

St. Canice's Boys' School Ethos Statement

St. Canice's Boys' School is a Catholic School under the patronage of the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin.

- As a formal agent of education within the catholic community, St. Canice's Boys' School models and transmits a philosophy of life inspired by belief in God and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- The policies, practices and attitudes of the school are inspired by Gospel values.
- Christ as the source of those values is a familiar and attractive reality for the teachers and pupils.
- Mary, the strong woman of the Gospels, is admired as the exemplar of the values.
- The school aims at promoting the full harmonious development of all aspects of the person of the pupil, including his relationship with God, with other people and with the environment.
- Religious education is provided for the pupils in accordance with the doctrine and tradition of the Catholic Church.
- Prayer is a feature of the school day.
- The pupils are prepared for the reception of the sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, in accordance with arrangements in the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin.
- The liturgical seasons are part of the rhythm of the school year.
- The pupils are given opportunities to participate in liturgical celebrations arranged by the school.
- The school identifies itself with St. Canice's Catholic Parish, working closely with the local priests who visit the school frequently.
- The pupils are encouraged to participate in parish activities appropriate to their age.
- The school aims at fostering a sense of community between management, teachers, parents and pupils and a sense of insertion into the wider community of the parish. Gradually pupils acquire a sense of the Universal Church whose concern extends to all peoples.
- The principal Teacher and teachers aim at making the school a centre of excellence in which high professional standards are maintained and where pupils learn in a happy safe environment.
- A spirit of mutual respect is promoted within the school community. Pupils are drawn by example and teaching to appreciate and respect people of different religious affiliations and of different nationalities.
- The school's code of discipline reflects Christian values promoted within the school, with an emphasis on forgiveness, reconciliation, new beginnings and hope. Teachers are sensitive to the needs and particular circumstances of the pupils.
- The school recognises the dignity and value of each person made in the image and likeness of God. This is reflected in the organisation of the school.
- Close contact is maintained between school and the home. Parents and teachers support one another and collaborate with one another as partners in leading the young pupils to the fullness of their potential at different stages.
- Teachers are encouraged to develop their personal and professional talents through which they glorify God and serve those young people in whose education they play such a significant role.