LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC COLLEGE LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM - REFLECTION 2022

<u>Context</u>

<u>Lumen Christi Catholic College</u> is a vibrant co-educational Kindergarten to Year 12 College located in beautiful Pambula Beach on the Far South Coast of New South Wales. We encourage our students to 'Be the Light of Christ', to be the best they can be, whether that be academically, on the sporting field, in the arts or simply in the way they support their peers. The Schoolwide Pedagogy (SWP) is a clear expression of Lumen Christi Catholic College's teaching, learning and assessment priorities. The SWP describes:

- Our philosophies of human behaviour
- > The instructional strategies we use to engage our students
- > Social and cultural connectedness with our community
- > The values, understandings and processes common across our subject areas
- > What defines effective teacher-student relationships and interactions in our school.

our VISION

"You are the Light of the World Shine your Light"

our MISSION

The Lumen Christi Community is enlightened by the Spirit of God.

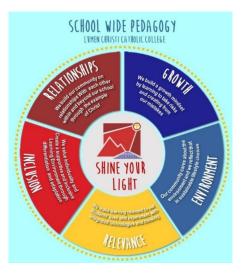
We bring our gifts to help communities to grow We make positive life choices We endeavour to serve others We seek meaning and purpose in life We are self-reflective, independent thinkers and lifelong learners.

our PHILOSOPHY

In learning, we actively seek answers to challenging questions, to ask the bigger questions of how and why, and we express our knowlege in ways that illuminate our understanding of the world.

In teaching, we challenge our students to develop lifelong habits of mind, to be inquisitive and adopt a growth mindset that enables them to strive to improve.





The school has developed 4 key concepts based on Franciscan Pedagogy: Joy, Prayer, Good News and Justice which have been aligned with our House Patron Saints: St Francis of Assisi, St Lucy, St Brendan and St Mary MacKillop.

These 4 key concepts complement the Laudato Si seven areas and are depicted below with excerpts from our College Prayer (in italics) and from Pope Francis' "Laudato Si", paragraph 210.

ST LUCY PRAYER Preserve the light of my eyes so that I may see the beauties of creation

> Shining in the dark Illuminating what is hidden Facilitate making the leap towards the transcendent

ST BRENDAN

GOOD NEWS

l trust you to be stronger than each storm within me

Sowing seeds on fertile soil

ST FRANCIS

Do few things but do them well, simple joys are holy

Finding treasure in our experience Critique consumerism and

ST MARY MACKILLOP

JUSTICE Remember we are all but travellers here

Seeking the lost And bringing them home Grow in solidarity and compassion LSAP Self Assessment Our school's results compared to other schools involved as of April 2022.



Current initiatives

The cry of the earth

- Junior Social Justice Advocates: environmental group Waste Management Plan, soft plastic REDcycling, garden organics
- ➢ Clean Up Australia Day
- > Take 3 for the Sea, November-No plastic-No way Nude Food month

The cry of the poor

- > Caritas Project Compassion fundraising, virtual conversations, classroom resources
- > St Vinnies Christmas Hampers
- > Philippines Immersion trips (water filtration system, playground)
- Reconciliation Action Plan

Ecological economics

- > Included the Laudato Si Action Platform (LSAP) into our Annual and Strategic Plans
- > Circular and Gift economy

Adopting sustainable lifestyles

- College garden harvest used in College Seaspray Cafe
- > Solar panels and energy efficient lighting
- > Use of recycled products and local produce where appropriate
- > Ready to learn posters reminding everyone to turn off lights, aircon

Ecological education

- > School Wide Pedagogy: Relationships, Inclusion, Environment, Growth, Relevance
- > Sustainability and social justice in Cross Curriculum Priorities and General Capabilities

Ecological spirituality

- > 2016 Staff Spirituality Day with a focus on Laudato Si
- > 2020 Staff Spirituality Day with a focus on Fratelli Tutti
- > Praying/meditating in nature and outdoor Masses
- Retreats at beach and Jindabyne

Community resilience and empowerment

- > Created a staff LSAP team
- > Engaged with other schools in our Archdiocese to discuss the LSAP
- > Liaise with Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast
- > St Francis' Winter Sleepout

Future priorities

For 2022 we are focusing on ecological spirituality and ecological education. Our 2022 Staff Spirituality Day will support all staff to reflect on the LSAP and how we, as a College, can encourage a shared vision which will shape our Laudato Si Action Plan and embed the Season of Creation in our annual celebrations. We will also map out relevant syllabus content across the K-12 curriculum.