



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL - GOOMALLING

# STRATEGIC PLAN

2021 - 2024









# A WELCOME MESSAGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

**“You are light for the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden.”**

MATTHEW 5: 14



It is our pleasure to present the 2021 – 2024 Strategic Plan for Sacred Heart Catholic School in Goomalling.

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Goomalling has been offering a quality, Catholic education in the wheatbelt region of Western Australia for over 110 years, with generations of families developing a connection to this place. Central to the creation of this plan has been the time taken to reflect on and acknowledge the history of our school. From humble beginnings as the Goomalling Presentation Convent School where the school was established and staffed by committed religious men and women, to the thriving Catholic learning community we are today, our school is part of the fabric of Goomalling and its surrounds.

Our Strategic Plan recognises the person of Nano Nagle as central to the charism of our school. Nano Nagle is the foundress of the

Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and its mercy compelled her to reach out to those in need. Nano Nagle is associated with the symbol of the lantern and of light. Through the Strategic Planning process, the symbol of the lantern has become a powerful visual for our work at Sacred Heart, reminding us that we are a source of hope and light in our community.

Over the past year, a process has been undertaken to develop a Strategic Plan for Sacred Heart to continue to be a contemporary school, and ensure we continue to provide a quality Catholic education for future generations of children who attend.

This planning process commenced with us inviting our children to share their hopes and dreams for our school and has gone on to include much discussion at staff level,





input from the School Advisory Council as well as conversations with parents and members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Goomalling, all of whom look forward to walking the journey with us. We have engaged with long standing members of our community to ensure that we are honouring our past while stepping bravely into the future.

Our latest Strategic Plan has been created to suit our context as a Catholic School in the wheatbelt and aims to highlight our strengths while concurrently addressing the challenges identified. Our Strategic Plan reflects the Strategic Directions of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) and its call to devel-

op Christ-centred leaders and be a Catholic school of excellence, a Pastoral Catholic community and finally, an accessible, affordable and sustainable school.

The staff at Sacred Heart Catholic School acknowledge parents as first educators of their children, and we know the benefit for our children of having our parents and community walk with us. With our school Vision for Learning and our Early Years Charter underpinning our educational philosophy and beliefs, we know we have a solid foundation for a bright future at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Goomalling. We look forward to writing the next chapter in the story of our school.

Chris Burns - Principal  
Travis Robert - School Advisory Council Chairperson





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# Vision Statement

Sacred Heart Catholic School aspires to be known as a Catholic community where all students have the opportunity to flourish in an environment that empowers them to be Christ like.

**CHRIST LIKE:** The school environment will empower all to live a Christian life through the essence of Catholic faith and values.

**FLOURISH:** We aspire that Sacred Heart Catholic School students will be happy, balanced and strong students who will thrive across all domains of life.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The potential of all, will be realised in a positive and safe environment, that recognises the God given gifts of each individual.

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# Mission Statement

Sacred Heart is a unique Catholic rural community where everyone is nurtured, respected and valued as God's children. We strive to develop each child's full potential by recognising their individual giftedness as part of God's creation.

Our Crest & Motto:





NANO NAGLE & THE SIGNIFICANCE OF

# The Lantern (WARM)

The person of Nano Nagle and the symbol of the lantern is central to our school and to our 2021 - 2024 Strategic Plan. Just like the lantern Nano used to guide herself around at night while visiting those in need, we too want to be a beacon of light and hope in the community of Goomalling and its surrounds.

The acronym of 'WARM' is used in this plan to describe the four domains of Catholic schooling which our Strategic Plan will be based around.

There is a natural link with the symbol of the lantern and the feeling of being WARM when the lantern is in your presence hence, our acronym reflects this feeling of warmth.

The four domains that make up the acronym of WARM are:

- W**itness the Truth (Catholic Identity)
- A**spire (Education)
- R**esponsibility for all (Stewardship)
- eM**power (Community)







INSPIRING CHRIST CENTRED LEADERS

# Witness the Truth

As a community we aspire to Witness the Truth in our daily lives, both in the community and at school by following the example of Nano Nagle.

## Strategic Intentions:

**Strategic Intention One** - Provide regular opportunities for staff to deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus.

**Strategic Intention Two** - Further strengthen and deepen the relationship with the Sacred Heart Parish with a specific focus on ensuring liturgical celebrations are developmentally appropriate for children.

**Strategic Intention Three** - Partner with the Sacred Heart Parish to ensure that the Sacraments are celebrated as special occasions in the community.

**Strategic Intention Four** - Children, staff and parents and carers are asked to Witness the Truth in the wider community, ensuring we are known as a Catholic School with a distinctly Catholic ethos.





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

# Aspire

We aspire to provide a quality Catholic education that allows each individual to grow to their full potential.

## Strategic Intentions:

**Strategic Intention One** - Development of a Sacred Heart Catholic School Vision for Learning.

**Strategic Intention Two** - Pursuing academic excellence in Teaching and Learning.

**Strategic Intention Three** - Developing the capacity of school staff to implement teaching & learning programs in a Multi Age Grouping (MAG) context, taking a cooperative approach to cater for the range of learning needs at our school.







ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS

# Rural

We aspire to provide access to a Catholic education to all families in this rural area who desire it. We are responsible for effectively providing for the ever evolving needs of the children at our school.

## Strategic Intentions:

**Strategic Intention One** - Consolidate the Sacred Heart Catholic School Budget.

**Strategic Intention Two** - Creation of appropriate plans to ensure future direction in key areas.

**Strategic Intention Three** - Developing a culture of balance and promotion of child, staff and community wellness.

**Strategic Intention Four** - Establishment of shared/distributed leadership models to encourage subsidiarity.





EMPOWERING CATHOLIC PASTORAL COMMUNITIES

# Empower

We aspire to create an inclusive and welcoming learning community that celebrates growth and empowers those within it. We aspire to deepen our relationship with our school families, parish and the wider community.

## Strategic Intentions:

**Strategic Intention One** - Shared understanding and commitment to the CEWA Transforming Lives: Strategy 2025.

**Strategic Intention Two** - Stabilise school student numbers.

**Strategic Intention Three** - Working with parents as first educators of their children.

**Strategic Intention Four** - Continue to ensure that Sacred Heart Catholic School remains a safe place for children, staff and community.







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Sacred Heart School  
was founded by the  
Presentation Sisters  
in 1912  
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