

# AQUINAS COLLEGE VISION FOR LEARNING

We aim to nurture students to be successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

In living our College mission, we challenge students to strive for academic excellence in all aspects of their learning

*while*

demonstrating mercy, justice, faith, courage, proactive service and compassion

*and*

contributing to our broader community by being:

- **Literate**
- **Numerate**
- **Lifelong learners with growth mindset**
- **Personally and socially responsible**
- **Technologically adept**
- **Ethical and principled**
- **Resilient and persistent**
- **Critical and creative in thinking**
- **Culturally respectful**

## We believe learners at Aquinas:

- Are created in the image and likeness of God and each has a special dignity and worth
- Are encouraged to reach their full potential
- Experience learning in different ways and at different rates
- Need to learn 'how to learn' effectively
- Have the ability to learn and experience success
- Are active in and take responsibility for their own learning
- Can work both independently and collaboratively
- Understand what they are learning and make it meaningful
- Are challenged in their learning to achieve deeper understanding

## We believe learning at Aquinas:

- Includes the spiritual, religious and faith forming dimensions
- Requires commitment and dedication is the responsibility of all
- Occurs when the individual needs of students are met
- Is challenging and builds upon previous knowledge, understanding and skills
- Includes sporting, cultural and other co-curricular endeavours

## We believe teaching at Aquinas:

- Is a ministry and invokes a commitment to live out the mission of Jesus
- Focuses on learners and learning
- Is creative and engaging
- Identifies clear learning intentions and success criteria
- Provides multiple opportunities for students to learn and to demonstrate their understanding
- Provides regular feedback and uses a range of data and evidence to target specific areas for learning
- Is collaborative and enhanced by professional learning

## We believe the community at Aquinas:

- Is respectful of the God-given special dignity and worth of each individual learner
- Occurs best in safe and supportive environment
- Provides opportunities for both individual achievement and collaboration
- Is a partnership between students, staff, parents and care givers
- Is enhanced through partnerships with Southport Parish and external groups and agencies

