



# SHARERS OF THE VISION

“A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelising environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present.”

**Pope Francis, A call to Holiness**

## **As participants in Catholic education we are a part of the visible face of the Church in the Northern Territory, led by the Bishop of the Diocese of Darwin.**

We are called to model the life and teachings of Jesus as we give daily witness to the intrinsic value and uniqueness of each human person. This challenges us to get to know our colleagues and build trusting, respectful, and supportive relationships with all members of our community. We are also challenged to use our gifts of faith and knowledge to share wisdom and the love of learning and life with everyone.

We have an important and shared responsibility for all staff to be inducted into our history, our ethos and our traditions. ‘Sharers of the Vision’ is a key component of induction. It calls upon us all to act in a manner that is based on Gospel values, is professional and contextually appropriate.

Sharers of the Vision is based on the Gospel value and the Catholic social justice teaching of the dignity and uniqueness of each person. As such, staff of Catholic Education in the Northern Territory are called to:

- Acknowledge the role of the Bishop as leader of the Catholic Church in the Northern Territory;
- Accept, support and promote the values and principles of Catholic education within the mission of the Church;
- Treat others fairly, acknowledging each person is unique in the eyes of God;
- Commit to justice and equity for all;
- Strive to live out our personal vocational commitment as a staff member in a community of colleagues and in an atmosphere of trust, mutual respect, honesty, loyalty, integrity and truthfulness;
- Recognise, value and protect the uniqueness, potential and dignity of colleagues and their right to privacy and confidentiality;
- Be sensitive to others’ religious, social and cultural backgrounds and affirm the richness of this diversity;
- Invite others to integrate faith and culture in their daily lives, within a changing world, in the light of the Gospel message of love, truth and freedom;
- Demonstrate initiative by improving our knowledge, skills and abilities;
- Recognise and celebrate the rich and unfolding story of the Catholic Church and Catholic education within the Parish and the Diocese;
- Participate actively in the development and realisation of Catholic Education’s vision and mission;
- Contribute to the ongoing formation of the Catholic Education community as a faith enriched community with the Eucharist as its centre and Christ as its model;
- Promote co-operation among all agencies and professionals working in the best interests of all; and
- Recognise and understand the role of the Parish, and priests, within Catholic education;
- Provide a professional service which is attentive to the needs of the community.