



## **ANGLICAN SCHOOLS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA ETHOS STATEMENT**

Anglican schools in Western Australia are distinctively Christian communities, fulfilling the Gospel imperative to teach the faith and nurture the young.

Anglican schools provide young people with opportunities to develop an understanding of the beliefs and practices of the Anglican Church through religious education programs, worship, and community service programs.

- ❖ Religious education programs encourage students to learn about Christianity – especially through the perspective of the Anglican tradition – and about other major World Religions; to think, question, challenge, investigate and reflect in their guided search for spiritual meaning and truth. Through these classes, and other school activities, students may learn and make informed decisions about matters of personal faith and ethical behaviour.
- ❖ Worship services in the Anglican tradition provide young people with opportunities to develop and express their spiritual nature. Bible reading, prayer, reflection, music and other performing and visual arts, form important parts of liturgies in Anglican schools.
- ❖ Community service programs through Anglican agencies and similar bodies, enable young people to develop their sense of the other through meaningful engagement in Christian ministry and service, especially to those in need.

Anglican schools are active participants in the mission of the Church, encouraging young people to consider a personal response to the Christian faith, and to develop an appreciation of other religious traditions.

Anglican schools:

- nurture spiritual growth
- provide a dynamic education while maintaining continuity with the past
- value a spirit of inquiry and intellectual endeavour
- support the development of the whole person with a balanced education
- promote a safe, disciplined, caring learning community
- aspire to be inclusive and open, responding to diverse needs and abilities
- affirm the dignity and worth of all people
- promote social, ethical, civic and environmental responsibility.

For over 150 years Anglican schools in Western Australia have been centres of excellence in teaching and learning, pastoral care, worship and service.

Western Australian Anglican schools are diverse in nature and character, as is the Anglican Church itself. From the long established to new; boys, girls or co-educational; day or boarding; and at various tuition fee accessibility ranges, Anglican education is the second largest grouping of non - government schools in Western Australia.

Anglican schools provide the whole school community; students, staff, families and old scholars with an environment in which all members may grow in faith.