

EXPLANATION OF  
GOOD SHEPHERD'S  
NAME

MOTTO

LOGO AND SCHOOL HOUSES



# Explanation of School Name, Motto, Logo, Relationships and Houses

## School Name

“I have come that you may have life and have it to the full. I am the Good Shepherd” John 10:10-11. This gospel verse depicts the values identified for the community of Good Shepherd Catholic primary school. It speaks to us of belonging and connectedness. The Good Shepherd symbolises the inclusion, care and compassion for each member of the school community. Families are welcomed, supported and nourished in the love of God.

## Motto and Logo

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School motto, “Called by Name”, depicts a community where each individual is known, respected, and valued. It proclaims a community where all belong, are included, and connect with each other.

The motto signifies the call by God to be people of respect, hope, faith, love, and reconciliation. The community is called to be a sacramental people and challenged to live out the gospel values.

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School logo symbolises the call and connectedness in Jesus, the Good Shepherd.



This symbolism is of **Jesus** the Good Shepherd



This indigenous symbolism is of the **community** and acknowledges the Jagera and Turriubul people as the traditional owners of the land on which the school is built.



This symbolism is of our connection with the **environment**



The placement of these symbols together in the logo, along with the motto “Called by Name”, symbolises the call and connectedness in Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

## School Colours

The school colours, of **blue and green**, symbolise Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School community's connection with the environment.

## Community Relationships

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School is supported through the new Springfield parish of *Our Lady of the Southern Cross*. A key relationship within the same parish will be with the regional Catholic P-12 College, St Augustine's College in Augustine Heights. The two schools will collaborate on important matters, such as enrolment policies and school fees; transition from primary to secondary; early childhood education and care; professional learning. The Leadership Team from both schools will meet with the Parish Priest once per Term to discuss common goals.

Over time Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School is becoming a prominent contributor within the community of Greater Springfield through relationships as per the following:

- Continuing to build strong relationships with the wider church community i.e. the Archdiocese and agencies - building a strong relationship.
- Building professional working relationships with Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies, especially in Ipswich City Council
- Contributing to building a professional collaborative culture with Education City precinct & neighbouring schools through sharing in one per term programs. Working closely with universities.
- Developing supportive relationships with local businesses, sporting, and community organisations and welfare services
- Building working partnership with Springfield Land Corporation and *Learning Coalition Schools*.
- Gaining a deeper understanding of indigenous culture by building a relationship with the local Indigenous community
- Developing a professional partnership with USQ
- Building a relationship with the local media through advertising and sharing our story.



## School Houses

Good Shepherd has structured four houses. These contribute to the family atmosphere of the school. These houses are McAuley, Mercy, Hutton and Bathersby.

- **McAuley** – Named after Venerable Catherine McAuley – Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy (Blue)
- **Mercy**– Named after Mary Mother of Mercy. (Navy)
- **Hutton** – Named after David Hutton – Executive Director at the time that Good Shepherd opened in 2013 (Green)
- **Bathersby** - Named after Archbishop John Bathersby who was the Archbishop at the time that the land for Good Shepherd was purchase in 2010. (Gold)