Teaching and Learning Framework

We develop a quality curriculum through effective teaching and learning. This is achieved by valuing:

An academic environment at the forefront of modern education development . . .
- Providing engaging, relevant and meaningful activities and tasks
- Providing an environment with resources with which to support, enhance and enliven teaching and learning
- Undertaking regular professional development to keep abreast of current educational theories and practices

A love of learning ...
- Building upon students’ existing learning and experiences
- Providing opportunities for students to negotiate elements of the curriculum and make choices within and about their learning experiences
- Developing skills in higher order thinking and critical thinking
- Exploring problem-solving strategies with others
- Designing flexible learning experiences enabling all students to experience success
- Communicating high expectations to all students and supporting them to meet these
- A holistic view of education and an integrated curriculum which will challenge the creativity, innovation and ability of each student . . .
- Engaging students in authentic, rich assessment tasks
- Establishing real and relevant links for students between the curriculum and the real world
- Exploring the global, local and personal dimensions of curriculum topics

Respect of individual differences so that “the strong have something to strive for and the weak nothing to run from” (rule of Benedict 64:9) . . .
- Providing targeted programs for students with special need and for gifted students
- Providing a differentiated curriculum, meeting the need of all types of learners
- Providing students with the opportunities to explore new types of learning
- Providing opportunities for students to listen, reflect and evaluate in order to develop a deeper understanding of what they are learning and why they are learning

The integration of life and faith and wise stewardship . . .
- Explicitly integrating Catholic values in the development of teaching and learning Programs

Student awareness of self . . .
- Encouraging students to develop an awareness of their own capabilities
- Encouraging students to assume responsibility for their own learning
- Acknowledging each student as an individual
- Acknowledging each student’s areas for growth and providing opportunities for their personal development
- Supporting students to take informed risks that challenge and further their learning
- Providing opportunities to build resilience and perseverance in a supportive pastoral setting