



OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOLLAMARA



STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2025

FOREWORD



BACKGROUND

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School together with the Parish of O.L.O.L. was established in 1958 with Fr. Rupert Kelly as Parish Priest. The school and parish were named Our Lady of Lourdes to commemorate the 100th year of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Bernadette at Lourdes. Fr Kelly remained the Parish Priest until 1992. Fr Brian O'Loughlin looked after the parish until Fr Joe Walsh was appointed Parish Priest on 1 May 1993. Following Fr. Walsh, Fr. Laurence Murphy SDS was appointed on 17 April 2001. He served nearly twelve years as the parish priest and celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination in April 2012 before retiring from parish responsibilities in early 2013. In recognition the school library was renamed the Father Laurence Murphy School Library. Our current Parish Priest, Fr Stanislaw Bendkowski SDS, commenced in February 2013.

The foundation teachers were three Sisters of Mercy who travelled each day from St Brigid's Convent West Perth. They were Sister Mary Angela, Sister Mary Alphonsus and Sister Mary Stephen. In the first year of the school opening, there were 125 children enrolled, of which 62 were in the infant classes. At a later date, three more classes were added. In 1962, another classroom was built as well as a shed. In 1963, parish tennis courts were built and in 1964, another toilet block of which the school had full access. Over the years the school as added the parish hall, two meeting rooms, store room and music room.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School is a co-educational single stream primary school catering for 231 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6. Strong and effective relationships exist between home, school and parish. We strive to instil in the students the values of belief, harmony and responsibility.



Our Vision

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School seeks to offer excellence in education, enlivened by the Life and teaching of Jesus Christ in a school community where the dignity of each person is valued.

School Mission

Our Lady of Lourdes School seeks to provide educational excellence through the integration of Faith, Life and Culture.

School Motto

'Honor Pretiosor Auro'

Honour is more precious than gold

Our motto reminds us to look to Jesus Christ, whose life and teaching inspire us to live life with honour, seeking justice for all.

Core Values

BELIEF, HARMONY, RESPONSIBILITY

We believe that God made and loves each of us uniquely.

We work and play in harmony with all members of the school community.

We each accept our personal responsibility at all times.



EDUCATION

CEWA STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Catholic Schools of Excellence

- Shared understanding and commitment to a Catholic Vision for Learning across all schools

Our Strategic Priorities

1. To provide a broad, balanced and developmentally appropriate curriculum that utilises best practice.
2. To provide additional opportunities for extension of students and individual choice within the curriculum.
3. To nurture a social environment where students are safe, respected and supported, and their social/emotional well-being is fostered.
4. To ensure that National Quality Standard (NQS) planning is in place and a high level of compliance achieved.

Key Success Measures

- Student's needs identified and differentiated curriculum opportunities exist.
- Data is used effectively to inform the teaching and learning process and improve student performance.
- Teaching strategies implemented that promote student choice, problem solving and deep understanding.
- Requirements of the NQS are consistently implemented from Kindergarten to Year 2.



COMMUNITY

CEWA STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Catholic Pastoral Communities

- Open processes for conversation and engagement with all members of CEWA communities and their local church

Our Strategic Priorities

1. To maintain and strengthen the positive partnerships we have with parents in recognition of the link between the home and school community.
2. To develop an understanding and commitment to the Transforming Lives Strategy 2025.
3. To continue to implement well-being programmes that build student resilience.

Key Success Measures

- Aboriginal perspectives embedded into the curriculum and throughout the community.
- Communication is regular, timely and easily accessible.
- Regular parental and family involvement in the learning program and community events
- Improved ability for all students to problem solve.
- Full implementation of the Protective Behaviours curriculum and complimentary programs that focus on enhancing student well-being.



STEWARDSHIP

CEWA STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable System of Schools

- Responsiveness to the diverse needs of students

Our Strategic Priorities

1. To ensure the ongoing financial administration of the school continues to be conducted in a prudent and responsible manner.
2. To continue to show respect for God our creator through a focus on good governance and sustainability of the school environment.
3. To upgrade classrooms, playgrounds and school facilities as needed to ensure they are contemporary, attractive and conducive to learning.
4. That the school has an updated marketing plan that ensures enrolments are maintained and that they reflect the demographic of the surrounding community.

Key Success Measures

- New and refurbished areas of the school developed according to the architectural masterplan.
- Annual budget reflects the development of new and upgraded facilities.
- A strong single stream enrolment pattern has been maintained.
- Resources purchased according to analysis of data and need.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

CEWA STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Inspiring Christ-centred Leaders

- Contemporary models of Gospel Leadership that are inclusive, flexible and responsive to the increasing requirements of church, governments and society.

Our Strategic Priorities

1. To lead people to develop a better understanding of their faith; strengthening who we are as a Catholic community and as our role as Christian people.
2. To promote real, meaningful and relevant opportunities for student service in the school, parish and wider community.

Key Success Measures

- Professional learning and accreditation opportunities for staff exist to ensure developmental needs and faith development are catered for.
- Our school Evangelisation Plan reflects the needs of the community.
- Staff, students and parents demonstrate deeper understanding and commitment to Catholic faith and culture.
- An increased number and consistency of Christian service opportunities for staff and students.