



Sacred Heart Catholic School Goomalling **Early Years Charter**

RATIONALE

Sacred Heart Catholic School Early Years Learning is a Christ-centred, Catholic environment that recognises family as the first educators of their children. At Sacred Heart, children are nurtured, respected and valued as individuals in a safe, enriching and supportive environment which meets children and families at their point of need.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

'You are a light for the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden.' Matthew 5: 14

We believe each child is created in the image and likeness of God. A collaborative approach to faith formation between the Parish, school and families is vital in developing and nurturing each child's emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing.



We believe each child's God-given gifts should be supported and developed within a meaningful and inclusive environment which caters to their individual needs and unique abilities. We provide an environment that supports quality relationships, enables each child to feel a sense of belonging, whilst encouraging each child to reach their full potential to become the best person they can be.

LEARNING IN THE EARLY YEARS

We believe learning occurs when a child feels connected to others, themselves and the natural environment. Play-based pedagogy encourages agency, confidence, independence and resilience, whilst supporting social and emotional growth in children. A balanced approach of explicit instruction and exploration creates an authentic learning environment.