

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching and our School Values

Each term we focus on one of our school values and these are strongly linked to the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) -

Presence:

We care for everyone in our school
We know people personally and individually
We engage with people authentically
We earn trust
We foster openness.

This value links to the CST principle 'Dignity of Humanity' because we are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.

Simplicity:

We are genuine, straightforward, and down to earth
We are honest in our relationships
We 'do good' quietly
We do not needlessly over-complicate education
We focus on what matters most – providing high quality teaching, learning, and care.

This value resonates with the CST principles 'The Common Good' and 'Care of Our Common Home'. Our world is a gift from God and the fruits of the earth belong to everyone and should be shared. No-one should be excluded from the gifts of creation. We are called to live simply and sustainably for the good of all, especially the poor.

Love of Work:

We recognise the value and importance of work

We have a 'roll up our sleeves' attitude.

We foster teamwork.

We seek to develop solid values, strong character, and resilience.

We encourage each other to discover the dignity of work as a way to bring purpose and meaning to life.

CST principle 'Dignity of Work' describes how work is an essential part of human dignity in which everybody should be able to participate. Together, these values demonstrate how people should always come before profit.

Family Spirit:

We relate to each other as the members of a loving family

We undertake to build a genuine community of individuals

We offer a warmth of welcome, acceptance and belonging

We have high standards of mutual respect

We value and believe in people.

The 'Solidary' principle of CST reminds us that we have been created as one global family through which we support our brothers and sisters, especially those living in poverty.

Mary's Way:

We see in Mary a perfect model for all Marists – compassionate, courageous, strong, and constant.

This value unites all the CST principles above.