

When I first joined St. Gregory's Catholic School, I remember feeling overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed. One day, I decided to shift my mindset, and that change made all the difference. (pause) St. Gregory's is a school that prioritizes opportunities, services, and academic programs tailored to the diverse interests of its students, along with numerous extracurricular activities. These tools help us discover new passions, build lasting friendships, and most importantly, build a more inclusive school community.

At St. Gregory's, we strive to live out our mission statement: "to be treated justly with dignity, love, and respect," while "embracing our God-given charisms". To me, respect is the most valuable charism, and I see it daily in the way students interact and grow together. When walking through the corridors, I can see students kindly assisting new Year 7s with empathy. Our cultural diversity is another strength, as students eagerly share their perspectives and learn from one another with respect and curiosity.

I'm especially inspired by the unity and harmony within our young leader team, who work together to make St. Gregory's an outstanding school. If granted the privilege, my personal mission would be to continue expanding this inclusive community and deepening our sense of togetherness in the name of Jesus. To be in a catholic school means we are welcomed into our catholic faith and through the teachings of God and Jesus Christ we can fulfil our one family inspired to learn ethos. Our aim is to create a complete environment where every individual feels a true sense of belonging.

Thank you.