PADUA COLLEGE

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Our Mission and Vision

Our Mission

Padua College provides a Catholic education for girls and boys of secondary age, for the regions of Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Bay.

Our Vision

Padua College aims to be a positive, creative learning community where Catholic values and spirit are shared and nurtured.

The Belief on which all at Padua College is based

Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. His revelation gives new meaning to life and helps us to direct our thought, action and will according to the Gospel, making The Beatitudes our norm of life.

The values that underpin all we do at Padua College:

We welcome and affirm

We encourage growth

We engender a love of learning

We have compassion for those in need

We create hope

We liberate

We reconcile and forgive

Our Padua community will work in partnership to give witness to the relevance and potency of the Christian faith in the Catholic tradition by our commitment to the goals and objectives that follow.

Goals and Objectives

Padua College is a Catholic school inspired by faith, where all members of the community educate each other to live in the image of Jesus Christ in all aspects of our lives.

- Members of the school community will better understand and support the Catholic ethos and charism of the school.
- There will be a strong sacramental and liturgical life in the school.
- There will be a comprehensive and effective Religious Education program.
- Students will reach into the wider community in a Christian spirit.
- Staff and students will share faith and educate each other.

Padua College will be an affirming and welcoming community.

- New staff and students will be familiar with and comfortable in the College environment.
- There will be strong links between parents, families and school.

- · There will be strong links with the wider community.
- There will be strong links with parishes.
- The contributions of all people in the College community will be recognised and affirmed.
- · Communication throughout the College will be effective.

Padua College will provide a comprehensive and inclusive curriculum, characterised by excellent teaching that encourages every student with the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

- Students will be inspired with a love of learning and acknowledged for their effort and achievement.
- There will be dynamic and productive classroom environments.
- · Students will be included in the formation of their education.
- Academic standards will improve as measured against external benchmarks.
- The appropriate needs and interests of students will be met.
- · Student learning will be extended and enhanced.
- There will be innovative and quality teaching.
- The College will be accountable for the quality of its learning and teaching.
- Assessment and reporting will meet the needs of staff, students and families.

Padua College will treat each person with dignity so each is called by name in the spirit of the Gospel.

- There will be redemptiveness and forgiveness in our dealings with students.
- · There will be respect of self, others and the school community.
- Students and staff will feel cared for.
- · There will be a solution-focused spirit inherent in the school.
- There will be strong Christian leadership with the student body.

Padua College will ensure the availability of human and physical resources necessary to achieve our vision in an accountable manner.

- · Increased enrolments will be adequately catered for.
- Workability and aesthetics of present facilities will be enhanced.
- Students will have adequate access to the College via public transport.
- · The College will be adequately staffed.
- · Staff will have access to improved technology.
- Staff skills, knowledge and leadership will be enhanced.
- There will be a safe and healthy environment for staff and students.