

CARDINAL WISEMAN OUTSTANDING

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Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School is a community built on the teachings of Jesus Christ where everyone aspires to the Wiseman Virtues, so that our learning and living is 'All for Christ'."

Nicholas Wiseman (1802-1865), the namesake of our institution, was a preeminent Spanish-born, Irish scholar and clergyman whose rise to prominence in 19th century Catholicism was instrumental in reviving the Anglo-Catholic Church after the Protestant Reformation.

He vowed "to avoid studying or writing anything but what may lead to the good of souls", Wiseman adopted the personal motto "Omnia Pro Christo" (our school motto) which translates as "All Things for Christ" and thereafter dedicated his life to the restoration of Catholicism in England, culminating in his appointment as Cardinal and first Archbishop of Westminster in 1850.

The virtues in the Jesuit Pupil Profile find roots in the tenets of the gospel of Jesus Christ as well as in the faith-based spirituality advocated by Saint Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556), founder of the religious order of Jesuits, who articulated a pathway for finding God and attaining self-fulfilment and happiness through a maturation of faith and willingness to work for the greater glory of God.

Cardinal Wiseman seeks to encourage members of its student body to "find God in all things" which will, in turn, provide the ideal

learning environment under which each child can reach his or her true potential. We endeavour to empower our students to discern God's presence in the world around them and to discern the action pathways which will best serve God and those in need.

To accomplish this, throughout the course of their education, seek to develop, in pupils, eight pairs of complimentary values (read article on The Wiseman Virtues) which encapsulate the church's educational philosophy of "improvement in living and learning for the greater glory of God and the common good." Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School seeks to help its pupils to grow through:



- Encouragement of pupils to acknowledge and be grateful for all their God-given talents and to develop them fully so that they can generously utilize them in the service of others.

- Promotion, by precept and through example of faculty, of pupil attentiveness to and reflection on their personal and collective experiences and discerning decision making, which considers the consequences of personal

decisions and which best utilizes their talents to respond to the world's needs.

- Promotion of the loving treatment of pupils by staff and amongst each other through just action as well as attitudes of forgiveness while fostering among them compassion for the plight of the disadvantaged or otherwise less fortunate.
- Instilling, among pupils, the virtues of faith and hope in others, through the example of staff's collective and enduring faith in the students themselves.
- Development of eloquence of honest thought, expression and articulation of language and ideas encouraged by the example of teachers being truthful in their own interpersonal interactions.
- Delivery of a broad and balanced base of academic learning, excellence of tuition and the fostering of the wisdom to prioritize astutely.
- Inculcation of a curiosity in students to be actively engaged in taking responsibility to pursue and sustain their own learning and provision of opportunities for pupils to participate actively in affairs of the school and of wider society.
- Promotion of students' use of discernment and wisdom to live "in the now" and thus be more, intentional, self-determining and less reactive in their living thus becoming more prophetic in the example they set to others. In its choice of mission statement, Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School has brilliantly reconciled its motto "Omnia Pro Christo" with the basic religious ethos underpinning the

When asked her personal opinion, the school's Head Teacher, Mrs. Christina Stewardson responded accordingly. "I think it's wonderful! I love this mission! I love it more than our previous one 'forward in faith' because it informs us and inspires us. This mission is also open about faith."

Mrs. Stewardson added, "Our mission definitely makes our school different. Other schools have the same motto, but we turned it into something different by including our own virtues."

Cardinal Wiseman - outstanding mission statement!