



We at St. Mary's believe

Our Vision

St. Mary's Parish Primary School Thornbury, as a sign of the presence of God, proclaims Gospel values centred on Jesus Christ as the model for life. We are a welcoming, spirit filled community that views the future with optimism. By respecting the diversity and uniqueness of each person, we promote the self worth of individuals. We value shared leadership that creates the structures for a broad, inclusive and innovative curriculum within a safe, supportive and well-resourced environment. Together with parents, we strive to provide life-long learners with the strategies and skills that instill confidence, equip them to journey towards their future and positively contribute to a changing world.

Our Catholic Identity is person-centred

We acknowledge and nurture the whole person; physically, emotionally, academically, creatively and spiritually, as a person made in God's image and uniquely loved by God.

Our Catholic Identity is founded in the Word

We model a deep understanding of the Gospel values and endeavour to live these out in all areas of school life.

Our Catholic Identity is about celebrating God's love

We provide our children with formal Religious Education sessions but we also create an awareness that their spirituality extends beyond the classroom.

We engage children in experiencing different forms of prayer, leading them to a personal relationship with Jesus.

We celebrate and contribute to Jesus' words of 'Do this in memory of me' through active participation in class and school Masses.

We prepare the children developmentally for their Sacraments over the course of their school years and highlight that Sacraments are sacred events, in which we enter more fully into the mysteries of our Catholic faith. They are community events, which remind us that we all share in Church life.



Rationale

At St. Mary's we believe that education is about inspiring and empowering individuals to become lifelong animated learners.

We nurture a culture of inspired learners who are engaged, take risks and experience success.

We use the model of 'Evidence Based Learning' as a school that focuses on making learning visible, feedback, knowing thy impact and being inspired and passionate learners. We use John Hattie's 10 Mind Frames (Teacher) to inform the learning and teaching.

Evidence Based Learning happens when learners are actively engaged in their own learning. Through knowing what success looks like, collaboration and effective feedback, deep learning happens.