# Our Vision

To be a welcoming and caring Catholic community, where all people are truly valued and seek to be the very best of themselves.



## UNPACKING THE LANGUAGE

## "welcoming and caring Catholic community"

This is a community that knows its own identity. An identity grounded in the Catholic faith, inspired by the lives of the saints, especially St Stephen, St Mary MacKillop, St Thomas Aquinas and St Francis of Assisi, and led by God through the Holy Spirit. Through this identity, we aim to foster a Christian hospitality that genuinely cares for and welcomes all people.

### "truly valued"

Made in the image and likeness of God, we are all unimaginably precious to God. At St Stephen's we hope to imitate God's perfect love in the way that we treat one another with care, respect and dignity.

### "seek to be the very best of themselves"

Seeking to be the very best of yourself is to be a saint. This does not mean to be without sin or error, but to respond to God's love for you by striving to live a virtuous life, where you actively seek and use all of the gifts that God has bestowed upon you for the good of all.

