Mission and Vision at SBCC

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What is a Catholic School

- Community of Believers - In Jesus Christ

- The school is structured and set up to reflect the teachings of Jesus
Who is St Benedict

- Context of his time - chaos in the Roman Empire
- Set up Monasteries - escape from the chaos and introduce order and stability into life
- Structure of day and provided stability
- Rule of St Benedict and the Benedictine Virtues - The basic premise of the Benedictine ‘Rule’ is all that is needed is to be faithful to finding God in the ordinary circumstances of daily life.
Benedictine Virtues

- Stability;
- Conversion;
- Obedience;
- Humility;
- Community;
- Discipline;
- Prayer;
- Work;
- Hospitality;
- Stewardship;
- Peace;
- Compassion.

Year groups will focus on some of these on a year to year basis.
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- 3 Key elements on our Mission statement
Our Hope:
The Mission Statement of
St Benedict’s
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Something To Strive For

To develop a
Love of Learning through
* A spirit of Perseverance and Resilience
* A commitment to Self Discipline
* A balanced approach between work, leisure, and prayer.

To develop a
Love of Neighbour through
* Undertaking Hospitality
* Pursuing Peace and Justice
* Demonstrating Compassion through a recognition of difference
* A selfless recognition and promotion of the gifts and talents of others.

BE MY LIGHT
- Love of God, Love of Neighbour, Love of Learning
- Something to strive for and nothing to run from
- Be My Light
Love of God

- Prayer

- Midday Mantra – Be Still and Know that I am God

- Reflection Days – compulsory.
  - Ways of Praying
  - The Value in me the Value in others
  - Understanding me
  - Social Action
  - “For where your heart is … there your treasure is also”

- Many Masses and Liturgies throughout the year

- Youth experiences – Festivals, Youth Group, Social Action, etc

- Sacramental Program
Love of Neighbour

- Social Action Initiatives run by the Social Action group
  - Bennies Bring a Blanket
  - Burn/UNITE festivals
  - Caritas Project Compassion
  - SVDP winter/Christmas appeals
  - Catholic Mission
  - 7, 7 Challenge
  - Hospitality Day

- Programs

- Relationships within the school
Love of Learning

- RE Curriculum – challenging
- Assessment Tasks
- Understanding of different students abilities and prior knowledge – RE
  Landscape survey
- Student Catechists
College Prayer – Prayer of St Benedict
Prayer of St. Benedict

Gracious and Holy Father
Give us wisdom to perceive you,
Intelligence to understand you,
Diligence to see you,
Patience to wait for you,
Eyes to behold you,
A heart to meditate on you
And a life to proclaim you

Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ
Our Lord

Amen
Midday Mantra

Whole school says together – very much ‘Benedictine’ in structuring the day and praying together

Be Still and Know that I am God

Be Still and Know that I am

Be Still and Know

Be Still

Be
Other things to know

- Students receiving communion / blessing at mass
- If not Catholic do we still partake - Yes
- Reflection Days - what are they.
Self – Discipline and uniform

Commonly parents ask the following types of uniform questions. To understand the uniform rules first of all understand that it comes from the ideas of:

- respect (self, College, others),
- communal – equally a part of the community,
- to develop self discipline,
- ensure that all are treated equally and fairly,
- to set standards and expectations, and
- safety.
Commonly asked questions

- Hair and jewelry regulations - outlined in the diary and families are asked to be familiar with these.

- PE uniform on PE Practical day - Sports uniform is to be worn every Tuesday as well as the ‘double’ PDHPE period on the timetable.

- Any uniform in any conditions:
  - T1 and 4 - Summer Uniform
  - T2 and 3 - Winter Uniform
  - Sports - as above

- Multi coloured sports shoes - predominantly white shoes