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The Cardijn College community is a significant member of Catholic Education South Australia's (CESA) more than 100 schools, especially across the Southern Vales of Adelaide.

It is committed to CESA's Mission, Vision, Values and Purpose as articulated in the 'Towards 2027: Expanding Horizons and Deepening Practices' Strategy:

This Strategy seeks to help shape thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires...

(Professor Denis Ralph, Chair, South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools SACCS). 2022)

At Cardijn we will intentionally undertake this by utilising '**Our Cardijn Way!**'

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We do this in the context of three unique campuses: Marian (Years 7 – 12, Noarlunga Downs), Marcellin (Trade Training Years 10-12 and Apprentices, Christie Downs) and Galilee (Reception – Year 9, Aldinga). Cardijn offers multiple, inclusive and diverse pathways in alignment with a foundational tenet that there is **Unity in Diversity!**



CONTEXT

Cardijn College has established a tradition of personal and communal excellence across its holistic and diverse educational pathways since its foundation in 1984.

Significant moments from the past forty years:

- Br Walter Smith, a Marist Brother, is appointed principal in 1983 and works with the interim board to propose the College's name as 'Cardijn College'. The 'Young Christian Workers' or the YCW movement as founded by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, initially in Belgium, was very influential across the world, including the Adelaide parishes. Some of the board members had met Cardinal Cardijn when he visited Adelaide, and this had a profound impact on their lives.
- From humble beginnings and at the behest of the families of the Southern Vales, the College has grown to become a leading multi-campus College with multiple learning pathways and excellent staff and facilities.
- An enduring commitment to the College Motto – **See, Judge, Act!**
- Outstanding inclusive practices and facilities to cater for the special needs of our students in 'The Marist Centre' and more recently 'The Lavalla Centre' (Marian Campus), as well as the support programs at Marcellin and Galilee.
- In 2018 Marcellin Technical College becomes a campus of Cardijn providing industry standard vocational training opportunities for not just Cardijn students but for all students of the region.
- In 2023 Galilee Catholic Primary School formally amalgamates with the College following a period of transition from CESA.
- In 2023 the Noarlunga Downs campus is formally named 'Marian' to honour our 'Marist' heritage. The College now comprises of the Galilee, Marcellin and Marian Campuses.
- Responding to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and slowly but surely re-establishing learning routines and aspirational standards across the three campuses.
- The support from the local community has been such that Cardijn is nearing full enrolment across each site and our enrolment across the College in 2024 is over 2000 students. A far cry from Day one, 1984 when just over 100 students commenced.
- Strategic land purchases by Catholic Education South Australia at Noarlunga Downs and Aldinga will see the development of a Senior School at Marian and a gradual growth of the Middle and Senior School facilities at Galilee.



MISSION, VISION, VALUES AND ETHOS

Towards 2027 Mission

Animated by our Cardijn and Marist charisms and in partnership with our families, our College is a community which creates opportunities for encountering life to the full – in all its personal, religious, political, ecological and cultural richness. (adapted from CESA's Towards 2027)

Towards 2027 Vision

Cardijn College will be a place of belonging and holistic engagement across our Catholic faith-based school such that aspirational intentions are achieved within and beyond the school gate through quality learning - a journey in partnership with families and the broader community of the Southern Vales!

Towards 2027 Values and Ethos

- Family Spirit
- Simplicity
- Presence
- Love Of Work
- To See, To Judge (discern) and to Act (Cardinal Cardijn)
- To Listen, To Ponder, To Respond (In the Way of Mary)



OUR PILLARS

1. Our Catholic Identity and Mission

- a. Ensuring that Cardijn's identity and mission is centred in the person and message of Jesus.
- b. Animating the charism of Cardinal Cardijn and St Marcellin Champagnat to further develop a contemporary 'Cardijn Family Spirit' aligned with Catholic Tradition
- c. Incorporate Catholic Social Teaching principles of solidarity and care for each other.
- d. 'To practise what we preach' – to act with integrity!
- e. Continue to develop an authentic and contemporary expression and renewal of our invitation to faith, including a focus on ecological conversion, solidarity with the marginalised and undertaking 'faith in action' projects.

2. Our Learning and Teaching

- a. Implement and demonstrate high quality curriculum, contemporary pedagogy, assessment and reporting practices consistently across the College.
- b. Further develop school wide approaches to promote equity and excellence within an inclusive learning program with multiple pathways.

- c. Students experience and engage in learning that is responsive to their individual needs.

3. Our Students

- a. Continue to review and develop Wellbeing Programs and activities which enhance our Family Spirit by way of nurturing closer connections and support networks for students and families.
- b. Enable students to have agency in their learning such that they can cite evidence of growth as a person, learner and leader.
- c. Ensure the dignity and rights of the child are upheld in the context of our commitment to the Gospel values of respect, truth and justice, especially in all matters pertaining to safeguarding.
- d. Invite, encourage and form our student leaders in the traditions of the College and emerging best practice in service to the Cardijn Community.

4. Our People, Leadership and Culture

- a. Enhance and further develop a 'whole school' professionally respectful culture cognisant of the unique characteristics of each campus.
- b. Continue consultative and collaborative processes focused on school improvement and change in

a context of increasing enrolments and complexities, including leadership structures.

- c. Resource and further develop support and coaching for Early Career Teachers (ECTs)
- d. Retain and support 'Relief' staff across the College.
- e. Ensure adequate and professional resourcing, including professional learning opportunities for all College staff.
- f. Provide leadership formation and mentoring opportunities for our current, newly appointed, and emerging leaders.

5. Our Community

- a. Ensure celebration and acknowledgement of achievements across the Cardijn Family
- b. Further develop partnerships with families and the broader Southern Vales community, especially our parish partner schools.
- c. Consult with our families as to their parenting needs regarding prevailing youth issues.
- d. Expand our industry and employment partnerships to provide post school vocational pathways.

- e. Provide access to meaningful and relevant volunteering and community building activities including College Board and Committees, Campus projects, presentations to students, staff and parent/carers.

6. Our Stewardship and Improvement

- a. Continue to develop and complete a bold plan for the College!
- b. Complete and Implement Master Plans for 'Marian West' and 'Galilee South' Campuses
- c. Review and refine the '10 Year Financial Plan' and the '10 Year Maintenance Plan' to ensure continued sustainability and continual upgrading of College infrastructure and resources.
- d. Seek funding opportunities with government and community bodies to further enhance Cardijn's facilities and joint use, out of hours access for local groups.





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