

THE ST MARY'S WAY

Through Faith, Hope and Love, we make a difference in our world.



DIGNITY

Love one another as I have loved you (John 13: 34-35)

In St Mary's Way:

DIGNITY is meeting others unconditionally with a sense of value, respect and equality in recognising their right to be heard.

EMPATHY

Neither do I condemn you (John 8: 7-11)



DIALOGUE

Were not our hearts burning whilst he was talking to us (Luke 24: 32)



COMMUNITY

And all ate and were filled (Mark 6:42)



PERSEVERANCE

Let us work for the good of all (Galatian 6:10)

In St Mary's Way:

EMPATHY is at the core of all relationships and represents the ability to feel the experience of another so that we may act in a compassionate and just way.

In St Mary's Way:

profound way of relating to others from a place of curiosity which combines attention to self with an understanding of others.

In St Mary's Way:

community is a lived welcoming, supportive and collaborative environment where we recognise and honour the gifts and wisdom of all through respectful relationships for the greater good of all.

In St Mary's Way:

perseverance is the relentless pursuit of excellence by navigating difficult situations, leaning into discomfort and working through the challenge in order to grow.

Scripture

The First Commandment

John 13: 34-35

Scripture

Jesus and the accused woman

John 8: 7-11

Scripture

The Walk to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35.

Scripture

Jesus feeds the 5000

Mark 6: 30 - 44

Scripture

Bear One Another's Burdens

Galatians 6:9 - 10



ST MARY'S EXPECTATIONS



DIGNITY

- Value people, property, resources and facilities by recognising their worth to our community
- Act in a manner that values the health, safety, and well-being of others in word, physical contact or behaviour
- Wear the College uniform as required to uphold the dignity of the community



EMPATHY

- Demonstrate care and regard for all people
- Engage in behaviours that encourages own learning and facilitates others learning and learning opportunities
- Ensure punctuality and preparedness for the school day, classes and events



DIALOGUE

- Maintain respectful relationships with others
- Report bullying, harassing or demeaning behaviours to a staff member
- Follow staff instructions and guidance



COMMUNITY

- Ensure that all activity and movement throughout College life is safe, calm and aware of the impact on others
- Participate in the full life of the College
- Uphold the reputation of the College by always observing an appropriate standard of behaviour



PERSEVERANCE

- Engage actively in all learning activities and complete all required formative and summative learning and assessment tasks
- Participate in all College activities to the best of your ability
- Maintain attendance above 90% to maximise learning outcomes



ST MARY'S 'NON-NEGOTIABLES'

- Behaviours and language deemed abusive, racist, sexist, or otherwise demeaning to others will not be tolerated at the College.
- Members of the College community (students, staff, or visitors) must always maintain dignified and appropriate contact within the College community or at College events.
- The value of property and facilities is shown by abiding by the College's Laptop User Agreement, Acceptable Use of Computers, Internet Resources, and the use of library resources.
- Respect the College's right to determine appropriate discipline measures to respond to student behaviours, and be aware that this may involve consequences outside of school hours.
- Wearing the College uniform/dress standards as required unites us, upholds the dignity of the community, and is a non-negotiable expectation.
- Mobile devices are secured and stored in the student locker during the school day as per the mobile device policy.
- Illicit substances, including e-cigarettes/vapes, cigarettes, alcohol, or other substances harmful to health, are not permitted at the College or college-associated activities, as well as in transit to and from the College.
- Possession of weapons, including knives/sharp implements, lighters or other objects that can cause harm, is prohibited at the College or college-associated activities.
- Contact home is only made by accessing student reception to notify parents of illness or personal circumstances.
- The College diary is to be used as a communication and organisational tool for students, parents, and teachers to facilitate effective learning.
- All members of the College community will ensure that actions do not bring the College into disrepute.
- Purposeful damage, graffiti, vandalism and theft are prohibited in our College community.
- Bikes and scooters are to be walked within the school grounds when arriving and departing for the school day. Queensland Legislation and rules apply when using these devices. No electronic devices will be charged on school property.
- School lockers must be locked and clean and used only before/after and during school recess breaks.
- Valuables should not be brought to school. Personal equipment should be stored in a locked locker to remain secure. Valuables stored in a locker are stored at a student's own risk.

^{*} This list is not exhaustive and is designed to give students a general guide for College expectations.

^{**} All final decisions remain at the Principal's discretion.