Religious Education

Students are encouraged to develop their sense of identity and belonging. It enables them to flourish individually within their communities and as citizens in a diverse society and global community. Religious Education has an important role in preparing students for adult life, employment and lifelong learning. We enable students to develop respect for and sensitivity to others, in particular those whose faiths and beliefs are different from their own. It promotes discernment and enables students to combat prejudice.

At Saint John’s Campus we are blessed with The Chapel of Emmaus, a sacred space to be used for prayer and liturgy. Additionally we have sacred times which also remind us that there is more to life than what we see. This typically occurs in our ritual acts involving the sacred, such as Mass, Reconciliation, ash distribution on Ash Wednesday and various other liturgical celebrations. These rituals serve to unite the campus body, not only with each other, but with the wider Catholic community. Within the Religious Education classroom teachers will explain the several sacraments and ritual celebrations as part of the subject content, explaining the faith dimension of the college.

We uphold the Catholic moral code in our teaching across all subject areas, especially in Religious Education. Within this subject we consider the justification for this particular moral code and how to apply it, considering a variety of perspectives and consequences, in an attempt to lead to wise decision-making.

We uphold the view that everyone has a spirituality (whether that be associated with an established religion or not). Within Religious Education we give students the opportunity to identify and understand their own sense of spirituality. This is further enhanced through our retreats.