At St Joseph’s School our learning and teaching statement is based on the Learning Centred Schools framework and our school’s vision of ‘Growing together in Knowledge, Faith and Friendship’. It is our aim to educate the whole child by embedding each of these elements within the learning experiences we provide and equipping students with the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes to participate effectively in our changing world.

When considering our **KNOWLEDGE** component we aim to:
- Empower the school community with skills and attitudes to recognise, create and participate effectively in a changing world.
- Provide high quality learning experiences that cater for the learning abilities and styles of all students.
- Encourage students to be intrinsically motivated through negotiated learning.
- Provide inquiry-based learning experiences that encourage deeper thinking.
- Provide opportunities for students to make connections between their learning and the wider community.
- Encourage responsible risk taking, feedback, goal setting and reflective practice.
- Use multiple sources of data to provide relevant and engaging learning opportunities for each child.
- Provide children with relevant learning experiences through the use of contemporary environments, tools and practices.

When considering our **FAITH** component we aim to:
- Foster an environment and learning experiences where the Catholic Faith is celebrated, communicated and lived.
- Model, share and expect safe and supportive learning in a spirit of respect for the dignity of each person.
- Embrace Christian values throughout our policies, attitudes and teachings.
- Providing students with opportunities to reflect, pray and participate in the traditions of the Catholic faith.
- Enrich students’ understanding of Jesus’ teachings by connecting them to personal and global contexts.
- Encourage students to take action in matters of social justice.

When considering our **FRIENDSHIP** component we aim to:
- Develop a caring and supportive school where all members of our community experience a sense of belonging.
- Provide a non-threatening environment where all members of the community are free to respond without judgement, by ensuring that individual uniqueness is valued and nurtured.
- Provide opportunities for students to work collaboratively and share their experiences and understandings.
- Develop partnerships with the parents and wider community which provide opportunities for students to connect their learning to the outside world.
- Educating teachers, parents and students with the strategies to foster positive relationships.
- Ensure that every teacher knows every child.