A Letter From The Principal

Try to imagine living in the Western District around the end of WWI. It's the early 1920's and the township of Coleraine is suddenly populated by a growing number of returned servicemen looking to settle in the district. With these young men come their wives and children, many of whom have not had the benefit of a formal education.

My name is Danny Franc and I am the Principal of St. Joseph's Primary School, Coleraine. You have probably already gathered that I am very proud of our school's humble history and pride of place in our town and greater Diocese of Ballarat.

You'll be happy to know that things improved for the newcomers in the early 1920's. The Sisters of St Joseph established St Joseph's Primary School to provide Catholic Education for the children in Coleraine and the surrounding district. The Sisters of St. Joseph lived by the words,

"Never see a need without doing something about it."

Our school has undergone many changes since those early days, with a shift to a new site, a change of religious order and the introduction of Lay staff members towards the end of the last millennium. However, not everything has changed, and that same *Josephite* motto still rings true today.

The staff at St Joseph's are dedicated, enthusiastic and highly professional educators. They are committed to providing a stimulating, comprehensive and challenging learning environment. They encourage and support their students in achieving high learning outcomes and provide an inclusive environment that challenges every child to become conscientious members of a global society.

At our school, we believe that the gospel values of Harmony, Care, Cooperation, Inclusiveness, Respect and Community are the essence of our relationship with God, each other and the earth. St Joseph's provides a learning environment that is welcoming, safe, supportive, and that celebrates success. Our mission is enriched by the words of Jesus Christ, who said,

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

St Joseph's Primary School, Coleraine is committed to assisting each student to reach their full potential.

I sincerely welcome you to visit us some time soon. My hope is that once you have seen the great work we do as a school, you will have no reservations about joining the St Joseph's community. We warmly invite you and your family to explore the many benefits that a St Joseph's education has to offer.

Yours Faithfully,

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