



ST. EMILIE'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Growing in Grace*

# STRATEGIC PLAN

*Growing in Grace Toward 2030*



## A WELCOME MESSAGE

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM  
& SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

*'Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. I am the vine and you are the branches.'* John 15: 4 – 5

*It is our pleasure to present the Strategic Plan for St. Emilie's Catholic Primary School in Canning Vale as our school 'Grows in Grace Toward 2030'.*

St. Emilie's Catholic Primary School is located on Whadjuk Nyoongar Boodja, and the community here at St Emilie's are proud stewards of the Country we are situated on.

Our school has been offering a quality, Catholic education in the suburb of Canning Vale for nearly 25 years, with the school due to celebrate its 25th birthday in 2027. While a comparatively young school, in a short time, we have developed a rich faith story based on the faith tradition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Apparition, inspired by the person of Saint Emilie de Vialar. Central to the creation of this plan has been the time used to reflect on and acknowledge the history of our school, paying our respects to those who laid our foundations when our school started to take shape amongst the surrounding farmland in 2002.

Over the past year, a process has been undertaken to develop a Strategic Plan to continue growing our school into the future, ensuring that we continue to provide a quality, Catholic education for our current community and for the future generations who attend.

This planning process commenced with our Parish Priest, Father Jean-Noel Marie, bringing the story of Saint Emilie de Vialar to life for our staff. This was followed by an invitation to our foundation School Board members, including our school's foundation Principal, Ms Sally O'Dea, to educate our current staff about St Emilie's in the early days. Starting in this way allowed us to honour our past as a strong foundation to step forward into the future.

We received input from our children to share their hopes and dreams for our community, and progressed to include discussion with staff, input from the School Advisory Council, as well as conversations with parents, all of whom look forward to walking the journey with us.

This Strategic Plan has been created to honour our context as a Catholic school, unique to Canning Vale, and aims to highlight our strengths, while concurrently addressing the opportunities for growth that we have identified. Our School Strategic Plan also recognises the Strategic Initiatives 2030 of the Catholic Education Commission of WA (CECWA) and their call for all Catholic schools to provide Formation for Mission, Excellence for Success, Witness for Impact and Growth for Access.

The St. Emilie's Catholic Primary School Strategic Plan 'Growing in Grace Toward 2030' is formed around our School Vision for Learning, with our Strategic Intentions articulated underneath the Five Core Beliefs of our Vision for Learning. Leaning on our School Vision for Learning as a base for our School Strategic Plan ensures that all we do at our school is strategic and intentional with the aim of growing our Catholic learning community. We have a solid foundation for a bright future at St. Emilie's Catholic Primary School. Collectively, we look forward to writing the next chapter in the story of our school.



## OUR SCHOOL'S

## PRAYER TO SAINT EMILIE

*'Saint Emilie, our Mother and guide, you were so filled with the love of God, that you helped others in difficult times. Please help us to be like you and love others. Amen. Saint Emilie, pray for us'.*

## Vision

St. Emilie's Catholic Primary School's Vision is to promote life-long learning in a safe, nurturing and Christ-centered environment.

## Mission

Our Mission is to courageously inspire and support children to grow, as confident critical thinkers, and collaborative and creative learners who are well equipped to relate to an ever-changing world.

## Values

We respect ourselves and each other.  
We strive for excellence.  
We build wellbeing.  
We create a safe environment.

OUR SCHOOL MOTTO:

**GROWING** *in Grace*

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

THE GRAPEVINE &  
SAINT EMILIE DE VIALAR

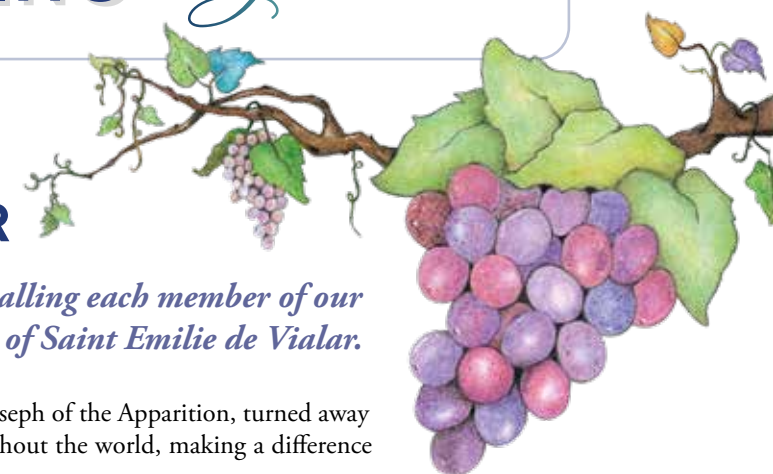
*Our School Strategic Plan takes it shape by calling each member of our community into relationship with the person of Saint Emilie de Vialar.*

Saint Emilie de Vialar, the foundress of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Apparition, turned away from a life of wealth and comfort to spread her grace throughout the world, making a difference to the marginalised and most vulnerable.

The symbol of the grapevine is a powerful visual for our vision and mission at St. Emilie's Catholic Primary School. The grapevine represents the origins of Saint Emilie de Vialar from Gaillac, a town in the wine region of France. The grapevine reminds us of Jesus, the 'true vine', for without Him, we can do nothing, and that we, as followers of Christ, are the branches of the vine with the ability to share our fruits with the world.

As a Catholic learning community, we are called to do His work.

Grapevines and the grapes found on the vine are never identical. They are unique and individual, like all in our community. The grapes support each other to hold on to the vine, similar to how we support one another at St Emilie's. The vines are nobbly and imperfect, representing their history as they have been pruned for better growth.



## OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

## GROWING IN GRACE TOWARD 2030

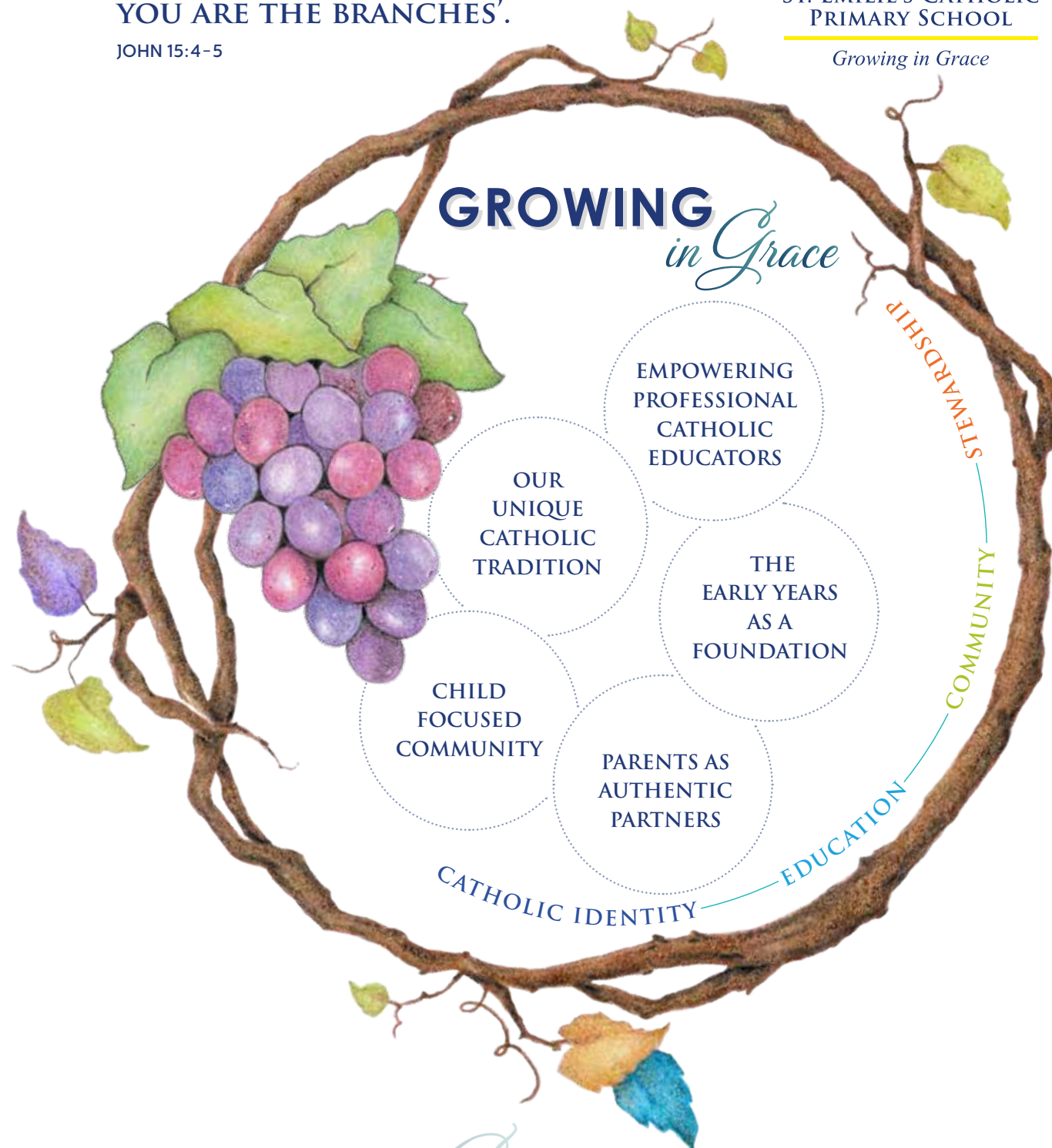
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## OUR STRATEGIC INTENTION

## OUR UNIQUE CATHOLIC TRADITION

*As Catholic educators of quality, called to courageously inspire and support all children, we believe in creating a Christ-centred, safe, nurturing school where we see, know and connect with every child.*

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## STRATEGIC INTENTION ONE

*Partner authentically with the parish* to ensure we are in communion promoting and providing witness to the school's distinctively Catholic ethos.

02

## STRATEGIC INTENTION TWO

*Provide regular opportunities* for our community to grow their relationship with Jesus, through connection with the faith tradition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Apparition and the person of Saint Emilie de Vialar.



OUR STRATEGIC INTENTION

**CHILD FOCUSED COMMUNITY**

*As Catholic educators of quality, called to courageously inspire and support all children, we believe that all children must have an active role in their learning.*

**01****STRATEGIC INTENTION ONE**

*Amplifying wellness and wellbeing through* celebrating the God given gifts of children and educators, utilising the school's natural environment for children to identify and accentuate their gifts.



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OUR STRATEGIC INTENTION

**EMPOWERING PROFESSIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATORS**

*As Catholic educators of quality, called to courageously inspire and support all children, we believe in striving to reach our full potential, we significantly impact each child's holistic education.*

**01****STRATEGIC INTENTION ONE**

*Strengthen the capacity of educators* and school processes so that the diverse needs of children in the school are identified ensuring all children have the 'grace to grow'.

**02****STRATEGIC INTENTION TWO**

*Protecting* teaching and learning time.

**03****STRATEGIC INTENTION THREE**

*Evolving* online practices to enhance the teaching and learning cycle and impact the engagement and learning of children.



## OUR STRATEGIC INTENTION

**THE EARLY YEARS AS A FOUNDATION**

*As Catholic educators of quality, called to courageously inspire and support all children, we believe the Early Years are crucial in building strong foundations for holistic learning, as we provide for the unique and diverse needs of each child.*

**01****STRATEGIC INTENTION ONE**

*Prioritise targeted and intentional resourcing for the Early Years (Three Year Old Kindy to Year Two) to ensure the evolving needs of children and families in the community are being met, laying the foundations for future generations.*



## OUR STRATEGIC INTENTION

**PARENTS AS AUTHENTIC PARTNERS**

*As Catholic educators of quality, called to courageously inspire and support all children, we believe parents are the first educators of their children. We authentically partner with parents.*

**01****STRATEGIC INTENTION ONE**

*Promote a culture of balance, wellness and wellbeing in our community through intentional and meaningful moments of connection.*





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