuring quality, data-informed practices are occurring to meet the needs of every child





STUDENT AGENCY, IDENTITY, LEARNING & LEADERSHIP

Goal 3:

To ensure the identity and wellbeing of each individual is recognised and nurtured to support their capacity to become thriving, capable learners and leaders.

Strategic Actions

- Continue to review and develop school-wide structures, programs and practices to support all learners to thrive
- Explore and embed the CESA Key Capabilities Continua for students to develop and demonstrate student agency, identity, engagement and leadership
- Build positive and trusting relationships within our school community where each student is respected and treated with dignity
- Develops a common language for respectful relationships that honours the dignity of every person





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Goal 4:

To build strong partnerships with families, parish and the wider community where there is a culture of welcome, inclusion and shared responsibility for student faith development, learning and well-being.

Strategic Actions

- Enhance and strengthen opportunities for Parish and school partnerships
- Build positive relationships with the community through more targeted communication, education and engagement
- Create marketing strategies that are engaging, contemporary and celebrate our school





RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

Goal 5:

To provide quality facilities and effective resources to enrich and improve learning and student outcomes.

Strategic Actions

- Have a clear direction for future capital development and improvement of facilities through an established Master Plan
- Continually review our 5-year financial plan
- Build and further develop the leadership density and capacity within the school

