

Our Vision for Religious Education



St Thomas More Catholic School shares and promotes the Vision for Religious Education articulated by Brisbane Catholic Education and the wider church. The vision includes the two dimensions of formation – namely, of students’ religious literacy and their religious faith.

‘The schools and colleges of the Archdiocese of Brisbane aspire to educate and form students who are challenged to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and who are literate in the Catholic and broader Christian tradition so that they might participate critically and authentically in faith contexts and wider society.’

(Religious Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane Curriculum, P-12)

The *Vision for Religious Education* also appropriately aligns with the goal for learning and teaching as articulated in the Brisbane Catholic Education Learning and Teaching Framework.

As a Catholic Christian community, we educate all to live the gospel of Jesus Christ as successful, creative and confident, active and informed learners empowered to shape and enrich our world.

The *Vision for Religious Education* at St Thomas More challenges students to be a religious voice in the world. This vision invites us to engage in dialogue so that young people can be empowered to have a voice and to respond, so they can engage critically and authentically live their faith story. This vision is also lived through vibrant and engaging Religious Education that allows students to become active contributors to culture and to the world.

The Vision for Religious Education at STM aligns closely with our school vision which speaks of our school as ‘A faith filled learning community, called to witness the good news of Jesus Christ, as we strive to create a better world’. Religious Education at St Thomas More seeks to develop the religious literacy of students in light of the Catholic Christian tradition, so that they may participate critically and authentically in contemporary culture.

The teachings of Jesus Christ are at the heart of everything we do at St Thomas More. As a Catholic school, in the Marist tradition, we are inspired by the words of St Marcellin Champagnat to ‘love them all and love them all equally’ our vision is to develop students who, as lifelong learners, engage with a curriculum enriched by Gospel values that empowers them to make a positive contribution to the community by living out the values of Jesus

At St Thomas More we strive to educate our students to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ as creative, confident, successful and informed learners who feel empowered to share and enrich our world. We do this as we are a Catholic faith community that is challenged to authentically live and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the guidance of Mary, inspired by the Charism of St Marcellin Champagnat and guided by the wisdom of St Thomas More. The stories of our House Colour Saints – St Marcellin Champagnat, along with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, St Francis Xavier and Nano Nagle also provide examples of how we are called to live.

We recognise that our Marist characteristics of Presence, Simplicity, Love of Work and Family Spirit, all done in the Way of Mary guide all that we do and underpin the vision and mission for our school community. These characteristics are at the heart of the ways we work and learn as a community and enable us to live our school mission and vision through our words and in our actions.