AIMS OF THE COLLEGE

This policy applies across the College at all age ranges including Early Years, Prep and Senior Schools.

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THE MISSION OF THE BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART

The Brothers of the Sacred Heart is an international Roman Catholic institute of religious Brothers which has been dedicated to the Christian education of youth for over 150 years. The Brothers were founded in Lyon, France, in 1821. Today, with its general headquarters in Rome, the institute has Brothers throughout the world: England, France, Italy, Spain; the United States, Canada; Central America, South America; Asia and the Pacific; Africa.

The Educational Charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of the United States of America
by the Tri-Province Principals and Presidents of 1992

The charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart is a gift from God to the Church. Our predecessors made us heirs of this charism through their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As members of a College community striving to embody this charism, our primary mission is the evangelization of young people. Today we draw our inspiration from a spirituality of love expressed in the Gospel and lived through the compassion of Christ. This spirituality informs, shapes, and directs the educational ministry of the College community. Through our commitment as professional educators in the faith, we nurture and model love and compassion in Christian community. Each and every student is known, valued, treasured, and taught in partnership with the family. Hospitality, availability, personal interest, and concern for others are hallmarks of this charism. We emphasise the formation of the whole person, traditional values, high expectations, self-discipline, fairness, professional competence and collaboration. The respect, kindness, and concern which flow from the charism are signs within the College of the compassion of Christ.

THE COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

St Columba's College is committed to promoting and realising Gospel values in an environment of academic endeavour and personal discipline. We work in partnership with students and parents and in accordance with the traditions of the Catholic Church and the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

We seek to provide a Christian education in which each student is personally valued and challenged to pursue the highest standards in spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual, and physical development. We aim to share an experience of Christian community in which all may grow in faith through worship, mutual support and by responding to the needs of the community at large.

We expect each student to develop their own particular talents in pursuit of their God-given vocation. Academic success, confidence, good relationships, loyalty, sporting prowess, aesthetic interest, and readiness to be of service to society will all be qualities of the Columban.

(Approved, 24 May 1994, Provincial Council, Brothers of the Sacred Heart)

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1. To develop in the individual, the spiritual, intellectual, physical, cultural, aesthetic and social qualities that constitute the whole personality.
2. To create a community in which young people, sharing with adults in a wide range of interests and activities, are fully prepared for the challenges and responsibilities of life in the wider world.
3. To provide a secure setting in which, with the aid of specialist teaching, the imagination can be kindled, endeavour rewarded, academic potential fulfilled and achievement celebrated.
4. To promote an atmosphere of friendship, respect and trust, in which emotional needs are recognised and met, consideration shown and tolerance exercised.
5. To instil a spirit of service and to develop personal responsibility, self-motivation and self-discipline as the basis of leadership at all levels.
6. To enable teachers to find professional fulfilment in their work through appropriate responsibilities, through sharing ideas and through a proper concern for career development.
7. To encourage parents to share in the College's aims, participate in its life and consider it as an extension of their own nurture of their children at home.
8. To encourage fellowship amongst the friends and former students of the College.