



NEWMAN COLLEGE

# Vision *for* Learning

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## Shine *through* Discovery

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## Vision for Learning

Newman College is a Catholic school educating in the Marist tradition. We strive to animate our delivery of learning, teaching and wellbeing, as one which is innovative and creative, underpinned by contemporary and relevant pedagogy.

Our Vision for Learning 'Shine through Discovery' - *Let your light shine* (Matthew 5:16) inspires our faith and learning community to Challenge, Collaborate, Create and Celebrate who we are and what we seek to achieve.

The scripture passage *Let your light shine* (Matthew 5:16) encapsulates our aspiration for our community to let their gifts and talents shine, represented through the image of the light. It is this light that will guide our students to personalised learning pathways that will give them the very best opportunity to be successful lifelong learners and agents of change. In the process, we will challenge and inspire them to reach the plan God has for them.

Pedagogical principles are methods and approaches used to reflect learning. These thoughtful relevant principles inspire the design of flexible learning environments that create spaces where our teachers and students come together as co-learners. We recognise that 'our walls no longer mark the boundaries of our classroom' and consequently active exploration of ideas fosters creativity and encounter.



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### *Love of work*

This Marist characteristic inspires the principle of 'challenge' as we find enthusiasm for our work: we are reminded by Marcellin's zeal and devotedness and we strive forward, relishing the challenges ahead.

# Challenge

## **RATIONALE**

At Newman College we continually challenge ourselves to boldly embark on a learning pathway of discovery beyond the classroom to contribute to and become agents of change in the world.

In an ever-changing society, people need the skills, experience, knowledge and confidence to face all of life's challenges in order to become resilient learners who are willing to take risks to achieve their goals.

Within a safe and positive environment, students feel confident to challenge themselves in developing their faith and learning.

## **CORE COMMITMENTS**

We foster challenge by committing to:

- Whole-school wellbeing policy that develops social and emotional skills across all year levels.
- Promoting a culture of excellence.
- Growth mindset language and strategies when challenging students in context.
- Teaching and learning which is student driven and data informed and appropriately challenges all students.
- Teachers challenging themselves to critically evaluate and continually grow as educators through research into current theories and pedagogy.
- Timely, targeted, formative feedback and feedforward that encourages growth.

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### *Family Spirit*

This Marist characteristic inspires the principle of 'collaborate' as with a pedagogy of presence and family spirit, united in Christ's love, we can build a community with a spirit of friendliness and collaboration, enabling young people to become responsible for their own formation.

# Collaborate

## RATIONALE

At Newman College, we believe that education and learning are interactive, social processes. We believe that students learn best in an environment where they can interact with and experience the curriculum, therefore gaining knowledge and learning how to live. Teachers create a learning environment that maximises the learner's ability to interact with each other through discussion, collaboration and feedback. Effective collaboration is frequent and ongoing; and when most successful, an integral part of daily routines.

## CORE COMMITMENTS

We foster collaboration by committing to:

- Ongoing, professional dialogue about pedagogy and teaching practice.
- Collective ownership of learning goals and outcomes, for both the individual and whole-school.
- Students who value dynamic collaboration for the successful completion of a task, the usefulness of and responsibility within team roles, and effective representation.
- Collaboration between staff and students.





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### *In the way of Mary*

This Marist characteristic inspires the principle of 'create' as when we draw nearer to Mary, we can understand and be motivated by the animated and creative example Marcellin set. We too can be daring and decisive, bold and innovative, like Mary and Marcellin.

# Create —

## **RATIONALE**

At Newman College, we seek to foster innovation and creativity through contemporary and relevant practice. In a school where students 'Shine through Discovery', the development of critical and creative thinkers is paramount. Students become successful lifelong learners as they generate and evaluate knowledge, critically reflecting upon their assumptions and beliefs to bring about a new way to define their world. A growth mindset that draws from what is known to build a new understanding prepares students to enter and encounter the realities of today's modern world.

## **CORE COMMITMENTS**

We foster creativity by committing to:

- Ensuring that students have a strong foundation of knowledge and skills as a gateway to discovery.
- Providing a safe learning environment in which students are encouraged to take risks and think beyond the classroom.
- Encouraging questioning, initiative, decision-making, problem-solving, independence and collaboration.
- Promoting critical thinking.
- Facilitating different types of presentation demonstrating differentiation, individualisation and personalisation in learning.

*Simplicity, Presence*

These Marist characteristics inspire the principle of 'celebrate' as the spirituality of simplicity shapes our whole lives whereby in humility, we seek to know ourselves in our strengths and weaknesses and readily accept the help we may need. In being present to this spirituality and to others in communion, we can authentically celebrate our dual moral purpose of faith and learning.

# Celebrate

**RATIONALE**

At Newman College, we shine through celebration of our faith, achievements, contributions and efforts. Celebration builds strong communities and plays a major role in socialisation, learning and faith development. It encourages a sense of belonging, group coherence and purpose.

To shine, we carry the confidence and self-esteem to achieve growth in our learning through discovery. In celebrating, we encourage intrinsic motivation to develop attributes of tenacity and perseverance, and achieve our full potential. Through celebrating our successes, we believe that self-esteem, motivation and engagement will enhance achievement.

**CORE COMMITMENTS**

We foster celebration by committing to:

- Opportunities for members of our Marist community to come together to celebrate with Christ at the centre.
- Acknowledging growth of student learning and attainment.
- Instilling a sense of pride in our students by consistently celebrating their wide ranging performance, efforts and contributions.
- Recognition and celebration of our discoveries and achievements.





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