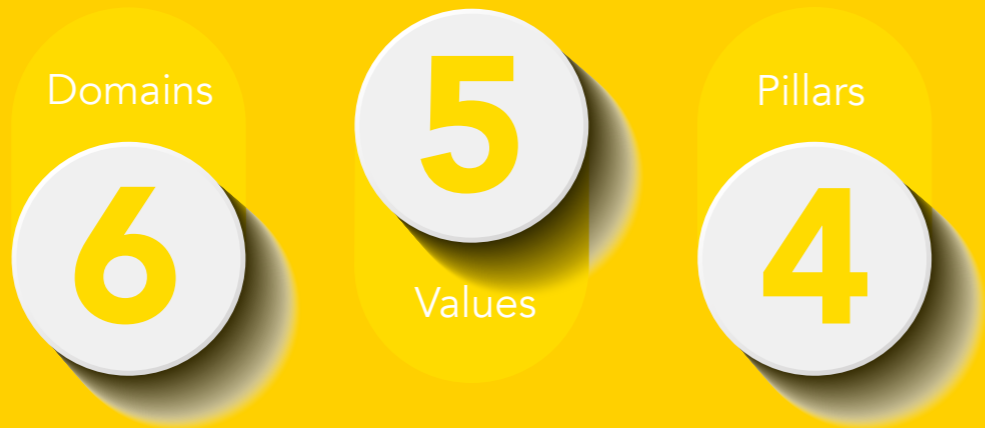


FIRBANK  
GRAMMAR

# 425

THE YEAR OF COMPASSION



Our Motto

'Vincit qui se vincit'

One conquers, who conquers oneself.

Our Vision

Firbank students embody our motto – conquering themselves, their challenges and embracing possibilities.






Our Purpose

Firbank provides more than exceptional education. We care about our students and offer a breadth of experiences, knowledge and skills that equip them to be continuous 'conquerors of learning' and ready for life.





Our 6 Domains

					
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Our 4 Pillars

			
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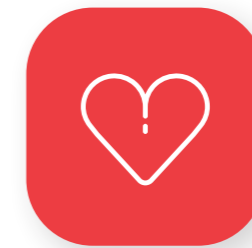
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1. **An aspirational culture of learning that builds on each student's strengths**
2. **Challenging, relevant and engaging programs**
3. **Attracting and developing the best teachers**

Create an aspirational culture of learning.

We will:

- Provide students with a range of learning experiences to develop their potential
- Foster a love of learning and a desire to be lifelong learners
- Provide opportunities to develop the courage to express a well-informed point of view and have confidence in themselves
- Develop unique programs to ensure effective progression throughout the various stages of schooling and beyond

Deliver programs that are challenging, relevant and engaging.

We will:

- Provide an holistic, sequential and diverse program.
- Build resilience and adaptability through challenging educational experiences.
- Deliver programs which are academically rigorous, and encourage students to become curious passionate thinkers and questioners
- Encourage dynamic and leading technological practice which is integrated into teaching and enhances learning

Attract and develop outstanding staff.

We will:

- Commit to evidence-based quality teaching practice
- Empower and support staff to develop professional networks to enhance practice
- Promote collegial professional learning communities that enhance collaboration
- Create a culture of self-reflection



## Wellbeing

We know, value and care for our students; wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do.

Through:

1. **Enhancing wellbeing to enhance learning**
2. **A culture of kindness and resilience**
3. **Being agents of our wellbeing**

Acknowledge and promote the key role that wellbeing plays in ensuring that students can learn.

We will:

- Implement schoolwide practices, programs and resources that build social and emotional capacity
- Partner with parents in the shared responsibility of student wellbeing
- Provide roles within the School to support the promotion and collective understanding of wellbeing

Promote a culture of kind and resilient relationships across the school.

We will:

- Use the School's values in authentic ways
- Commit to building positive relationships in all areas of the School
- Work closely with students, staff, parents and alumni to share and promote successes, stories and information

Support students to understand what makes them unique and empower them to take increasing control for their own wellbeing.

We will:

- Provide students and staff with a range of support services
- Embed a positive classroom culture that is inclusive, enables student agency and self-efficacy
- Ensure that students are supported to identify and achieve personal goals
- Develop systems and processes to record and use information about each student



## Strong Community

The Firbank family is a highly engaged community with a culture of inclusion, empathy and action.

Through:

1. **Local and global relationships**
2. **Partnerships with parents**
3. **An engaged Alumni**
4. **Passionate staff**

Foster local and global relationships, to enable students to understand their responsibilities to others and to develop an ethic of service.

We will:

- Provide opportunities to celebrate and recognise various cultures and events of significance
- Embed a coordinated and organised approach to service and contribution across the whole school
- Provide programs and opportunities which enable students to develop an understanding of their place and responsibilities in the world both locally and globally

Encourage partnerships with families so that they feel welcomed and involved in school activities.

We will:

- Be inclusive of all families
- Support and encourage Parent Associations and affiliated groups
- Strengthen partnerships with families through accurate, timely and effective communication

Engage alumni to have a lifelong relationship with the Firbank family.

We will:

- Communicate with all alumni groups on a regular basis
- Provide opportunities for connection and engagement in current school life
- Engage alumni to view Firbank as an inter-generational school of choice
- Maintain accurate alumni records

Support, value and recognise passionate and committed staff.

We will:

- Create a professional culture
- Provide opportunities for professional and personal growth
- Provide opportunities to celebrate staff



## Sustainability

We manage our school in a responsible manner to ensure a sustainable future.

Through:

1. **Ensuring resources for today and tomorrow**
2. **Optimal enrolments**
3. **Skilled governance over the School's operations, decision making, risk management and regulatory compliance**

Manage our resources so they meet our educational vision for today and tomorrow.

We will:

- Provide quality and appropriate resources that enhance the educational programs
- Employ and develop committed staff who are adaptable and flexible
- Continue to review the Firbank masterplan to develop innovative spaces that enable and reflect our learning needs
- Consider the best environmental and sustainable practice in decision making

Ensure optimal Enrolments.

We will:

- Maintain ideal campus sizes
- Engage with Alumni to encourage cross-generational commitment to Firbank
- Continue to have a strong, proud presence, Bayside and beyond

Maintain skilled governance over the School's operations, decision making, risk management and regulatory compliance.

We will:

- Make decisions about programs, practices, partnerships and policies that are based on the best available evidence
- Ensure sound financial management
- Continue to grow and develop diverse revenue streams
- Encourage a culture of philanthropy