

# Saint Joseph's School Murgon

## *STRATEGIC RENEWAL PLAN 2007 – 2011*

### School Goals for 2008

#### Broad Strategic Goal on Faith and Mission

**Saint Joseph's will endeavour to become an authentic faith community founded on Gospel values that are evident in all aspects of the school.**

#### Goals for 2007 – 2011

- Promote the Catholic ethos and identity of the school, especially with regard to Social Justice issues.
- Provide ongoing Professional Development for staff in the areas of Religious Education, Liturgy and Celebration, Scripture and Theology. These opportunities will be included in the planning for Pupil Free Days.
- Provide opportunities for the staff to develop and foster their own spirituality
- Give the children an understanding of what it means to be Catholic in belief, worship, and faith practice.

#### Actions for 2008

- Daily mission collection, with a special emphasis during Lent.
- *Support for the Federal Government's Journey of Healing, and Celebration of Reconciliation Week, and NAIDOC Week*
- Provide the opportunity for regular Religious celebrations - Class and School Masses, Liturgies, and for the upper classes the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- *Class and staff participation in the weekend parish Masses*
- *Staff Induction Mass*
- Opportunities for staff sessions on Spirituality, *and for staff to participate in the Lenten Discussion Group, and the Marist Faith Colloquium*
- Support the Sharing Our Call Programme (Marist Spirituality).
- Staff facilitation of the Parish Sacramental Programme.

## Broad strategic Goal on Organisation and Administration

**Saint Joseph's will promote a learning environment that is inclusive, reflective, and committed to frequent review and renewal.**

### Goals for 2007 – 2011

- Involve staff and the wider community in the development and monitoring of school plans and procedures.
- Ensure that the needs of all children, especially the most vulnerable and needy are taken into consideration when planning support structures for teaching and learning.
- Explore ways to increase parental involvement in the school especially through participation in parent/teacher meetings, and active membership of the P&F.
- Ensure resource planning is in line with the school's Strategic Renewal Plan
- Implement technology in all areas of management, teaching, and learning.

### Actions for 2008

- *Continue to implement the Strategic Renewal Plan for 2007 – 2011 in accord with BCE Policy.*
- School executive *will meet* formally on a weekly basis.
- *Continue the work* of the four committees established in 2007 to assist with the administration of the school – Sports Committee, Celebration and Liturgy Committee, Social Committee, and Spirituality Committee.
- *Continue with* the Robotics into Year Seven.
- *Include ICT across all areas of the curriculum.*
- Implement the WoSI Programme for Parent Education

## Broad Strategic Goal on Relationships and Community

**Saint Joseph's is committed to positive and life giving relationships within and beyond the school community.**

### Goals for 2007 – 2011

- Build strong partnerships with the school, Parish, BCE, SBCC, Murgon High, and the wider community.
- Develop a Policy on Relationships for the school.
- Implement Personal and Social Development Education in all classes to enhance the general classroom environment and foster a sense of self worth and competence.
- Ensure the Pastoral Care of all students and their families is given the highest priority across the school.

### Actions for 2008

- Support local initiatives through the JINDA Programme.
- Active participation in the MPOL Group (Transition to High School Programme).
- Actively promote Parish events through the school newsletter.
- Co-operation with the parish in the planning and conduct of the school fete.
- Support P&F initiatives to bring families together socially.
- *Follow* the procedures for school volunteers in accord with Government legislation.
- *Continue* the Peer Support Programme across the school.
- *Implement* the Seasons for Growth Programme in the school (Grief & Loss),
- *Continue the Year Seven Leadership Programme* to ensure all year seven children are given opportunities for leadership. \*
- Participation in the combined schools' celebration of Under Eight's Day.
- *Establish a Pastoral Care Committee to oversee Pastoral Care in the school and formulate a written Pastoral Care Policy.*
- *Arrange for the construction of a Multi Purpose Court with funds from the Investing in our Schools Programme.*
- *Introduce a Relationships Policy into the school.*
- *Continue the Class Buddy system and Peer Reading*
- *Introduction of the Dreamtime Personalities*

- *Develop Manyung as a Parent Centre with a particular appeal to Indigenous parents. Funds have been provided through a Grant from Tarong Power.*

## **Broad Strategic Goal on Teaching and Learning**

**Saint Joseph's will foster quality teaching and learning within the context of the Catholic school.**

### **Goals for 2007 – 2011**

- Ensure that learning environments are inclusive of all children.
- Provide additional support needed to give each child the opportunity to enjoy success and feel appreciated.
- Ensure staff have the resources they need to provide the optimum learning opportunities for the children.
- Ensure that Assessment and reporting practices reflect Government regulations and are fair, comprehensive, and affirming.
- Integrate Information, Communication, and Learning Technologies across all teaching and learning

### **Actions for 2008**

- *Consult* with the school community concerning the use of the Resource Enhancement Funds.
- Give priority to *Maths* in Professional Development this year. Develop a plan for this during Semester Two.
- Continue the work of the Enrichment Group including their involvement this year in the Optima Minds.
- *Continue* the class awards based on each term's work, and the school year's work.
- *Provide ICT Support for staff and provide staff in-service opportunities in ICT.*
- Provide PD opportunities for staff from Strategic Renewal Funds.
- *Introduce Cultural Literacy in Years 3/4/5/6/7.*
- *ELIP Programme*