

John Paul College Policy

PRAYER AND LITURGY
AT JOHN PAUL COLLEGE

RATIONALE

To encourage the understanding of prayer and liturgical celebration at John Paul College as integral to its Catholic Character.

PURPOSE

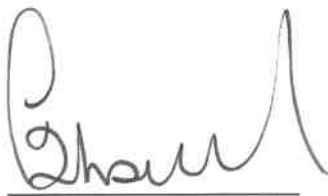
1. To emphasise the importance of developing a relationship with God through prayer and liturgy.
2. To ensure that the prayer aspect of the Catholic Character of the school is being fulfilled and that staff and students develop in their prayer life and prayer styles throughout their years at the College.
3. To encourage students to accept that prayer is an important part of their life as a person.
4. To demonstrate to students that prayer is not restricted to Chapel but is integral to all aspects of life in the College.
5. To ensure that there is prayer at the start of morning class, at each form level and school gathering, as well as at meetings, and at a suitable time during each Religious Education lesson.
6. To ensure that gatherings of staff at meetings etc., commence with prayer.
7. To ensure that liturgical celebrations in the life of the College – beginning and end-of-year Masses, Feast Days, Holy Days – are seen as integral to the Catholic life of the College.

GUIDELINES

1. Prayer may take any appropriate form.
2. Any person in the class may lead the prayer. Each member of staff takes a turn in leading prayer at Staff gatherings.
3. Prayer books should be available in the class.
4. Prayer will begin with the Lasallian Traditional Invitation to prayer and end with the Lasallian Traditional invocations.
5. All classes may end Period 4 with a grace before lunch with the assistance of prayer leaders.
6. Prayer leaders will assist teachers to maintain the prayer life at school.
7. All staff and students attend College Masses, and that a "Full and active participation" is encouraged, together with a deep reverence for the Eucharist.

CONCLUSION

Students and staff are made aware of the importance of prayer and liturgy in the life of John Paul College.

<i>Ratified by Board</i>		<i>Signed for B.O.T Chair</i>
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