

Our Vision, Mission & Values

OUR VISION

We are people of spirit and faith who ...



OUR MISSION

We seek to make the St Augustine's College vision a reality by:

- Embracing the spirit of St Augustine
- Implementing inclusive practices
- Creating a seamless P – 12 curriculum
- Building and nurturing strong partnerships
- Striving for excellence in teaching and learning
- Valuing the individual and enhancing self worth
- Inspiring generosity to provide service to others
- Fostering a safe and secure community
- Celebrating the sparkle of joy amongst us
- Promoting sensitivity and care for the environment

STATEMENT OF VALUES

We seek to promote these values for our students, staff and parents:

- **Spirituality**
Having a sense of the sacred and our relationship with God through an expression of prayer and community worship
- **Respect**
Having respect for oneself and others fostering honesty, cooperation, courtesy, consideration and self esteem
- **Honesty and Compassion**
Being true to God, to self and to others by being genuine, just, fair and trustworthy in whatever we do
- **Care and Compassion**
Caring for self and others
- **Responsibility**
Being accountable for one's own actions, being able to resolve differences in constructive, non violent and peaceful ways, contributing to the community and taking care of the environment
- **Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion**
Valuing difference, accepting diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.
- **Social Justice**
Being committed to the pursuit and protection of the rights of others and the common good
- **Personal Best**
Challenging each person to excel and achieve his or her best personal potential in academic, spiritual, physical, artistic and relationship pursuits.



St Augustine's College
AUGUSTINE HEIGHTS

Be together in heart and mind

Defence School Mentor Program

INFORMATION & SUPPORT FOR DEFENCE FAMILIES
WITH SCHOOL-AGED DEPENDENTS POSTED
TO THE BRISBANE/IPSWICH AREA



Defence School Mentor Program

- Assists students from ADF families to integrate into the College community and help with transition.
- Advocate for ADF students when required.
- Provide emotional support to ADF students when required.
- Act as a link between parents of ADF students and the school.
- Encourage resilience and implement coping strategies to help overcome additional challenges that students from ADF families can often face.
- Work with other student support service staff.
- Promote awareness of the special needs of ADF families.
- Linking students to appropriate support persons as needed.
- Co-ordinating appropriate welcome and farewell gatherings for students and parents of Australian Defence Force families.



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Role of the Defence School Mentor

My name is Gemma Lovriha and as the Defence School Mentor at St Augustine's College, my role includes offering support to your family throughout your posting here with the Defence Force. I am also able to provide information on external Defence support agencies, including Defence Member and Family Services.

I am a former serving member (RAAF) and was part of a Defence family for 17 years. With my family, I have experienced several postings and extended absences due to deployments or exercise, in addition to having personal deployment experience. I can appreciate the challenges that come with settling myself and three children into new school communities in several states across the country.

I have previously held the role of Defence School Mentor whilst on posting to Darwin and had the pleasure of working as a Teacher Aide at St Augustine's College prior to commencing the DSM role in 2021. I look forward to working with your family and helping to make your children/s' time at StAC memorable!

