

As Catholic schools the *St. Marien-Schulen* supplement the educational goals of state schools with a view of the world and humanity which is based on Christianity. The focus of our work is the individual student whose talents we want to awaken and develop. We feel partly responsible for the cognitive, social, creative and religious evolution of our students.

### **Our Path**

Based on a culture of mutual trust all those involved in the educational process – i.e. students, parents, teachers, Head, trustees – cooperate. We particularly want to implement in our students an understanding of moral values, a willingness to perform well and to think independently.

### **Our Encounters**

Dignity, respect and an acceptance of others are the foundation of our school life. We foster strengths and accept weaknesses.

Our daily encounters are characterized by an atmosphere of trust, good will and freedom from fear. Openness and honesty are at the heart of our relations.

We learn to address problems, tackle conflicts and work out solutions in a positive spirit of debate. This includes talking to each other and not about each other as well as accepting weaknesses. In this we see an opportunity to grow and evolve as persons.

## **Personalities**

The lifeblood of our school community are dedicated teachers who provide students with impulses and help in their quest to find themselves and a meaning for their lives. Our teachers support the evolution of our students' personalities with their sensitivity and by providing a role model.

Our students endeavour as hard as they can to perform well at school and to be actively involved within the school community. Thus they gain self-confidence and this will enable them to take responsibility for themselves, their fellow human beings, in church and in society.

Parents identify themselves with the character of our school, contribute to its educational goals and support school life – as far as possible – in material and non-material ways.

The Head provides students with the necessary freedom to develop.

## **Religious Life**

Life according to a Christian value system can be felt and experienced at our school every day in prayers, services, retreats and other activities.

## Reflection and Evaluation

It is crucial for our learning culture that we continually work on ourselves and reflect and evaluate what we are doing.

Trustees and Head provide the best possible conditions for an up-to-date learning culture.

To make this profile come alive all members of our school community are expected to dedicate themselves with great openness.

Only if we all cooperate, can this be realized.

(Developed by parents, teachers, Head and trustees of the St.Marien-Schulen, August 2006)