

Emmanuel Catholic College Evangelization Plan 2006-2009

Rationale

The Bishops Mandate letter in 2001 and Pope John Paul II call for “New Evangelization” has led to a concerted push for schools to develop their evangelization plan.

At the time in 2003, at Emmanuel it had been our hope that the evangelization plan be a living document rather than a list of activities, so our plan had been to evangelize the staff through faith formation days and engaging them in the Accreditation process by assisting them to complete the Religious Education Content Units provided by the CEO.

With the appointment of Sister Maria as Catechesis Coordinator in 2006, we hoped to evangelize students through liturgies, reconciliation, retreats and catechesis activities. However, with our latest Principal’s review in 2007 it has become evident that the CEO requires a very public expression of the evangelization plan.

This document will hopefully address this.

What is Evangelization? – from the Bishop’s Mandate Letter.

- ... Bringing the Good News into all the strata of human society, and, through its influence, transforming humanity from within and making it new.
- The Church evangelizes when she seeks to convert – solely through the divine power of the message she proclaims – both the personal and collective consciences of people, the activities in which they engage, their lives and the concrete milieu in which they live them.

And how does Evangelization it happen in schools? - from the Bishop’s Mandate Letter.

- There are two basic elements to the evangelization process. The first is Christian Witness – being a Christ-like presence giving Christ-like love in actions and words.
- The second is the Ministry of the Word, which uses words to proclaim the Good News in the same ways as did Jesus
- Church communities and institutions evangelize in different ways. Catholic schools do so by:
- Striving continually to be effective schools
- Teaching students to integrate culture and faith, and faith and life.

Evangelization and the bottom line- from the Bishop’s Mandate Letter.

- In brief, in their evangelization planning, Catholic school decision-makers need to identify effective strategies to provide the primary proclamation and basic catechesis experiences that are appropriate to the faith needs of all students.

Happening in Emmanuel with the Catechesis Coordinator, liturgies, reconciliation, service learning, catechesis and RE classes

- They need to ensure that Religious Education is given the prominence that is appropriate to a form of the Ministry of the Word in the Catholic school,
At Emmanuel a priority given to RE in timetabling, RE has its own teaching block with well resourced rooms and appointment of DP (RE)
- And that Gospel values are integrated into the school curriculum.

Still needs to be done

- As they are helped in these ways, students learn ultimately what is involved in ‘bringing the Good News into all the strata of human society, and, through its influence, transforming humanity from within and making it new’

Evangelization planning process for 2006-2009

Evangelization is about relationship- From Bishop’s Mandate Letter

- 30. At the human level, students need to feel loved by their teachers just as his disciples felt loved by Christ, and be inspired to love their teachers in return. Ideally, teacher-student relationships will develop towards the kind of openness and dialogue that helps teachers to guide their students well.

Evangelization planning needs to be an ongoing process. For us at Emmanuel then it is our vision of Evangelization to be “transforming humanity from within and making it new”. Our focus for evangelization is the values of Jesus, integrated into the curriculum- and practiced by our staff and students as witnesses of Jesus values.

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- 2006 Faith Formation day on Jesus- by Sr Shelly and Sr Helen. Articulation by staff –the values of Jesus
- 2007 These values were made into posters and broadcast about the school. Faith Formation Day with Brendan McKeague- Jesus the peace maker- help staff live out the values of Jesus-witness
- 2008 Shane Lavery presented two day Accreditation to Teach Content unit on Social Justice- Catholic Social Teaching. In response to this presentation HODs & HOYs looked at ways of integrating the staff’s articulated Gospel values into their curricular and/ or practice/witness by staff
- 2009 Implementing the BE MORE program initiated by Caritas to be taken on by all staff initially then students and families will be encouraged to be involved. This program assists Teachers to live out the values of Jesus (Expectation of the Evangelization policy) as well as assisting Teachers to BE Just (Expectation of the CEO Social Justice Policy) and Be Green (expectation of the College Environment policy). After the program is launched in 2009, staff will be interviewed by the Deputy Principal (Ministry and Staffing) in Term 1 about their plan to Be More in 2009. In Term 4 staff member will have a further interview with the Deputy Principal (Ministry and Staffing) to evaluate the staff members plan and action in 2009. Refer to www.bemore.org.au

Staff Formation Day 2006– Values & Images of Jesus- as articulated by staff	
<u>Values</u>	<u>Image of Jesus</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forgiveness • Social • Compassionate • Inclusive • Rebel with a cause • Free thinking • Revolutionary • Assertive • Fair • Hope • Kindness • Faith • Peace • Trust • Love • Empathy • Non-judgemental • Justice • Gratitude • Caring • Kindness • Accepting • Humility • Integrity • Altruism • Sacrifice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human • Loving of all • Powerful • In touch with people • Realistic • Ever present • Sacrifice • Comfort • Caring • Listens • Loving • Self-worth • Courage • Anti-Hypocrisy • Friend • Advisor • Teacher

