



St Francis

CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Strategic Improvement Plan

2024 - 2027



St Francis Catholic College



Overview

St Francis Catholic College is a multi-campus, co-educational secondary school.

Our Melton West Campus opened in 1980 and caters for 1200 students in Years 7 to 12.

Our Cobblebank Campus opened in 2023 with 145 Year 7 students and will grow to accommodate up to 1500 Year 7-12 students by 2028.

We provide secondary education for students in the Melton, Melton South and Bacchus Marsh parishes and embrace the charism of St Francis of Assisi.

The College, formerly called Catholic Regional College Melton, was established on an 8.4-hectare site on Bulmans Road, Melton West, as a Year 7-10 College.

It was part of the Catholic Regional College (CRC) Federation, which includes Year 7–10 campuses at Caroline Springs, North Keilor and St Albans and a Year 11 and 12 campus at Sydenham. Students, on completion of Year 10, went onto the CRC Sydenham campus for their Year 11 and 12 studies.

In 2006, the CRC Council decided, after consultation with the Catholic Education Office, that the Melton campus would develop into a Year 7-12 College to cater for growing enrolments from Melton, Melton South and Bacchus Marsh.

After five years of planning and preparation, the College proudly hosted its first VCE classes at Bulmans Rd in 2011.

We have been served by four Principals, namely Sister Helen Reed (1980-1984), Frank FitzGerald (1985-1995), Paul Daffey (1996-2008), Mark Sheehan (2009-2019) and Marlene Jorgensen who commenced her appointment in January 2020.

The last decade has seen significant growth as the school matured as a Year 7-12 provider in its own right.

More recently, it opened a second campus in Cobblebank, changed its name to St Francis Catholic College, and adopted a new uniform. The College is now governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools.

On this journey, there have been many challenges and much joy. The College community continues together in hope and faith, inspired by its motto, Faith in Action.



A message from the

Principal



It is hard to believe that we are already into our next strategic planning cycle. It seems like only yesterday that I wrote to our community as a new Principal, outlining plans for 2020-2023.

Now, in my fifth year as Principal, I present the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

This plan was again developed through a process of consultation and collaboration.

The Leadership team met to examine what had been achieved from our last Strategic Plan and to determine what still needed to be addressed. This information was combined with the recommendations of the Review Panel, which considered all aspects of the College in 2023.

The result was a draft plan presented to middle-level leaders at the College and our School Advisory Council for review and feedback.

The 2024-2027 Strategic Plan sets achievable and measurable goals for the next four years. It acknowledges our success in literacy and differentiation and shifts the focus to developing a clearer understanding of what it means to be a numerate student.

Over the past four years, the College has experienced significant change. This strategic plan looks to embed those changes in a way that will see the flourishing of the Franciscan charism at the College. In the years ahead, we will endeavour to unpack the meaning behind our college motto - Faith in Action - for staff and students.

The plan also continues our commitment to provide 12 months of growth for every child in 12 months of learning, ensuring that staff use data effectively to plan for student learning outcomes.

As a Catholic school, we remain committed to providing a holistic education that supports all students' academic, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing.

I look forward to partnering with parents and guardians to achieve the best possible outcomes for all in our community over the next four year cycle.

Marlene Jorgensen

Vision

Our vision is to have every student come to know that each has an inherent human dignity as they are all made in the image and likeness of God.

Our Strategic Intent

To continue to understand the Franciscan charism within our College context. To build collective efficacy across the community. To continue to improve numeracy within all domains.

Priority 1 - Catholic Identity

Goals: To strengthen the Catholic Identity of the College by embedding the Franciscan charism.

Intended Outcomes:

- That all key stakeholders can identify the 'Franciscan way' of our College.

Priority 2 - To build collective efficacy of staff, students and parents

Goal: To instil the belief that teachers can more positively impact their students' learning if they work as a team.

Intended Outcomes:

- That staff are data informed and use data to improve outcomes.
- That students have agency in their learning.
- That parents are partners in learning.

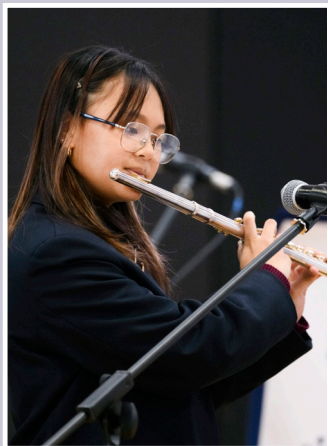
Priority 3 - Numeracy

Goal: To improve student numeracy.

Intended Outcomes:

- That all staff have the capacity to improve student numeracy.
- That students use positive language and growth mindset approaches in numeracy.
- That parents are partners in learning.







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