



# Catholic Identity of Diocesan Schools

It is a cornerstone of each Catholic school that it is demonstrably Catholic in its identity to the school and broader community. Catholic schools by their culture, practices, policies and processes will embody the values and spirit of Christ, and the practices and traditions of the Church. So instead of a required percentage of Catholic students enrolled, schools will need to show evidence they are demonstrably Catholic in their ideals, principles and practices.

In determining the Catholic identity of the school the following indicators or evidence would be considered:

1. The school meets the appropriate requirements for the teaching of religion and the diocesan K–12 Religion Syllabus is implemented.
  2. The quality of the Religious Education program as commented on in the school review.
  3. The integration of Catholic beliefs, values and practices into the curriculum and school activities.
  4. The Catholicity of students at the school.
  5. School life is celebrated through Catholic prayer, liturgy and symbol.
  6. Relationships between staff, students, parents, parish and the wider community give witness to Gospel values such as compassion, justice, respect, inclusion. of the school community.
11. The promotion of Catholic perspectives in the curriculum.
  12. Collaboration occurs with parish priest and parish representatives.
  13. The school is involved in the life of the parish or parishes, diocese and wider community Religious Education (SRE) and wider parish community<sup>6</sup>

- f. Participation in Diocesan liturgies
- g. Involvement in parish youth ministry
- h. Support for World Youth Day
- i. Vocations Awareness program / promotion



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- j. Promotion of parish activities in school newsletter
- k. Parish involvement in school activities/ events
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