

NAMING POLICY

Purpose

The following policy aims to provide guidance in the naming of events, physical resources, scholarships, awards, spaces and other titled entities at Damascus College. It endeavours to link our history and values to all named items so that the Damascus College story may enliven our faith. It is also designed to ensure the appropriate use of names related to Damascus College.

Scope

The policy applies to all items bearing a formal title related to Damascus College.

Definition

Titled Items: These include but not limited to events, physical resources, scholarships, awards, spaces and other titled entities.

Policy Statement

It is Damascus College's policy to:

- retain the right to determine the name of all titled items;
- discern names of positive role models that reflect the values and history of the College and build its identity as a Catholic school in the Mercy Tradition;
- provide education about the significance of a titled name in the life of the College;
- ensure that the names of living people not be applied to future physical resources and spaces;
- obtain permission, where possible, from the person being named, the Canonical authority, and the family, of the person being honoured as appropriate;
- welcome and acknowledge philanthropic contributions where appropriate; and
- consult with the College Governors, when appropriate.

Consequences

The consequences of this policy are that Damascus College will:

- capitalise on the explicit and implicit learning opportunities that arise from the naming the titled items so that students grow in their understanding of significant people and places in the history of the College and the tradition;
- use naming to strengthen the Catholic identity of the College;
- appropriately acknowledge benefactors and honour contributions;
- foster and develop College spirit and pride through the naming of titled items; and
- maintain a register of names used as titles.

Responsibilities

While the Principal and the Leadership Team have overall responsibility for the implementation of the policy, all members of the College community are expected to support and uphold the Catholic culture of Damascus College.

Associated Documents

Damascus College Catholic School Culture Policy

Damascus College Sponsorship Policy

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Report 2017