

Senior Schooling Policy

NEED FOR POLICY

Changes in the Australian education system in the past 10 years have seen unprecedented numbers of students staying on at school beyond the compulsory age of 15 years. Students who remain at school are not all destined for university nor do many of them wish to pursue tertiary study. The challenges that have been imposed by such changes have been so great that a change of philosophy has been required for students who participate in post compulsory education. Students at Ryan Catholic College are involved in a process of life-long learning. In their senior years students are encouraged to acquire skills that will prepare them to be effective members of an integrated society, not simply members of the workforce.

VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

Senior schooling at Ryan Catholic College reflects the values of the Gospels in the exclusivity of its curriculum structure so that all students may be provided for in the most appropriate manner. School is but a part of the education process of self discovery and with this recognition we discover not only ourselves but the world of others and of God. St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 3: 14-19.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTION

- All students will be given multiple pathway options to life after secondary schooling.
- Students, parents, staff and the broader community will play an integral role in the development of the emotional, spiritual and academic growth of the individual.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of Senior schooling at Ryan Catholic College students will:

1. Be aware of the experiences of god's Kingdom in their lives.
2. Be able to think independently.
3. Be able to apply knowledge, skills and processes in aspects of daily life.
4. Be developed holistically to the potential of each individual.
5. Become effective, contributing and serving members of their community.