



Cathy Prunty

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Empowering all to Flourish

Cathy is a role model when it comes to empowering those around her to flourish.

She is beloved by staff, students, and families, excelling in her ability to build trust and create safe spaces where everyone feels at ease.

Cathy organises liturgies in such a way that all are visibly included. She takes time to know the students well, and asks them to perform roles that are challenging, yet achievable.

Cathy is astute at identifying the marginalised in the College community and persistent in actioning strategies to 'bring them into the fold.'

Her successes with students in the 'Hands On Learning Program', supporting Year 10 students who aren't suited to the conventional classroom, have been particularly significant, drawing deep respect from students and colleagues alike.

These are students that many teachers struggle to build positive relationships with, but Cathy is consistent in her efforts and ability to guide them to positive outcomes.

Cathy is also tireless in her work for her parish and wider communities, enabling her to make explicit the link between Catholic Social Teaching and the lives of her students.

Cathy works to continually update her teaching practice to engage students and empower them to live the Mercy values, while inspiring colleagues to do the same.

Cathy truly does empower all around her to flourish.