

Christ the King Catholic School Charism

The Christ the King Catholic School Charism shapes the culture of the school and binds all members of the community together. Our charism is a spiritual gift drawn from the traditions and teachings of our founding order, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and from our name, *Christ the King*.

Our charism is encapsulated in the sayings of **Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop** who co-founded the **Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart** in 1866. She is the first Australasian saint and was canonized in 2010.



As we practise the values of respect, love and service, justice, peace and joy the entire school community will work together to build the **Kingdom of God**, thereby honouring Christ the King, the name given to our school and parish. This commitment is strengthened by our school motto, ***Serve God and Grow***, and by biblical references that reinforce the importance of these values.

Every term the school charism will be celebrated on a day of significance. The feast days of St Joseph, St Mary MacKillop, the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the feast of Christ the King all reflect the history and traditions of the school.

The values that best express the Josephite charism, the school's motto, and the name, Christ the King, are closely aligned to the New Zealand Curriculum values of *excellence, innovation, inquiry and curiosity, diversity, equity, community and participation, ecological sustainability, integrity and respect*.

The New Zealand Curriculum also requires schools to acknowledge and respect human rights. The quotes from The Universal Declaration of Human Rights fit well with our charism and remind us of this obligation.

