Catholic Schools are God’s places.

Obviously because we teach about God and his Church, but more importantly because we teach and care in the way of God.

God loves human beings into fullness of life through experiences of belonging, searching and learning, celebration, respect and hope.

Catholic Schools, following the way of God, are places where these experiences are paramount.
Places of Belonging

All people need to belong, to feel that they are known and appreciated. Catholic Schools in partnership with the Parish, work to build communities of belonging, where all young people and adults feel welcomed, valued and safe.

Places of Respect & Justice

Justice and respect are values at the heart of Catholic Schools. Our schools are places where all people are held in high esteem, and where all are encouraged to speak and act with justice and respect towards each other.

Places of Hope

Young people are a source of hope for many. They remind each of us of our longing for fulfilment. In Catholic Schools we call our young people to move towards a hope-filled future. As well, we invite them to be people of hope for others.
Placements of Celebration

The human heart loves to celebrate. Celebration reminds us who we are, and who we long to become. Catholic Schools are places of celebration. We celebrate our rich history, the beauty and sacredness of each one within our school community and the love of our God for all. In simple ways like birthdays, and whole community actions like liturgies, we celebrate all aspects of life.

Placements of Quality Learning & Teaching

Catholic Schools are places of quality learning and teaching, where young people are supported in developing their awareness and acceptance of their personal strengths and limits.

All within the Catholic School are invited to live life to the full. In doing so, they will be able to take their place in building a just and fair society.

God's Places

Catholic Schools
I commend to you this publication by the Catholic Principals’ Association in conjunction with the Catholic Education Office. In its graphic way it conveys the essential ingredients that combine to make the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wollongong such special places.

Catholic Schools are places of special life with the mission of upholding the call of Jesus Christ: “I have come in order that you may have life - life in all its fullness”. The fundamental and distinguishing characteristics of Catholic Schools:

• Recognise Jesus Christ as their foundation, drawing inspiration and strength from the Gospel.

• Focus on the whole person whose dignity is respected and affirmed.

• Have strong Catholic Cultural Identity, located within the specific Catholic Community of parish and diocese, sharing in the evangelising mission of the whole Church.

• Display a strong sense of community, which is built on collaboration and supportive relationships. This community includes the students and families, teachers, clergy, non-teaching staff and all who support the mission of the school.

• Offer a service to all society, but especially to those in need.

I invite you to use this document to affirm and promote your Catholic School, and to share your hopes, challenges and dreams for the future.


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