

St Columba's – A School for the Future

Our History

St Columba's has served the Elwood and St Kilda communities since the school was opened in 1918 by the Presentation sisters. St Columba's has always seen itself as a vital and vibrant part of the community around it. The school has seen many changes in demographics and has responded accordingly to the needs of the community.

Our Values

Our motto, 'The little school with a big heart' represents St Columba's unique culture of care, empathy and respect for diversity. This emanates from parish life and our unique association with Sacred Heart Mission, which embody these core values as their central tenets.

As a Catholic school, we are called to act with compassion and empathy, to respect and care for our world and for the most vulnerable and to promote inclusion and provide community.

It is the village feel that captures the hearts of those who choose to enrol their children into St Columba's. The warmth and genuine nurturing environment that they see and feel as they enter permeates throughout the school and well into our community.

Our Vision

Now as we enter this next chapter of our school's history we see ourselves as a school for the future:

- ✓ A school that has a rich, relevant and engaging approach to learning and teaching while maintaining its tradition of care and wellbeing.
 - ✓ A school where children truly flourish both academically and socially emotionally.
 - ✓ A school that works together with its community as partners in education.
- ✓ A school where the 21st century is seen as an exciting new frontier where opportunities abound for each child in our care.
 - ✓ A school that leads the way with sustainable practices and actions.
- ✓ A school that keeps at its heart the foundational tenets that it and the parish has been built upon respect, community, inclusion, care for our world and for the most vulnerable.
- ✓ A school that clearly sets its sights on providing learning that is engaging, rigorous, purposeful and meets the needs of learning for the future.
- ✓ A school that understands its place within the bigger global context and acknowledges and accepts the responsibility and challenges that come with this.

Our history is very much a part of who we are today and as we move forward we will strive to honour our past whilst embracing the challenge and excitement that 'St Columba's – a school for the future', promises our community.



Strategic Directions Goals and Actions

Learning and Teaching

To provide an inspiring, progressive, inclusive and rigorous learning experience for all.

We believe learners will be empowered to face the challenges ahead through learning experiences that are relevant, purposeful and engaging.

Wellbeing

To create a culture of inclusivity, empathy, respect and belonging.

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do to support the full flourishing of each child academically and socially emotionally.

Catholic Life

To think beyond ourselves and live out our faith through service and action.

Through our Catholic values and motto 'the little school with a big heart' we foster and support a culture of care, inclusivity, empathy and action.

Capacity Building

To foster and support an innovative, contemporary and reflective learning and feedback culture throughout the school.

Our culture of learning supports and promotes collaboration and continuous improvement.

Stewardship and Resources

To manage our school responsibly to ensure a sustainable future.

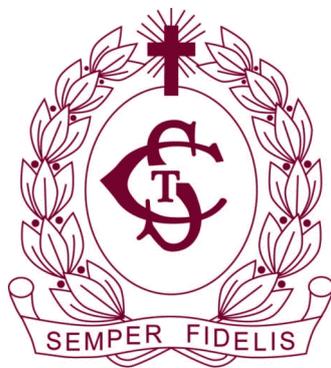
We are committed to sustainable practices and ethical stewardship of our resources.



These actions and priorities will be incorporated and reviewed annually in the adoption of the Annual Action Plan

Actions / Priorities	Timeline	Pillar / Sphere
Begin PYP candidacy in 2020 with the aim of becoming an authorized IB world school.	2022/3	Learning & Teaching
Ensure students have an understanding of the Catholic Social Justice Teachings and Values and are inspired to make a difference in the world.	2022	Catholic Life
Encourage students to develop strong relationships and the skills to support them in a rapidly changing world.	2022	Wellbeing
Continue to embed a culture of purposeful and reflective feedback for students and staff.	2022	Capacity Building
Continue to build our school profile within the local and wider community and ensure ongoing community representation at school.	2022	Stewardship & Resources
Develop a Master Plan.	2019/2020	Stewardship & Resources
Demonstrate capacity for 200 students including classrooms and all required learning areas and external spaces.	Implement by 2025	Stewardship & Resources
Maintain our 5 star Resource Smart certification and commitment to sustainability within the school.	2022	Stewardship & Resources



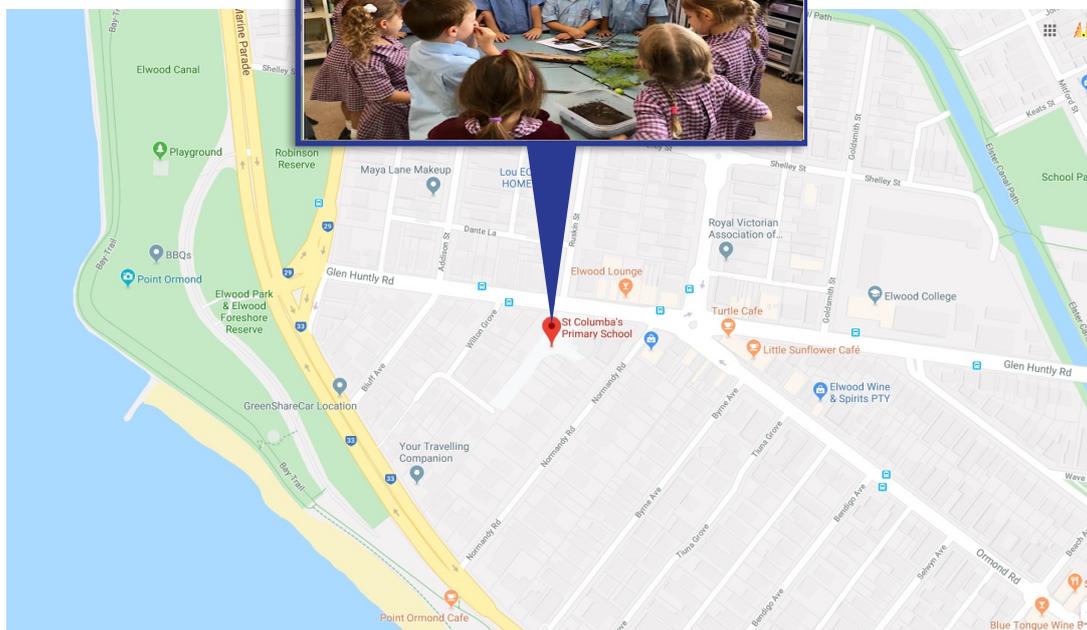


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