



*Evangelisation Plan
Mel Maria Catholic Primary
2015- 2020*

“Excellence in Catholic Primary Education”

The values of Justice, Respect, Compassion and Service provide a platform to integrate the charism of Catherine McAuley as foundress of our Mercy School within all domains of our Faith Community.

Evangelisation is the process through which the church cooperates today with God’s act of self-communication, calling human beings to conversion and to faith in Jesus Christ [GDC 46-49].

- Mel Maria is a twin campus Parish based Catholic Primary School.
- Relationship between school and Parish, supported by school staff is central to catechesis of students and their families.
- Parish based Sacramental Programs are supported in partnership, by School Religious Education Programs.
- Our relationship with Parish is integral to our role in supporting Parents as first educators in faith formation of their children.

At Mel Maria:

***Catechesis** involves deepening and instructing that faith already received in Baptism to the students in our care.*

All persons involved in Mel Maria Catholic School community acknowledge their roles in receiving and proclaiming the Good News by word and deed, and by the example of their lives and relationships.

Living the life of Jesus Christ implies a living spirituality and authentic morality, Strengthened by the word of God in Scripture and celebrated in the Sacraments of the Church.

**Christian Witness of Staff is evident through:
DISCIPLESHIP**

- Knowledge and clarity in delivery of School Vision as it is witnessed and modelled within daily school life and practises.
- Demonstrated attention to accreditation programs to facilitate delivery of high quality Religious Education instruction to students.
- Leading students in class prayers daily.
- Leading and facilitating Meditation as an alternative prayer form.
- Attending staff and school Masses regularly.
- Attendance at Parish based Sacramental parent/student workshops.
- Attendance at Parish Sacramental celebrations.
- Participation in Faith Story and Witness Program which defines and articulates School Faith Community context.
- Participation and leadership in Sacramental Retreat Days.
- Facilitation of Christian Service experiences for students.
- Evaluation and assessment of Student's Religious Education Learning.
- Analysing of BRLA data, with a view to improvement of student learning.
- Foster and practice of high quality, respectful relationships with all community members.

At Mel Maria Christian Witness of **Students** is evident through:

- Participation in daily Religious Education lessons
- Participation in daily classroom prayers.
- Participation in daily meditation.
- Setting of classroom altar.
- Leading classroom prayers.
- Attendance at regular school masses.
- Participation in Sacramental Preparation Programs.
- Participation in Parent /child workshops.

- Attendance at Sacramental retreat days.
- Participation in Service learning projects.
- (Caritas, Charity Walk, St Vinnies)
- Liturgical singing weekly.
- Opportunities for participation in Mass.
- Explicit instruction on major Liturgical seasons and Feast days.

Christian Witness of **Parents** is evident through:

- Participation in school and year level Masses.
- Attendance at parent /child Parish Sacramental workshops.
- Participation in Significant liturgical events-
- (Carols Night – Advent. Stations of the cross- Lent.)
- Attendance at Parish Feast Day celebrations.
- Family Prayer Nights.
- Attendance at Parish Sacramental celebrations.
- Adult Faith formation activities through Parish Programs.
- Invitations to attend major liturgical season events – (Easter, Christmas, Feast days)

Focus and Development of On-going Formation

2015 – Implementation of Christian Meditation.

- **Teachers participated in Christian meditation training day.**
- **Implemented at all year levels of school.**
- **Extended to student lead sessions.**

2016 – Year of Mercy as proclaimed by Pope Francis

- **Focus on Mercy Charism and work of Sisters of Mercy.**
- **Emphasis on fund raising for Mercy Charities.**

2017- Completion of Sacramental Year level Retreats

- **Implementation of Sacramental Retreats for all Sacraments in conjunction with Parish Teams.**
- **Service learning fundraiser project implemented at each year level.**

2018- Laudato Si – as focus for integration in sustainability project.