

Edmund Rice Education

Evangelisation of the modern World

Saint Ambrose College contributes to the overall mission of the Catholic Church by bringing the Good News of Christ to all aspects of the life of our school community. We do this in dialogue with youth and contemporary culture, thus fulfilling the specific calling of the Congregation of Christian Brothers: "The Evangelisation of youth through the Apostolate of Christian Education".

Promoting the Spiritual in Gospel

At Saint Ambrose College we encourage an awareness that the fulfilment of human existence lies beyond this world, rejecting a vision of the human person as purely material and temporal. Here we nurture a 'living faith', foster Christian spirituality and educate in Gospel-based values.

Building of a Christian Community

We encourage a sense of community in which the quality and care for each other is Christ-inspired, based on mutual respect, self-sacrifice and full respect of the God-given dignity of each person. Our community is one of hard work, kindness towards each other, and good humour.

Compassion for those in Need

Blessed Edmund Rice said, "Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than silver and gold". At St Ambrose College we show, in the spirit of Edmund, particular love and concern towards the weakest members of the school community. We also reach out beyond the school in compassion and practical action for the poor and marginalised both locally and internationally.

Concern for the Whole Person

A Catholic school is distinctive from a secular school in its expertise at catering for the needs of the whole pupil. Whilst we are a grammar school that achieves high academic results, we believe in a holistic education and we resist "seduction by shallow indicators of value" (Lydon, 2013). Everything we do here is centred on the balanced and integrated development of our students and staff. We aim for positive development of all the dimensions of personal growth – religious, moral, intellectual, cultural, physical and social.

Striving for Excellence

We encourage each individual to use his or her talents to the full, whether religious, academic, cultural, physical or social. We pursue high standards in all aspects of teaching, learning and extra-curricular endeavour.

Teaching as a Christian Calling

The role of a teacher or member of support staff at an Edmund Rice school is seen as much more than just a job; it is recognised as a vocation, a calling from God and a sharing in the mission of the Catholic Church. The fairness shown towards the pupils is rooted in the love of Jesus spoken of in the Gospels.

Education for Justice

We do our utmost to inspire the hearts and minds of our students to care for all God's creation and to build a more just society; we develop in them the talents for active citizenship and transformational leadership. We stay faithful to the words of Pope Francis who said, "The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful".

EXCELLENCE

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SUCCESS

In this College we strive to make real in our lives and in the World the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We Will...

Provide a well-ordered caring environment where self-discipline is emphasised and pupils are enabled to take responsibility for their own actions following a reasoned set of Christian values and principles.

Demand of the pupils the highest possible standards whilst supporting them with a system of pastoral care, which promotes respect for all of the community. We therefore value highly good manners, courtesy and fairness.

Offer support and guidance for all pupils as they take advantage of the wide opportunities offered to them within the College, enabling them to make full use of their talents and so contribute to the good of the whole College.

Seek to develop the College as a vibrant Christian community where pupils will learn to integrate their Catholic faith and culture "seeking first the kingdom of God" and enabling them to be "ambassadors of Christ".

We aim to do this together in a spirit of hope and happiness following the example of Blessed Edmund Rice and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the patronage of Our Lady, Help of all Christians.



Above: Christian Brother Congregation leader, Brother Hugh O'Neill