



Topic: FAITH DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Policy No: Faith Development

Policy Area: A4

Originally Released: 2014

Date for Review: 2015

Principal: MRS KERRIE MERRITT

1. RATIONALE

School Motto: United in Christ

School Vision Statement:

Assumption Catholic Primary School is a community seeking to grow together in love. The development of each individual is nurtured through the integration of faith, life and culture.

2. DEFINITION

At Assumption Catholic Primary School, all members of our school community are to be given the opportunity to develop their faith knowledge and formation.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to Assumption Catholic Primary School, Mandurah

4. PRINCIPLES & PROCEDURES

STUDENTS of Assumption Catholic Primary School:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is central to the whole Curriculum. The school's R.E. Programme is a systematic and sequenced programme of helping children relate the Catholic Faith to their daily lives. School and Class Liturgies are celebrated regularly. Students engage in various creative activities in Religious Education, based on the Western Australian Religious Education Units of Work, for a minimum of half an hour each day.

Retreat and Reflection opportunities are provided for all students. Assumption Catholic Primary School is seen to be part of the parish and the broader church. Our Parish Priest actively participates in the faith life of our school.

CATECHESIS: Daily prayer and reflection is incorporated into all classes on a daily basis.

Sacraments - The Sacraments are organised: Reconciliation in Year Three, Eucharist in Year Four and Confirmation in Year Six.

Parents are the prime educators of their children and the school's Religion Program is only as effective as parental examples and support in the home environment. Family prayer and attendance at Sunday Mass do much to help the child integrate the faith into their daily lives.

Pastoral Care - The school recognises and respects the individuality of each child, and each staff member is charged with a Pastoral Role. Religious Education lessons, a caring environment, school assemblies, and rewards to encourage students to be considerate and thoughtful of others help promote and maintain a positive self- esteem among children. Assumption Catholic Primary School is a Kidsmatter School prioritising the Mental Wellbeing of the children.

MAKING JESUS REAL - In 2014 Assumption Catholic Primary School expanded the MJR philosophy from Kindy - Year Six. MJR is aimed at helping students gain and maintain a positive attitude to life through assisting in the development of people and life skills. The main aspect of MJR is to use the Risen Jesus, who is amongst us in our lives each day, with the people we come in contact with.

STAFF MEMBERS of Assumption Catholic Primary School:

Staff members are required to complete the accreditation according to their role within the school. Accreditation:

- Orientation
- Accreditation to work in a Catholic School
- Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School
- Accreditation to Lead in a Catholic School

All new staff members also participate in the Faith, Story and Witness program within the first 12 months on their employments.

Staff members are encouraged to work towards their Accreditation. Staff can be released to attend professional development and also staff are encouraged to complete a percentage of their accreditation on their personal time.

One school professional development day is dedicated for faith formation and development.

- 2014: Making Jesus Real: Peter Mitchell CEO Tasmania
- 2015: Fr Elio Capra

Staff Prayer: Staff meet weekly, on a voluntary basis for staff prayer.

PARENTS of Assumption Catholic Primary School:

Parents are encouraged to be active participants in their child's faith journey. Parents and extended family members are invited to all school and class based liturgies and Masses. Parents are required to attend sacramental planning and preparation meetings. The Principal places a prayer or reflection at the commencement of each newsletter and all meetings are opened with a prayer.

The school liaises with Our Lady's Assumption Parish to promote any courses or presentations.

5. REVIEW HISTORY

Year Of Review	Reviewed by:	Amendments/ review
2014	ACPS Staff	Originated
2015	ACPS Staff	To be review

