Religious Education Curriculum

A Prayerful Celebrating Community
As a prayerful community, students are involved in meaningful Liturgical and Eucharistic celebrations which unites each college member in our Christ centred mission.
Morning, mealtime and afternoon prayers are observed in classrooms and classes and year levels regularly attend Mass at either Saint Teresa’s Church or Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Families are most welcome to join us for parish Masses and Liturgical celebrations. Feast Days celebrating our Patrons are held throughout the year honouring our Patron’s who inspire us and show us ways to be ‘Christ Like’.

Sacramental Program
In conjunction with the Catholic Parish of Whyalla, Samaritan College assists students to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3), Eucharist (Year 4) and Confirmation (Year 7). Families wishing to participate in these Sacraments need to enrol through the Catholic Parish of Whyalla.

Spirituality Days
The College Spirituality Program is linked closely with the Religious Education Program and is integral to the Faith Formation of Samaritan Students. The Spirituality Program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore relationships with peers, family and God. Primary students preparing for sacraments experience preparation days. All Secondary students in Year 8, 9 and 10 will experience a one day Spirituality Day. Students in Years 11 and 12 will experience an overnight retreat.

Good Samaritan Spirituality
Love of Christ and neighbour – treat everyone as if they are Christ; our actions must show that loving God means loving the people we meet.
Prayer – Prayer is part of how we live – it is the starting point; it is an awareness of God in all things
Humility – At the heart of humility is that I am not on my own; we must tolerate and rejoice in the gifts of others.
Stewardship – Stewardship is the respectful use of all we have and having the responsibility to use things wisely and prudently.
Hospitality – Whoever comes to our door is to be welcomed as if they are Christ; Hospitality is about acceptance and forgiveness.
Community – We all need a place to belong; we need to be ready to serve others and be served by others.
Justice and Peace – There can be no peace without justice; you must actively seek peace and create the environment where peace is the outcome.

Edmund Rice Spirituality
The Christian Brothers hold a central and critical role in the development of Samaritan College. Their involvement in the establishment of Saint John’s College helped provide a cornerstone to the foundations of our college we see in Whyalla today.

Inspired by four Foundation Principles, the Christian Brothers, guided by the example of Blessed Edmund Rice, were devoted to Catholic Education in Whyalla.

The Foundation Principles which provided direction for the Christian Brothers are still relevant to us today in our own mission to provide Catholic Education to the community of Whyalla.
These principles are:

**Liberating Education**
We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.

**Gospel Spirituality**
We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community.

**Inclusive Community**
Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.

**Justice and Solidarity**
We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself.

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