Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School Charisms

Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary is a school of mixed Charism. The vision of St Anthony's is tied to the Christian values espoused by the spirituality of the Franciscan's through our patron saint St Anthony of Padua. Nano Nagle, through the involvement of Presentation Sisters, who began the school in 1980 is the other Charism that flows through our school.

Saint Anthony

St Anthony of Padua is the Patron saint of our school. His Franciscan beliefs, with a focus on social justice and stewardship for the Earth underpin the core beliefs of our school. We take the words of St Anthony's as our mantra – **Words Teach Actions Speak**. Saint Anthony is known as the patron saint of lost things. He was a great scholar and communicated the gospel in simple terms for all to understand. Our student's stewardship of the Earth is evident through the care for our school environment. Our students understand our motto of Words Teach and Action Speak. They are challenged to not only speak the words of Jesus but to live by them.

Nano Nagle

The first Principal appointed to Saint Anthony's School Alexandra Hills was Sister Kieran McNamara from the Presentation Order. The Presentation Order is founded on the work of Nano Nagle. Nano Nagle was born in Ireland in 1718. Nano saw the injustices of the time and worked with the poor and needy. She is portrayed with the lantern, using this light to serve those in need at night. Our school has a strong connection with serving those in need and work in partnership with the Parish and community charities to assist the vulnerable. The symbol of the **lantern** is commonly used within prayer spaces within classrooms. Our students are encouraged to shine their own light to help others.

The values of both Nano Nagle and Saint Anthony are at the heart of our students' educational experience and a strong part of the school's Mission.

In essence they are:
· Service to others, especially those who are marginalised
· Compassion
· Being just