

# *Good Shepherd Catholic School*



## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

2016 - 2018



# History of Good Shepherd Catholic School

Good Shepherd Catholic School was established as the teaching arm of the Catholic Church in the Lockridge Parish. The school's philosophy of education has an explicit and all-pervasive religious dimension. At the heart of this religious dimension is the task of the transmission of truths, values, beliefs and attitudes of the Catholic Faith.

Good Shepherd Catholic School was established in 1983 and the Sisters of the Infant Jesus lived and worked in the Parish and the school until 1989. The Presentation Sisters moved to the Parish in 1990 and continue to work in the Parish today. The school is a co-educational institution providing primary education to approximately 470 children from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school is an integral part of the Good Shepherd Parish and there is a very close relationship between the parish and the school.

The school's motto: *Many Gifts, One Spirit* is lived out in our vision of 'an inclusive community, growing together in faith by living our Catholic values and beliefs.' Through such a vision the school is able to foster a Christian mentality in our society, and to encourage young people to contribute more broadly to the development of the kind of world envisaged by Christ.

## “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

“I am the gate. Whoever comes in by me will be saved; he will come in and go out and find pasture....

I am the Good Shepherd who is willing to die for the sheep...

I am the Good Shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them...

they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.”

- John 10 -

## Vision Statement

Good Shepherd Catholic School is an inclusive community growing together in faith guided by the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ. Our school is dedicated to fostering life-long learning.

## Mission Statement

By living our Catholic values and beliefs in partnership with parents, caregivers, parish and wider community we strive for educational excellence encapsulating the spiritual, cognitive, emotional, social and physical development of the child.

## School Values

Our Catholic Values underpin all of our school values.

<b>RESPECT</b>	We value ourselves, our faith, others, their property and the environment.
<b>EXCELLENCE</b>	We actively strive for excellence by providing opportunities for children to develop positive work ethics in order to achieve their personal best.
<b>HONESTY</b>	We conduct ourselves in a truthful manner modelling honesty and integrity at all times.
<b>FRIENDSHIP</b>	We demonstrate acceptance and empathy to develop meaningful relationships between the parish and the whole school community.
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	We encourage strong partnerships with families to help foster children development.
<b>DIVERSITY</b>	We celebrate diversity by accepting the uniqueness of individuals through their multi-cultural heritage, their varying abilities and many gifts.

# Catholic Education Strategic Direction

## Mandate Letter & Living the Vision

The Mandate Letter sets out the Bishops' aspirations for Catholic Education.

The Living the Vision statement derived from the Mandate aim, "to guide Catholic Education communities in their planning...(to) embrace the values and message of Living the Vision and contextualise them to reflect the work they are currently doing and expect to do in the future".

## Catholic Education Overarching Mission

To be a LEADING Catholic Education provider that creates environments which enhance learning, nurture young people and empower them to live the Catholic faith in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

This will require a commitment to PRAYER, LEARNING, TRUTH & JUSTICE, MYSTERY, DIVERSITY and RECONCILIATION.

## Catholic Education Strategic Plan

As a LEADing organisation our challenge is to ensure that all students and staff are successful learners and grow to reach their potential ultimately making their own contribution to a world envisaged by Christ. This is both our hope and collective responsibility.

<b>Learning</b>	is what we do. We are committed to learning at every level.
<b>Engagement</b>	is essential. We are committed to Catholic Education's mission through relationships with all.
<b>Accountability</b>	is not optional. We have personal and collective responsibility for our system's success.
<b>Discipleship</b>	is our calling. We are committed to deepening our relationship with Jesus.

# LEARNING

*Is what we do.  
We are committed to learning at every level.*

## STRATEGIES

We aim to provide the students with skills for life-long learning and give them the opportunity to develop.

We aim to provide the staff with opportunities to develop the necessary skills that reflect our school priorities to allow our students to strive for personal excellence.

We aim to focus on providing an environment that fosters staff and student wellbeing and raises student achievement.

We aim to support, affirm, respect and develop the individuality and the diverse gifts of each child, staff and school community members.

We aim to increase student and staff engagement in their own learning and faith formation.

# ENGAGEMENT

*Is essential.  
We are committed to Catholic Education's mission through relationships with all.*

## STRATEGIES

We aim to provide the opportunities for parents to develop their role in their children's education and faith formation.

We aim to further enhance the connection between the school and parish.

We aim to work as a total school community in meeting the needs of our school.

We aim to provide experiences to develop and lead the vision of both Catholic Education and our school.

We aim to develop and engage all staff members through a mentoring process that promotes collaboration among staff to ensure a cohesive unit working towards common goals.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

*Is not optional.*

*We have personal and collective responsibility for our system's success.*

### STRATEGIES

We will ensure that all school policies and procedures are maintained, communicated and reviewed in accordance with the Catholic Education's mission.

We will provide a safe environment that is well maintained, inviting and conducive to effective learning.

We will provide enriched opportunities for each child to develop to their full potential.

We will provide opportunities for all children to develop culturally within their own environment and to understand, respect and embrace the cultures of others in our multicultural school.

We will ensure financial administration is fostered in a manner that applies principles of justice and effectiveness in all financial decision making processes.

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Is our calling.*

*We are committed to deepening our relationship with Jesus.*

### STRATEGIES

We aim to develop a staff community in which each person is encouraged to grow and develop in Faith for the benefit of themselves, the staff, the children and the wider school community.

We aim to integrate diversity, faith and culture within our school community.

We aim to promote evangelisation by living out our school Vision and Values.

We (parents, staff, students and parishioners) see the parish as an extension of the family and experience a community built around the mission of Jesus.

We aim to foster children's faith in Christ so that they are able to become more like God and recognise Jesus in their lives.

## House Names



To acknowledge the traditional custodians and owners of the land we must call on the Noongar people. The name Maali translates to “black swan” which represents the location of Good Shepherd School and its closeness to the iconic Swan River. Maali recognises the importance of this landmark in our history and the traditional land owners that Good Shepherd has been built upon.



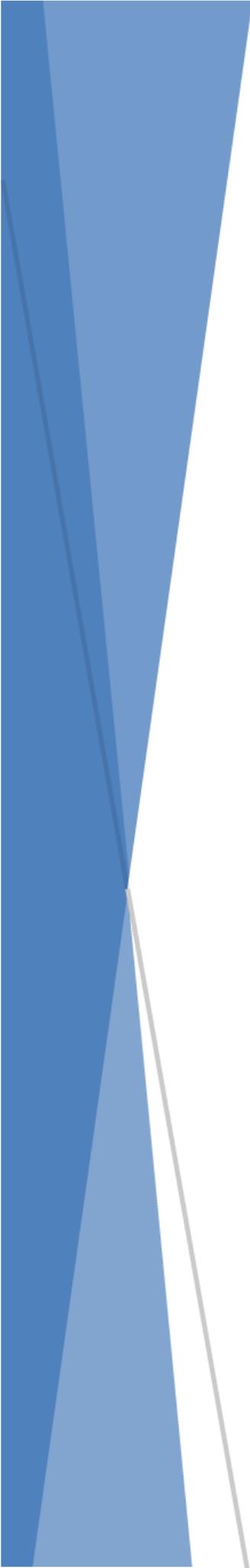
Fr Daniel Foley was the longest serving Parish Priest at Good Shepherd Lockridge from 1991 to 2002. He was the driving force behind the construction of our Church, and was an integral part of our school community, often visiting classes and the staffroom to share his faith, wisdom, friendship and love with all. We honour Fr Foley in his service to our school.



Pope Francis is a man of service to all, a humble and courageous leader. Pope Francis performs great acts of pastoral care. With his strong sense of faith and boundless love he reflects the leadership of Jesus, reminding us that our task is to be like Jesus the Good Shepherd. Pope Francis is influential to our school and emphasised the missionary commitment of the Church in our community.



Sister Ita Noonan was the first nun from the Order of the Sisters of Infant Jesus to join the community of Good Shepherd School. Being the first nun from the order to start a teaching career, she played an influential role and was the founding order of Good Shepherd School and parish. We honour Sister Noonan for all the hard work she put into building the community of our school.



## SCHOOL PRAYER

*Lord Jesus,*

*You are our Good Shepherd.*

*We thank you for our school,  
our families and our friends.*

*May our school be a place of wonder,  
where we love to learn and learn to love.*

*Where the lessons of today  
prepare us for the challenges of tomorrow.*

*Help us grow in faith  
always showing respect for others.*

*May we be always united  
through Many Gifts, One Spirit.*

*Jesus the Good Shepherd*

*Pray for us.*