

An 'Outstanding' Catholic School

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The following quotes are taken directly from the report:

A sense of community

"There is a lived sense of community in this exceptionally joyful and supportive school."

"Kindness, welcome and respect are the golden threads of the school."

"The Cornelian principles on which the school was founded are alive and evident in the school community today."

"Actions not Words (the School's motto taken from the teachings of foundress, Cornelia Connelly) are a lived experience in the school community."

"All stakeholders speak about just how much it means to them to be part of the community and the positive impact it has had upon their lives."

"Staff are exemplary role models who consistently go above and beyond in their commitment to the students, thereby inspiring them to do the same."

Strong leadership

"The senior leadership team know their school well, providing clear strategic direction and support when necessary. Staff feel overwhelmingly supported and affirmed by the leadership of the school."

"All levels of leadership demonstrate a joyful and loving vitality in carrying out their role as custodians of the Catholic life of the school and its Cornelian values."

Empowered students and outstanding pastoral care

"Students at Mayfield are happy, confident and secure."

"Students take pride in, and ownership of, their Cornelian principles and they truly live out the school motto of Actions not Words."

"Student leadership is exemplary...[and they] are empowered to take on leadership roles in all areas of the school and community."

"Students value peer support and know that their voices are heard."

"The pastoral care that students receive at Mayfield is outstanding and is evident in all interactions; students feel empowered to strive to be the best they can be in all elements of their lives."

"Parents are actively engaged in the community and value the way that Mayfield supports them as primary educators."

An inspirational education in RE

"They [students] know that their classroom is not only a place of academic endeavour but also a place where they feel safe to share their opinions and viewpoint."

"Students are given many opportunities to engage meaningfully with difficult ethical and theological discourse."

"The quality of work and presentation of exercise books is consistently high because students take great pride in their work and ownership of their progress."

"External exam results are outstanding."

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