

## PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCHOOL

We, in LORETO, see school as an integral part of Preparation for life. It embraces Christian, moral, social, cultural and academic ideals. We believe that it is very important to enhance the self-image of each student by providing achievable goals suited to her individual needs.

We acknowledge that parents are the primary educators of their children and we encourage their involvement in their daughter's education through the Parents' Association and Parent Teacher meetings. We endeavour to help parents to fulfil their role by providing them with talks, meetings etc.

For all our students, we aim for good academic qualifications which are essential in today's competitive world. Practical work is integrated where possible to develop dexterity. The widest possible choice of subjects is offered to all pupils to ensure that each will achieve in some area.

Opportunities are provided for students, both in and out of class to exercise responsibility, make choices and take decisions. Such skills are essential in order to cope in a rapidly changing world.

We believe that our students should be educated for leisure. We provide them with opportunities to acquire the attitudes and skills which will help them to use their leisure time positively and creatively. We encourage a positive attitude towards extra curricular activities. We believe that the pursuit of academic excellence does not preclude these activities or vice versa.

The Christian ethic has a major influence on the philosophy of our school, in attitudes, interpersonal relationship and the value system we hope to pass on. We recognise the roles to be played by local clergy, parents, staff and pupils, all working together to strive for a genuine faith community. Arising from this Christian philosophy we see the school having a spiritual and pastoral ministry characterised by care and justice.