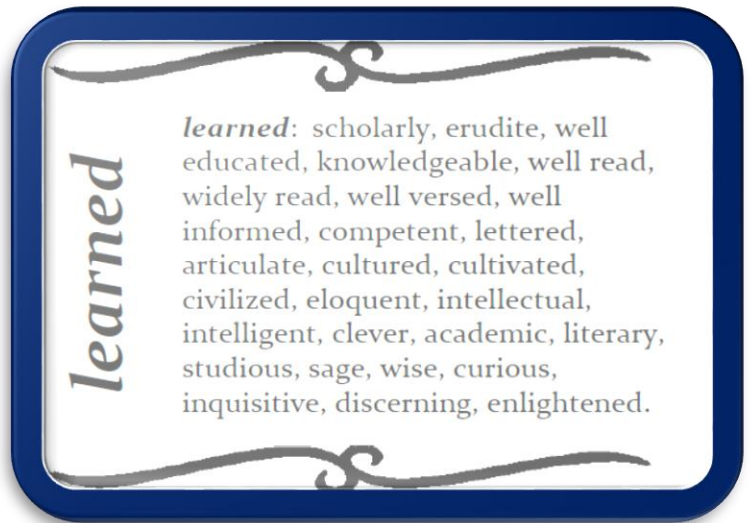


What kind of people do we hope our pupils are growing to be?

Saint Ninian's High School has at its heart a tradition of excellence in learning and teaching - making sure that each pupil is engaged, stretched and inspired to excel by outstanding teaching and by offering the broadest possible curriculum, supplemented by a wide range of co-curricular activities. Academic excellence in Saint Ninian's is understood within the larger context of human excellence, seeking to develop the qualities of mind and heart that will enable pupils to work with fellow students and teachers for the good of all in the service of the Kingdom of God.



Education is concerned with the fullest formation of each student as an individual personally loved by God promoting the fullest possible development of all of the God-given talents of each individual young person as a member of our school community. There is no separation between **time for learning and time for formation**, (Congregation for Catholic Education, *The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium* n.14). **Living and learning**, education and formation, are, if you like, the two key components of a Catholic education.

All aspects of a holistic education have one common purpose: the formation of the **balanced person** with a personally developed philosophy of life that includes ongoing habits of reflection and action. To assist in this formation, the curriculum of Saint Ninian's offers a well-planned educational programme delivered through every aspect of school life – the ethos and life of the school as a community of faith and learning, the curriculum areas and subjects, interdisciplinary learning, opportunities for personal achievement.

In our school the chief responsibility for moral as well as for intellectual formation rests not upon any procedure or curricular or co-curricular activity, but upon the teacher guided by the gospel through which we help young people to discover God active in history and in creation.

“Today, students do not listen seriously to teachers but to witnesses; and if they do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” *Pope Paul VI (to be canonised in Oct. 2018).*