

Religious Life of our School

The Religious Life of our school consists of four separate yet, interrelated components:

Religious Identity and Culture
Evangelisation and Faith Formation
Prayer and Worship
Social Action and Justice

We understand Christ's teaching, revealed to us through the Gospels underpin everything we do in the context of our academic goals, faith development and experiences and in our relationships within our school and wider communities.

At St Oliver Plunkett, our school values, reflected in our motto of "Truth and Justice" underpin all relationships and interactions with others. Learning about and celebrating our faith is innately embedded in our practice and forms the basis for our full participation in the Religious Life of the School.

Students participate in:

Religious Identity and Culture

- A Catholic perspective is embedded into all areas of learning: understanding and accepting diversity
- The creation of significant art works that promote the Catholic ethos of our school
- Learning about our patron saint, St Oliver Plunkett and his contribution to his community at the time
- Appreciating the selfless work of Nano Nagle and the impact she made to people less fortunate
- Exploring how the examples above inspire us to live our lives according to the message of Jesus Christ

Evangelisation and Faith Formation

Our students are witness to and where appropriate, participants in the following relationships:

- Development of physical spaces to include iconography and significant symbols that are visible to the school and local community
- Participation in the Parish Sacramental programs for Catholic students
- Development of positive and productive relationships with the local government school, local businesses and council, state and federal government representatives who visit and interact with students at assemblies when appropriate
- Participation in local festival events

Prayer and Worship

- Classroom prayer
- Whole school prayer assemblies
- Class masses
- Holy Days liturgies, reflections and masses (Easter, Christmas)
- Significant people days (St Oliver Plunkett, Nano Nagle, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)
- Special event masses (Mother's Day, Father's Day, beginning and conclusion of the school year, Graduation, school sponsored Sunday mass)

Social Action and Justice

Establishment of and regular participation in:

- Mini Vinnies
- Socktober
- CARITAS – Project Compassion
- Centacare

Our School Prayer

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*God as we begin our school day
We pray that you watch over us
As we work and play.*

We ask Saint Oliver Plunkett to show us the way

Our School Song

St Oliver Plunkett School Song

*Every day when I come through the door
and see the faces of my friends across the floor,
I feel at home and happy to be where
I know I'm cared for.*

Chorus

*St Ollies, you are
my home away from home,
I come alive with the respect and love you share.*

*There's a special spirit
in my home away from home,
St Ollies, my friends, you care.*

*When we work here it's as a team,
We keep busy to fulfill our dream.
Community, made richer by the gifts
Of each one of us.*

Our School Symbols

Cross

The Cross is the most recognised of all Catholic symbols. It is a symbol of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and a reminder that his love was so great, he suffered crucifixion on our behalf.



Book of Gospels

The book of Gospels is used as one of processional symbols. It is a visual reminder to our students, every week, that our words and actions are guided by the messages of Jesus,



Lantern

The lantern is a symbol of Nano Nagle's love and hope for the poor. It is representative of God's love for us, touching and transforming our lives and inspiring us to follow Nano's selfless example.



Portrait of St Oliver Plunkett

The framed portrait of St Oliver Plunkett reminds us of his unshakeable faith in God in the face of great adversity.

