Be open to experience a sacred Presence that does not belong to any single party or culture or colour or creed – a Presence bigger than any religion

(Br Philip Pinto, Oceania Chapter 2008)
The Context

Christian Brothers College is the oldest all boys Catholic school in Adelaide. The enrolment of students at the college throughout history has always reflected the immigration of cultures into our local community. The College community today consists of over 45 different nationalities. The multicultural nature of our school and the greater awareness of the injustice within our global world calls us to be people of justice and solidarity. As a Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition we are inspired by our charism to align ourselves with the Gospel of Jesus, the response of Edmund Rice in his times, the Church Community, and the Christian Brothers Congregation.

Our EREA Touchstones calls us into the dynamic life of the Spirit, inviting us to be people who are constantly aware and engaged in our ministries through reflection and collaboration. The Touchstones invite us to be people of action, to be inclusive, just and to be inspired by the person of Jesus and his vision of a world made whole. It is this vision that Edmund Rice mirrored in his response to the Gospel that is now lived in the Touchstones of our EREA schools.

Christian Brothers College is a leading school in Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders and invites us to develop an International network of Catholic schools educating our students to collaborate globally and promote solidarity and transformational education living the Gospel values and actively seeking justice and liberation.

The strategic direction of our college for EREBB has been influenced by the following documents:

- Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders
- EREA Touchstones
- Edmund Rice Ministry – Values and Characteristics Statement
- CBC Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015
- Asia Literate Strategy
- The Good Seed Will Grow
- Living the Vision – Ministry Accreditation

Christian Brothers College invites all our community to live the mission of the Church within the Tradition of the Gospel and the inspiration of Edmund Rice to work in collaboration with our Edmund Rice Schools around the world.

*Upholding the human dignity of each person, to believe in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness.*


*Daring to be disciples of Jesus and inspired by Edmund Rice, we, living in solidarity with the whole earth community, and walking with those whom society has marginalised, particularly young people, proclaim liberation and justice for all.*
Moral Imperative

Inspired by the teachings of Jesus, Gospel values and the spirit of Edmund Rice, we commit ourselves to global solidarity and to transformational education for justice and liberation.

Our Values

- Faith
- Excellence
- Community
- Compassion

The EREA Touchstones

- Gospel Spirituality
- Liberating Education
- Inclusive Community
- Justice and Solidarity
Christian Brothers College will work collaboratively with local, national and international partners and organisations, as a lead EREBB School to strategically develop a partnership of justice and solidarity with our global Edmund Rice schools and educational communities.

We aim to develop:

- Greater appreciation of the diversity of our Edmund Rice tradition in our schools around the world.
- Understanding of Jesus’s experience of God that transformed his view of people and the whole world.
- Cultural intelligence of the relationship between our school and other ER schools that allow us to develop capabilities to participate in a globalised world.
- Informed beliefs and attitudes that enable our community to be active participants with our partner schools.
- Quality, transformational, curriculum development and design that informs, challenges, advocates and liberates for justice and social change.
- Strong international relationships and Catholic networks with our students that promote global solidarity and offer transformative education for justice and solidarity.
- Effective cross-cultural communication capabilities that allow our community to act as responsible local, regional and global citizens.
- Authentic relationships that foster mutual respect and friendship in a spirit of social justice.
- Celebration of hope, peace and the rich diversity of faith traditions and cultures of the world rejoicing in our common humanity.
- Passion for justice and truth that transcends social and economic boundaries and advocates for the rights of all life by challenging injustice and oppression.
Strategic Priorities

Service is one of the highest motivations driving us to create spiritual capital that empowers our lives and the lives of others. I passionately believe that the motivation to serve something larger than ourselves—our families, communities, students, employees, humanity, the environment, future generations and life itself—is the highest form our spirituality takes. It is in such service, offered with grace and humility that we literally become servants, or agents of God in this world, the spirit incarnate. Zohar 2010

Transformational Education

Working in partnership throughout the world to support quality and transformational education.

We aim to:

- Develop transformational curriculum design that engages the hearts, minds and souls of 21st Century learners, and promotes the concept of a just world (global spiritual capital).
- Creatively engage with the general capabilities of literacy, numeracy, ICT, critical and creative thinking, ethical and intercultural understandings, to create partnerships that will further enhance and develop our sense of a global educational community, providing experiences that promote school, school twinning and volunteer exchange programs.
- Further develop the following key initiatives
  - The promotion and development of an EREBB as a ‘Global Professional Educational Community’
  - ‘Ethical Enterprise Education’
  - ‘Human Rights and Advocacy Education’

One Voice for Justice

Being educational communities that are immersed in each other’s realities, striving to make justice, peace, and human rights a global reality.

We aim to:

- Create new and sustainable immersion programs for staff and students that provide authentic experience of CBC’s core values of faith, excellence, community and compassion.
- Generate opportunities for developing ecological and ethical responsibilities for action that support the Mission of the Church and the ethos and vision of Edmund Rice.
- Develop a sense of advocacy in our students through our Justice and Peace Framework responding to social, economic and moral inequity in our world.
Effective Communication

Using available technologies to connect, gather and journey together.

We aim to:

- Work in collaboration with other EREBB lead schools through regional meetings to support partner ER schools and programs, resources and school based events.
- Publish articles on the EREBB website and use technologies (if available) to communicate with partner ER schools and classes to develop a positive relationship between students and staff.
- Advocate for justice and solidarity for partner schools through communication and action of support agencies and organisations to overcome social injustice.

Formation for Mission

We aim to promote:

- Staff attendance at faith formation opportunities both regionally and internationally related to the EREBB program.
- Staff and student development of mission skills with a focus on our leadership teams and members of the College community who participate in immersions and our social justice programs within the school.
- Staff formation through the EREA/CESA programs on the Church Mission and the inspiration of the Touchstones on the charism of our school.
- Providing opportunities for formation that nurtures a Gospel spirituality and challenges us to embrace a church of, with and for the poor.
Inspiring Leadership

Forming leaders capable of inspiring communities to undertake this global vision.

- Our commitment to the mission of the EREBB will be strategically represented within our 2016 – 2019 Strategic Plan.
- Commit to the development of a global professional learning community, which promotes high quality inclusive education for all our partner schools.
- Identify and promote opportunities that continue to develop and inspire emerging leaders to be advocates of equality in education both locally and globally.

Developing Our Identity

Supporting each other in developing an identity that reflects our shared ethos and Catholic Character while recognising our diversity.

- Communicate effectively with our College community through our newsletter, website and Facebook our involvement in the mission of the EREBB and our commitment to sharing resources and financial support for schools in developing world.
- Using opportunities for various groups/agencies to speak to parent/staff/student/board on the EREBB program, our ongoing partnerships and challenging our commitment to justice and solidarity within our College context.
- Continually review our commitment to the mission of the EREEBB that are supportive of our College values and Touchstones.
What happens to the outer world happens to the inner world

Thomas Berry