



***In the spirit of Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac, our foundress:***

**‘We are all educators.....**

**Accompanying young people in their efforts to build their lives for today and tomorrow.’**

**These words embody our Mission.**

Notre Dame is a Roman Catholic Independent School with a strong ecumenical tradition, respecting the faiths and cultures of all members of our community.

As a foundation of the Company of Mary Our Lady (COMOL) the School has a distinctive ethos which places at the service of society and the Church, an educational legacy acquired from over 400 years of existence. The Order has constantly developed and updated its educational and pedagogical work to be relevant to the societal needs of the time. The Order’s distinct educational style, embodied in its ‘Educational Project’ emphasizes the following:

- A Christian humanist education which embraces the ideal of becoming new men and women in order to build a new world.
- A quality education which seeks to be efficient in every aspect of the educational process.
- An education for solidarity, social responsibility and development which contributes to the transformation and improvement of each context.
- An education that goes beyond the classroom, seeking other educative opportunities which foster an integral education and the experience of inter-culturality.
- An education carried out with others, working together and complementing one another.
- An education offered as a service through men and women educators who bear witness, by their word and life, to the values and principles we wish to inculcate.

The School’s aims in order to achieve this are as follows:

- To develop a secure and stimulating environment in which pupils are encouraged and challenged to fulfil their potential, both academically and physically and gain an appreciation of the world in which they live.
- To develop in pupils a responsible and independent attitude towards work and their roles in society and inculcate a desire to contribute to the wider community.
- To ensure that the school atmosphere is such that all pupils learn to live amicably together, gaining a keen awareness of others, their feelings and their needs, and to begin to build a reasoned set of attitudes, values and beliefs based on Christian principles.
- To learn to respect each pupil as a valued individual and to imbue feelings of confidence, independence and, above all, self-esteem.
- To liaise with parents, enlisting their co-operation and interest in order to promote a happy partnership working in trust.
- To prepare each pupil for the next stage of their education ensuring that it is appropriate to their individual abilities, aptitudes and needs.