

# TRADITION Begins Here

St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School officially opened in 2008. The school is situated in the picturesque suburb of Mango Hill and caters for students from Prep to Year 6.

St Benedict's is committed to planning and providing a high quality, 21st century Catholic education; an education focused on the development of the human person created whole in the image and likeness of God, bringing faith, life and culture into our school life. Our dedicated and professional teachers deliver unique and authentic learning opportunities, differentiating the curriculum to cater for all learners.

At St Benedict's we follow the expectations set by the Australian Curriculum to make informed decisions about what our students should be taught, regardless of where they live or their background. Our teachers collaboratively plan teaching and learning opportunities in alignment with the national standards specified in the Australian curriculum in ways that best meet their students' needs and interests.

At St Benedict's we fully implement all Key Learning Areas of the Australian Curriculum from Prep to Year 6: English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences (Prep to Year 6: History and Geography, Years 3 – 6: Civics and Citizenship and Years 5 – 6: Economics and Business), Technologies (Digital Technology and Design and Technologies), The Arts (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Media Arts), Health & Physical Education and Languages (Years 3 – 6: Chinese).

At St Benedict's we also use the Religion Curriculum P-12 to plan and implement teaching and learning experiences for our students in Religious Education. The Religion Curriculum P-12 developed by Brisbane Catholic Education, involves the teaching of four strands: Sacred Texts, Beliefs, Church and Christian Life. These strands are interrelated and are taught in an integrated way. The Religion Curriculum is taught with the same academic rigour as the Key Learning Areas specified in the Australian Curriculum and our learners are given multiple opportunities as they engage with the content to demonstrate how they have been successful in their learning.

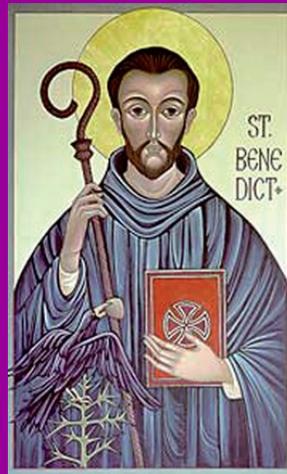
We are a distinctive Catholic Community whose unique culture and ethos permeates the spirit of the Benedictine teachings and traditions. Our learning and teaching reflects the global, national and local contexts as we work together to achieve our vision for learning: "We walk in God's ways where together we live, love, learn and celebrate."

# ST BENEDICT Our Patron

Our patron, St Benedict, was also known as *Benedict of Nursia*; *Founder of Western Monasticism*.

St Benedict was born c. 480, in Nursia, Umbria, Italy of Roman nobility. His name means blessed'. He is the twin brother of Saint Scholastica. He studied in Rome but was dismayed by the lack of discipline and the lackadaisical attitude of his fellow students. He fled to the mountains near Subiaco, living as a hermit in a cave for three years. His virtues caused an abbey to request him to lead them. He founded the monastery at Monte Cassino, where he wrote the Rule of his order. His discipline was such that an attempt was made on his life; some monks tried to poison him, but he blessed the cup and rendered it harmless. He returned to his cave, but continued to attract followers, and eventually established twelve monasteries. At one point there were over 40,000 monasteries guided by the Benedictine Rule. A summation of the Rule: "Pray and work".

St Benedict died 21 March 547 of a fever while in prayer at Monte Cassino, Italy and he was buried beneath the high altar there in the same tomb as Saint Scholastica.



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**Our Mission, Vision and Values  
Overview for Families**



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# TRADITIONS At a Glance

## Our Mission

Our Mission is inspired by our Catholic tradition as well as our Patron, St Benedict, whose teachings, philosophy and values permeate community. *We Walk in God's Ways*, and promote ways in which we *live, love, learn and celebrate together* in our world today.

## Our Vision

St Benedict's Catholic School is an educational community **living, loving, learning and celebrating together** to *Walk in God's Ways*.

- We **Live together by: Community, Hospitality, Humility.** Community is built on positive relationships. Everyone is welcomed, respected and valued. We are humble in our service to others.
- We **Love together by: Compassion, Prayer, Conversion, Obedience.** Jesus shows us how to love compassionately. We walk in God's ways as we hear the voice of God. We are called to listen and respond to the word of God.
- We **Learn together by: Work, Peace, Stability.** Our work is our gift to the world. We practise peace in our daily lives. We find stability by embracing God in our midst. Curriculum engages and supports all learners on their lifelong journey.
- We **Celebrate together by: Work, Peace, Stability, Community, Hospitality, Humility, Compassion, Prayer, Conversion, Obedience.** Recognition, affirmation and encouragement are practised daily.

## Our Values

*Dignity and justice for All:* All persons are created equal and human dignity is inviolable. Our educational efforts should confirm the belief that everyone is unique, that individual distinctions enrich and enliven our world and that the individual has both rights and responsibilities.

*Catholic Christian Community:* A community in communion that does not exist for itself but is empowered by the spirit to be at the service of others; an evangelizing and joyful presence in the world.

*High Quality Learning:* Education shall impart in the learner a zest for life, the courage to tackle it and a desire by students to use and extend what they learn. Critical judgement in different areas of learning should be developed by testing expression and performance against identifiable standards.

*Collaboration and Subsidiarity:* Catholic educators make use of a 'shared wisdom' in arriving at decisions and attempt to locate decision making at the lowest appropriate level.

*Creativity:* We look for creative, flexible and future oriented responses that best address the needs of students, the local community, system and government.

*Stewardship:* Education should view individuals as moral beings, accountable for their decisions and responsible for their actions, with an ability to seek what is true and to do what is right.

*A mutual accountability:* As an educational community we report on the outcomes of our work and the degree to which our intentions are realised.

At St Benedict's, in keeping with our Motto *Walk in God's Ways*, we expect all members of our school community to 'WALK' together in our approach to *Behaviour Education and Management*. W = We Respect, A = Act Responsibly, L = Learn Together, K = Keep Safe.

# OUR EMBLEM And Motto



The rising sun symbolises our journey towards God and reminds us of our origins with the Petrie Parish which shares a similar symbol. Our school is now part of the St Benedict's Catholic Parish, North Lakes, Mango Hill and Griffin.

The four large letters at the angles of the Cross (CSPB) stand for *Crux, Sancti, Patris, Benedicti*, the Cross of the Holy Father Benedict.

The coloured ground leads the followers to Christ and also symbolises the links to the local geography with green fields, water flowing through the site from rain and leading to the waters of Moreton Bay.

Our school motto, *Walk in God's Ways* challenges our community to actively engage with Jesus' message as a model for living.

The Rule of Saint Benedict has, for centuries, been the guide of religious communities. Saint Benedict's rules of obedience, humility, and contemplation are not only prerequisites for formal religious societies; they also provide an invaluable model for anyone desiring to live more simply. They provide guidance and inspiration for anyone seeking peace and fulfilment in their home and work communities and present a contemporary model for living with issues facing us now ~ *stewardship, relationships, authority, community, balance, work, simplicity and prayer*. Benedict taught moderation in all things; the dignity of work; drawing closer to God through the renewal of the mind, placing a strong emphasis on learning and scholastic disciplines.



*We walk in God's ways where together we live, love, learn and celebrate.*