“I have come that you may have life – and have it to the full!” (John 10:10)

The Parade College community is sustained by and committed to the following truths and values which have underlined successive statements of Mission over the years.

- The Parade College motto “Tenete Traditiones” means ‘holding fast to traditions’ Our school is the oldest existing Victorian Catholic boys’ school and since 1871, a tradition of good teaching began that sought to inspire a life-long love of learning for the students. We have always strived –

To teach and learn in a life-giving and safe community and to ensure this:

- we value a broad curriculum that provides an opportunity for each student to achieve his personal best within a large community with a wide range of abilities;
- we actively explore and raise the profile of the whole teaching and learning process of boys which prepares them to confidently and creatively respond to the challenges of the world in which they live;
- we encourage all members of this community to be resourced to participate fully in the health and safety processes that create a life-giving and supportive community for all.

- In the 21st century, Parade College is challenged with and accepts the responsibility to follow Edmund Rice’s example to ‘read the signs of the times’. We are particularly conscious of making practical responses in support of the challenges that young males face in society today. We are always desiring –

To foster the most wholesome development and growth of all members and we do this:

- with respect for the personhood of each member of the College community by embracing diversity which celebrates individual differences and promotes tolerance through our Christian behaviour;
- by being excited and challenged how to realistically and creatively journey with our young men through significant rites of passage to healthy adulthood;
- by ensuring that every member of the Parade community experiences the dignity of being a personally known, valued, respected and cared-for individual.

- Included among our cherished communal stories are the biblical narratives and gospels of Jesus of Nazareth, the inspiration of Blessed Edmund Rice and the pioneering Christian Brothers who founded Parade College. These stories are the touchstones which enable us:

To value the unique story of each person within the communal stories which inspire our tradition and so we are:

- aware of this precious gift and are committed to creating the time and space for each person to tell their story and hear that of the other;

- enabling of all members of our community to develop the skills of interiority;
- attentive and reach out to those who are on the margins, inside and outside of, our community.

- The creation myths of the Judaeo-Christian tradition, and those of many other cultures, remind us of the responsibility we have as human beings to be careful stewards of our planet. A deep sense of our connection with, and not apart from, our creator is the place that will lead us into knowing ourselves at our best. Deeply aware of our God-given responsibilities, and the privilege of being welcomed on the land of the Wurundjeri people, we want:

To seek the deepest fulfillment of our humanity in harmony with an evolving creation so we nurture an environment where:

- our educational and social interactions involve mutual respect and cooperation based on discipline of self, and taking responsibility for our own actions;
- on our communal journey of faith we acknowledge and embrace each individual’s search for their path to God;
- our leadership, at all levels, is always a model of service and responsibility in the spirit of Gospel values and Edmund Rice spirituality.

“You are welcome from the tops of the branches to the roots of the Earth”
Doctor Joy Murphy-Wandin, Wurundjeri Elder