

# **DESCA @ DE LA Cronulla**

**DESCA stands for ;**

- **Dignity**
- **Energy**
- **Self-Management**
- **Community**
- **Awareness**

## **DIGNITY**

- **As a Catholic Community we believe that all people have a natural worth, a value beyond judgement, an essential DIGNITY.**

*What does Dignity look like in our school?*

- **ALL students should feel good about themselves and feel confident about their work.**
- **ALL students will have self respect and respect for ALL other members of our community.**
- **ALL students have a quiet inner strength, sufficiently self-assured and secure to be able to relax and invest in themselves and their studies without feeling self-conscious.**

*“Have great respect for each person you are with” The words of St John Baptist De La Salle*

## **ENERGY**

- **All students are living centers of physical, emotional and mental energy and those energies are meant to flow.**

*What does Energy look like in our school?*

- **We will notice that ALL students are busy, engaged and involved.**
- **Students will feel free to use their gifts and talents freely and with confidence.**

*“Earnestly ask Jesus that all your work be energized by his Spirit and draw all its power from him.” The words of St John Baptist De La Salle*

## **Self-Management**

- **Your teachers are not here to boss you around, we are here to help you do better at managing yourselves, assist you in becoming lifelong learners and help you mature into responsible citizens.**

*What does Self-Management look like in our school?*

- **Students are encouraged to be self-managing, self-respectable and self-motivated.**

*“Inspire and lead others by encouraging them.” The words of St John Baptist De La Salle*

## **Community**

- **We are a Lasallian community and as a result you are never alone. This is a school that accepts and supports each member of our community.**

### ***What does Community look like in our school?***

- **Our school should bring out the best in ALL our students and ALL our teachers/support staff.**
- **Students will listen to each other, give acceptance and receive acceptance, give respect and receive accept.**
- **Teasing or slighting others IS NOT TOLERATED in this community.**
- **Students do not need to feel isolated, rejected or disconnected. Support is always here for each and every person.**
- **Problems will emerge, but they will get resolved in ways appropriate to a respectful community.**

***“Be warm hearted to everyone, speaking to others in a gentle and respectful way.” The words of St John Baptist De La Salle***

## **Awareness**

- **All humans, of course, can be aware of memories, facts, colours, sounds, others and ourselves. Our minds are alive and full of wonder.**

### ***What does Awareness look like in our school?***

- **We would like you to be thoughtful and alert not bored or plodding along to the end of Yr 12.**
- **We want you to be very conscious, perhaps aware of thoughts and feelings inside yourself and perhaps aware of the ideas of people around you.**
- **We do not want you handling your class subjects mindlessly. We want you to be focused and to concentrate at all times.**

***“Follow the Inspirations that come to you from God” The words of St John Baptist De La Salle***

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