St Bernard’s College
Strategic Directions
St Bernard’s College Essendon is a Catholic day school for boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

Edmund Rice founded the Christian Brothers, a religious order of men, in Waterford, Ireland in 1802 to educate boys as a response to the social inequity of the times.

The College celebrates a heritage, which originated in its foundation by the Christian Brothers in 1940.

St Bernard’s College Essendon receives its educational mandate from the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne.

From its foundation, the College was governed by the Christian Brothers and now is governed by Edmund Rice Education Australia.

The College operates in accordance with the policies of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and Edmund Rice Education Australia. The College is a member of the Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) of Victoria.

The College motto, “Discere et Agere” (to learn and to do), informs a culture where learning is valued and its practical application is expected.
St Bernard’s College has built a strong reputation and community, but is committed to ongoing improvement and the pursuit of excellence. The College will continue to be challenged by a range of external drivers in the changing global environment.

The greatest changes to the world St Bernard’s boys will experience are the result of technological changes and the extreme acceleration in the pace of change associated with communications. Many of the boys beginning at St Bernard’s College today will ultimately work in jobs that don’t yet exist. St Bernard’s will need to be agile to meet these challenges, positioning St Bernard’s boys to contribute meaningfully to the common good while giving them a well-rounded education in the moral and spiritual implications of changing modes of communication.

Another major shift in the global sphere is the increasing economic dominance of countries with cultures very different from Australia: intercultural understanding, adaptability, and creativity will become increasingly important to St Bernard’s Boys’ long-term career prospects.

St Bernard’s College is well placed to cope with these challenges, capitalising on the strength of our teachers.

The role of the teacher in fostering skills such as synthesising, criticising, writing and analysing information as well as cultivating the emotional and social resilience and sense of responsibility St Bernard’s boys have long been known for.
VALUES

St. Bernard's College is a Catholic School community and bears witness to Gospel values that are central to all relationships within the College.

These values link the College, the home and the broader community of the Church and are expressed through the Charter for Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

Liberating Education
We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.

Gospel Spirituality
We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community.

Inclusive Community
Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.

Justice and Solidarity
We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized and Earth itself.
VISION AND MISSION

St Bernard’s College contributes to a better world for all by educating to form the whole person, empowering each student to fulfil his life’s potential.

St Bernard’s College is a Catholic School for boys in the Edmund Rice tradition, pursuing excellence by learning and doing.
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

St. Bernard's College community has set some strategic priorities to guide actions and initiatives in the coming years:

**Innovative**
Fostering an innovative learning community

**Courageous**
Empowering brave, independent young men

**Holistic**
Educating the whole person

**Just**
Working towards a better world for all
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