



THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE COLLEGE POLICY

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INTRODUCTION:

Ryan Catholic College is committed to providing curriculum guided by the *Shape Paper for Religion in the Townsville Diocese* (Townsville Catholic Education Office's Religious Education). Ryan Catholic College affirms the approach to Religious Education which differentiates the Religion Curriculum, taught in Religious Education lessons, and the Religious Life of the School, which is present in a wide array of facets of College life, such as pastoral programs, service actions and worship opportunities. All students will participate fully in a scoped and sequenced Key Learning Area Religious Education Program and the Religious Life of the College.

The four aspects of the Religious Life of the College comprise:

- Religious Identity and Culture
- Evangelisation and Faith Formation
- Prayer and Worship
- Social Action and Justice.

RATIONALE:

To inform enrolment procedures and the operational life of the College, the following has been developed to articulate the role of staff, families and students regarding the Religious Life of the School.

POLICY:

The entire College community is responsible for promoting, providing opportunities and participating in the Religious Life of the School.

STATEMENT OF EXPECTED OUTCOMES / POLICY DIRECTIVE:

Religious Identity and Culture:

- College activities and procedures are underpinned by a Catholic perspective and promote the Religious Life of the School.
- The College promotes a dialogical approach to its Religious Identity and Culture

Evangelisation and Faith Formation:

- Constructive dialogue within and about the Catholic Christian tradition is facilitated appropriately to the context.
- The College engages in evangelisation and faith formation fully aware of the need to recontextualize the essence of these endeavours

Prayer and Worship:

- Opportunities are provided for students and staff to participate in prayer and liturgy.
- Students and staff participate appropriately in prayer and liturgy.

Social Action and Justice:

- Opportunities are provided for students and staff to participate in service for others.
- Students & Staff participate appropriately in social activities and justice activities.