



Strategic Directions

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SECTION A

Context, Philosophy and Overview

CONTEXT:

CBC traces its origins back to 1882 when the Fremantle Boys' Catholic School was first opened in High Street in a building still standing on the school grounds as Edmund Hall. In 1901 the Christian Brothers took charge of the school and had responsibility for the governance of the College until 1 October 2007. On this date, Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) was established ushering in a new and exciting phase of governance for Australia's forty Edmund Rice schools.



*Thomas Cullity 1919
Bachelor of Engineering*

From 1901- 1913, CBC was one of the six schools in WA preparing students for public examinations at the University of Adelaide. The University of Western Australia opened in 1914 with two Brothers and two former CBC students among the first graduates. For the first fifty years of the 20th century, the College maintained a reputation for academic excellence resulting in many students achieving great success in examinations and achieving state awards. In the second half of the 20th century, CBC's enrolments entered a slow decline. The growth of diocesan Catholic schools, the deterioration of the physical site and social/demographic changes in the Fremantle region all contributed to the decline. It became apparent that difficult decisions with far-reaching consequences needed to be made.

In the mid 1990s a decision was made to discontinue primary education and the College's second campus at Tuckfield Street was closed. This enabled significant development to occur at the Ellen Street site of the College, which has resulted in much improved teaching and learning facilities. The early part of the new century has seen a rapid growth in enrolments, much improved academic results and the establishment of the College as a school of 'first choice'. CBC Fremantle now resumes its rightful place as a premier school in Western Australia producing graduates who are well-educated young men of faith and integrity with a keen social conscience.

PHILOSOPHY:

Christian Brothers' College Fremantle, as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, is an integral part of the mission of the Church and continues to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ - to evangelise, to reconcile and to renew.

We contribute to the development of young men through (excellence) education and promote their formation in Christian virtue and conscience. A Catholic Leadership program is fundamental to this purpose.

We demonstrate the Church's commitment to the dignity of the individual, particularly by being called to relationship in community and reaching out to the poor and marginalized.

We are an integral part of Edmund Rice Education Australia and its endeavours to promote quality Catholic education based on its Charter through leadership, service and co-responsibility.

We believe in the inestimable worth of every human individual, for each is made in the image of God and is a reflection of God's goodness.

We strive to live in partnerships where each person is empowered and enriched by active participation, cooperation, collaboration and enthusiasm – a community where life may be enjoyed and celebrated with creativity and passion.

OVERVIEW

CBC Fremantle was engaged in its most recent School Renewal Process in 2014. Edmund Rice Education Australia conducted the renewal which is a process of reflection upon the authenticity of our College as a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition. The outcomes of the review were very affirming of the practices and policies of the school. A number of significant commendations were made and a smaller number of challenges were identified for consideration in our future planning.

The following significant commendations arose from this School Renewal:

- The clearly articulated direction of the College which emphasises the journey of boys and which celebrates the achievements of each as they reach their personal best;
- The confidence in the leadership of the College;
- The importance placed on relationships within and beyond the College;
- The emphasis on relationships with church and diocesan Catholic education;
- The tradition of prayer and regular Eucharistic celebration;
- The strong emphasis on pastoral care, in particular through the Mentor system;
- The use of publications to form parents and others in faith, mission and charism;
- The high level of pride in the College felt by students, staff and parents;

- The service learning program;
- The commitment to immersions, with a particular emphasis upon indigenous immersions;
- The frank and value-based way in which justice issues are addressed;
- The emphasis on differentiation of curriculum, encouraging achievement to one's personal best level and the broadening of pathways for the boys.

Recommendations arising from the renewal were:

- A review of the College Vision and Mission statements to ensure alignment with recently articulated directions for the College;
- To take a strategic approach to the appointment of a core group of qualified and motivated RE teachers;
- To be alert to community concerns about the growth of the College;
- To look for ways to offer more opportunities for whole staff reflection and spiritual growth;
- To consider a strategic approach to how the College can address the challenge of inclusivity;
- To consider the introduction of a Year 12 Retreat experience;
- To remain conscious of the affordability of CBC;
- To lift the level of Charter awareness within the community.

The School Renewal Report provides impetus for the ongoing development of the College's strategic plan. This Strategic Directions document is reviewed annually at a joint meeting of the College Board and the College Leadership Team.



SECTION B

Values

The values held by the CBC Fremantle community are based upon Gospel values where Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of a full Christian life. The Charter for a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition describes our aspirations as a College and is underpinned by four ‘touchstones’:

- ~ Liberating Education
- ~ Gospel Spirituality
- ~ Inclusive Community
- ~ Justice and Solidarity.



These touchstones help us to set our direction and define our goals as we continue to reflect and to seek to make the Gospel a living reality in our community.

CATHOLIC FAITH

Our Catholic community upholds the traditions of Edmund Rice while fostering positive relationships throughout the school environment. We strive for mutual respect and an understanding of the differences between individuals

LEADERSHIP

Our community aims to develop young men who have an active faith and, as Catholic leaders, are agents of change and a model to others in creating a more just society. We believe that our Catholic Education in the tradition of Edmund Rice should provide a variety of programs and experiences that facilitate the personal growth and holistic development of each student.

CARE

CBC Fremantle prides itself on being a supportive community that genuinely cares for all, nurturing a strong sense of belonging.

EXCELLENCE

Our community seeks to create an educational environment that provides all members of the community with the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

COMMUNITY

The community at CBC celebrates its history and tradition within the local and broader community through service and pastoral care. The College will continue to enhance its involvement within the community through open communication and active participation. CBC appreciates its role within the context of this community.

SECTION C

Vision and Mission

VISION STATEMENT

Inspired by Christ, and in the Edmund Rice tradition, CBC Fremantle is a caring and inclusive Catholic school community challenging all to a life of FAITH, LEADERSHIP and PERSONAL EXCELLENCE.

MISSION STATEMENT

At CBC Fremantle we embark on a shared journey with our students and families from today's boys to tomorrow's gentlemen. We believe a gentleman will;

- ***Form attitudes and actions based on Gospel values***
- ***Strive to be his best and understand the inherent value of doing so***
- ***Be accountable, resilient and prepared to face and overcome challenges***
- ***Be selfless by nature and able to form positive relationships***
- ***Recognise and value the other in his life.***

SECTION D

Strategic Goals

VALUE AREA 1: **CATHOLIC FAITH**

FOCUS STATEMENT:

CBC Fremantle is a caring and inclusive Catholic Community that proudly upholds the traditions of Edmund Rice. We foster positive relationships and strive for mutual respect and understanding of each person's individual uniqueness as a child of God.

GOALS:

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| 1.2 | Examine ways to continually develop a distinctly Catholic ethos in the tradition of Edmund Rice at CBC to ensure an inclusive school community with a particular emphasis upon the poor, marginalised and disadvantaged. |
| 1.5 | Consolidate processes to share and review immersion experiences and increase appreciation of these programmes in the broader school community. |
| 1.7 | Continue to develop ways of involving the broader school community (including parents and other parishes) in prayer, formation and service activities. |
| 1.8 | Continue to develop ways to invite positive role models, especially Old Boys, to visit the College and provide witness to how their Catholic faith and values inform their lives and relationships. A particular focus should be provided to the power of 'ordinary people doing ordinary things' while living faith-filled lives. |
| 1.9 | Continue to develop ways of expanding Christian Service initiatives with a particular emphasis upon agencies in the local community. |
| 1.10 | Continue to develop a stronger understanding of the EREA Charter and <i>Touchstones</i> throughout the school community of staff, students and particularly parents. |
| 1.11 | Investigate ways of providing appropriate faith development opportunities for students, staff and parents as part of their ongoing spiritual development. |
| 1.12 | Review the implementation and efficacy of the Retreat Programme offered to students at the College. |

VALUE AREA 2:

LEADERSHIP

FOCUS STATEMENT:

CBC Fremantle develops students and staff to be Catholic leaders who are agents of change and a model to others in creating a more just society.

CBC Fremantle provides and promotes opportunities for all in our community to develop true Servant Leadership informed by Gospel values.



GOALS:

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| 2.5 | Continue to encourage staff mentoring relationships to enhance a culture of continual improvement. |
| 2.6 | Through the provision of quality teaching and learning experiences, develop the skills of critical reflection in order to provide a liberating education for all students. |
| 2.7 | Develop opportunity for students to engage in advocacy and action with the intent to create a more just society. |
| 2.10 | Continue to investigate the possibilities and potential of the 'Journey Document'. Investigate the practical applications of its power and purpose beyond Year 9. |
| 2.11 | Continue to promote an understanding of leadership in all its forms and its importance to the developing culture of our College. |

VALUE AREA 3:

CARE

FOCUS STATEMENT:

CBC Fremantle prides itself on being an inclusive and supportive community that cares for all, nurturing a strong sense of belonging. Decisions are made with the best interest of the boys as the primary consideration.



GOALS:

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| 3.1 | Continue to develop processes which meet the current and distinct needs of our College. Ensure that the school maintains adequate resourcing to allow for the delivery of first class care to those within and beyond our school community. |
| 3.5 | Examine and develop College practices and policies to encourage good stewardship of our school, local and global environments. |
| 3.8 | Continue to develop programs and structures that enhance the provision of student services and pastoral care. |
| 3.11 | Continue to develop a coordinated response to issues surrounding safe and appropriate use of technology. |
| 3.14 | Continue to provide an inclusive, differentiated and challenging learning experience for every student at the College by embracing the principles and operation of Academic Care. |
| 3.15 | Provide particular attention to ensuring the adequate resourcing of the Academic Care programme of the College. |

VALUE AREA 4: EXCELLENCE

FOCUS STATEMENT:

CBC Fremantle recognises the uniqueness of boys’ education and seeks to provide an environment that empowers all to strive for personal excellence in fulfilling their potential.



GOALS:

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| 4.5 | Develop the process of monitoring and tracking student academic and pastoral performance as a means by which to promote the pursuit of personal excellence. |
| 4.7 | Continue to review the process of transition of students into Year 7 and facilitate the differentiation of curriculum as appropriate. |
| 4.9 | Maintain an ongoing and sustainable maintenance plan that provides appropriate educational facilities. |
| 4.11 | Continue to promote academic excellence through the provision of quality educational opportunities. |
| 4.13 | Encourage and support staff to seek continual self-improvement through attention to their own personal and professional development. |
| 4.18 | Develop a cogent leadership pathway for students from Years 7-12. |
| 4.19 | Review the Pastoral Care structures of the College with the aim of ensuring that the best possible standard of care is delivered to our students. |
| 4.20 | Develop a comprehensive approach to the provision of opportunities for all students to acquire specific and generic study skills. |

VALUE AREA 5 **COMMUNITY**

FOCUS STATEMENT:

CBC Fremantle celebrates its history and tradition and its engagement with the local and broader community. The College values its membership of, and role within, Edmund Rice Education Australia.



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| 5.1 | Continue to engage former students at the College with a particular emphasis upon recent leavers. |
| 5.2 | Continue to provide opportunities for parent involvement in a variety of ways at the College. |
| 5.3 | Continue to provide opportunities for students to be involved in meaningful experiences around immersions and/or advocacy. |
| 5.7 | Ensure that a culture of celebrating personal excellence in a variety of endeavours at the College is promoted and shared with the wider community. |
| 5.11 | Seek opportunities to engage with the local and broader community - especially the poor, marginalised and disadvantaged. |
| 5.14 | Promote the development of a school community which is characterised by the selflessness of its members. |
| 5.15 | Engage with the global Edmund Rice community through initiatives associated with EREBB. |
| 5.16 | Seek to honour the history of the College. |
| 5.17 | Promote a better and broader understanding of the place of CBC Fremantle as a member of EREA. |

Appendix

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| 1.1 | Expend on existing Catholic Leadership facilities through the creation of an appropriate Sacred Space and Catholic Leadership Centre | 2013 | Actioned |
| 1.3 | Examine ways of giving increased priority to enrolment of Catholic students and employing Catholic teachers. | 2011 | Deleted |
| 1.4 | Explore opportunities for wider interaction within the EREA and Oceania Networks. | 2011 | Actioned |
| 1.6 | Investigate ways of providing appropriate opportunities for the faith development of students and staff with a particular focus upon the use of the newly created Sacred Space. | 2014 | Re-phrased to become 1.11 |
| 2.1 | Seek opportunities to develop the existing holistic Catholic ideal of leadership informed by gospel values. | 2014 | Re-expressed as 2.9 |
| 2.2 | Continue to develop new student leadership opportunities with the emphasis upon promoting and enhancing the students' understanding of the servant leadership model. Give particular attention to developing leadership opportunities for Year 10 students. | 2016 | Actioned |
| 2.3 | Reflection and review leadership processes for students and staff. | 2011 | Actioned |

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| 2.4 | Explore opportunities for leadership development within the EREA and Oceania Networks. | 2011 | Actioned |
| 2.8 | Develop strategies aimed at providing more leadership opportunities for staff at all levels and continue encouragement of women to apply for senior roles. | 2015 | Actioned |
| 2.9 | Continue to develop and promote a common understanding of Catholic Leadership through the Servant Leadership model. | 2015 | Actioned |
| 3.2 | Continue to develop the processes of pastoral care provided for and by the staff in the College. | 2013 | Merged with 3.1 |
| 3.3 | Evaluate the enrolment policy to support an inclusive admission process. | 2011 | Actioned |
| 3.4 | Continue to develop a variety of suitable year 7-12 academic pathways in the best interests of each student. | 2013 | Merged with 3.12 |
| 3.6 | Monitor enrolment trends and numbers to ensure a concise and accurate picture of total student cohort and demographics is maintained. | 2015 | Actioned |
| 3.7 | Investigate the provision of improved facilities for College staff. | 2012 | Actioned |
| 3.9 | Continue to develop a mode of delivery of curriculum, which is best suited to maximising learning and social outcomes for boys. | 2015 | Incorporated into 3.14 |
| 3.10 | Continue to investigate the possible uses of ICT in enhancing the pastoral care of students at the College. | 2013 | Deleted |
| 3.12 | Continue to examine ways to respond to the needs of individual students through the differentiation of curriculum. | 2015 | Incorporated into 3.14 |

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| 3.13 | Investigate ways in which the College can embrace the principle of inclusivity. | 2015 | Incorporated into 3.14 |
| 4.1 | Investigate the provision of appropriate ICT facilities for students and staff to enhance the learning process. | 2011 | Actioned |
| 4.2 | Explore possibilities for alternative models of education for middle and senior schooling. | 2011 | Deleted |
| 4.3 | Investigate possible companion programs to the Rite Journey for Years 10-12. | 2016 | Deleted |
| 4.4 | Investigate timetable models that provide class sizes most conducive to student learning. | 2011 | Actioned |
| 4.6 | Continue to monitor the implications of the Australian Curriculum on reporting and pathways for students to ensure readiness for implementation. | 2015 | Actioned |
| 4.8 | Maintain a capital development plan that reflects boys' needs in the 21st century in terms of classroom design and staff facilities. | 2015 | Actioned |
| 4.10 | Explore possibilities for refinement and modification of Canteen facilities and incorporate this into the Capital Development Plan. | 2014 | Actioned |
| 4.12 | Explore further creative approaches to attract and retain quality staff. | 2013 | Deleted |
| 4.14 | Continue to develop strategies for making CBC Fremantle a desirable workplace for all staff. | 2013 | Deleted |
| 4.15 | Continue to challenge all members of our community to value, develop and celebrate personal excellence. | 2016 | Deleted |

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| 4.16 | Explore possibilities for refinement and modification of toilet facilities and incorporate this into the Capital Development Plan. | 2016 | Actioned |
| 4.17 | Investigate and implement best practice for the holistic development of boys (spiritual, academic, mental health, physical) | 2016 | Deleted |
| 5.4 | Develop a marketing plan designed to maintain a positive image of the College. | 2013 | Re-written as 5.10 |
| 5.5 | Review current practice with a view to developing greater interaction with girls' schools. | 2012 | Deleted |
| 5.6 | Review opportunities provided for CBC students to prepare for and experience aspects of post school life. | 2013 | Deleted |
| 5.9 | Continue to encourage and support the Parent Auxiliary. | 2015 | Actioned |
| 5.10 | Maintain a positive and accurate image of the College and its values through an appropriate Marketing and Communications Plan. | 2014 | Re-written as 5.12 and 5.13 |
| 5.12 | Maintain a positive and accurate image of the College and its values. | 2015 | Actioned |
| 5.13 | Develop a Marketing and Communications Plan. | 2015 | Actioned |