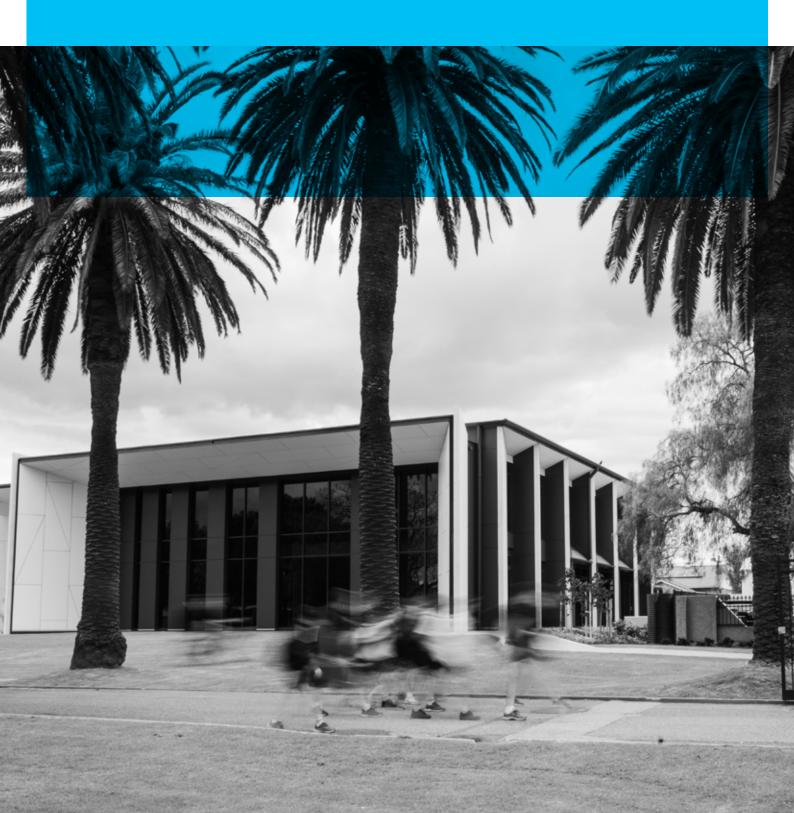


## Strategic Plan

2021-2024





### Striving for Excellence



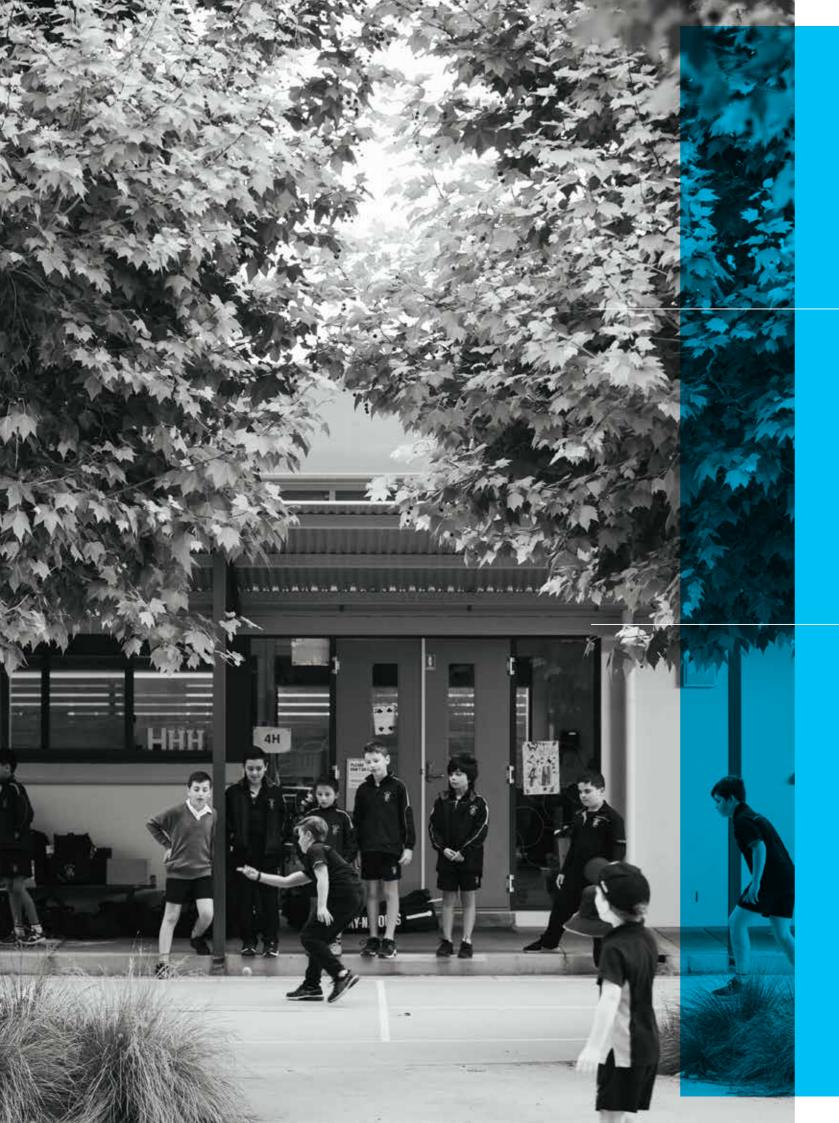
The Very Reverend
Anthony Walsh OP,
Prior Provincial,
Province of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It is my pleasure to present the Blackfriars Priory School Strategic Plan 2021-2024. The launch of this Strategic Plan occurs during the 800th anniversary of the dies natalis of St Dominic, marking his death in Bologna in 1221. At that time St Dominic promised the Order "I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life."

Blackfriars is part of this promise and the Strategic Plan confidently grows from that pledge outlining our confidence as we look towards the school's 70th anniversary in 2023.

Our strategic priorities build on the four pillars of Dominican Life and enable a renewed expression of being a Catholic and Dominican boys' school. For our community of students, their parents, caregivers, and families; staff and school leadership; as well as our Old Scholars, this Strategic Plan looks forward, ensuring everyone is challenged and striving for excellence.





#### Our Mission

Blackfriars is a Catholic Dominican school for boys which promotes the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of each member of the school community. We aim, in co-operation with families, to engage students in an educational experience within the context of a Christian community which is fulfilling and rewarding.

#### Our Vision

To deliver excellence in boys' education through the provision of a transformative, vibrant and reflective learning community that equips and inspires students to confidently and successfully participate as men of integrity in a rapidly changing world.

## Our Philosophy

The philosophy of Blackfriars is to educate in the pursuit of truth through a life of contemplation and action. We are a Christ-centred Eucharistic community and this is reflected in all facets of our learning and teaching including an active prayer life and a passion for ministry, justice, peace, equality, religious education and pastoral care.

Our Dominican tradition commands us to recognise and accept the difference in ability and gifts of each student and differentiate learning and teaching appropriately. We synthesise faith and reason, recognising the signs of the times, so as to inspire boys to become fully human and reach their potential as balanced, humble men, who have a deep love for the world in which they live.



## Four Pillars of Dominican Life

At Blackfriars we are inspired by the Four Pillars of Dominican Life. They work together to promote an authentic and flourishing life for each person, for his or her community, and ultimately for the wider human community. They address the key relationships in life: relationship with God, with self, and with neighbour.

While the Four Pillars have well-defined domains, they are not mutually exclusive and more than one Pillar can apply to the same aspect of life.



# Be Leaders

Blackfriars will be the leading school for boys in Australia through empowerment, discernment and reflective leadership.

"Jesus came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45





# BeTrue

Blackfriars will search for and discern the truth as a Catholic school in the Dominican tradition.

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

## Be Connected

Blackfriars will develop and implement initiatives to strengthen our school community and engage in local and global partnerships.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20

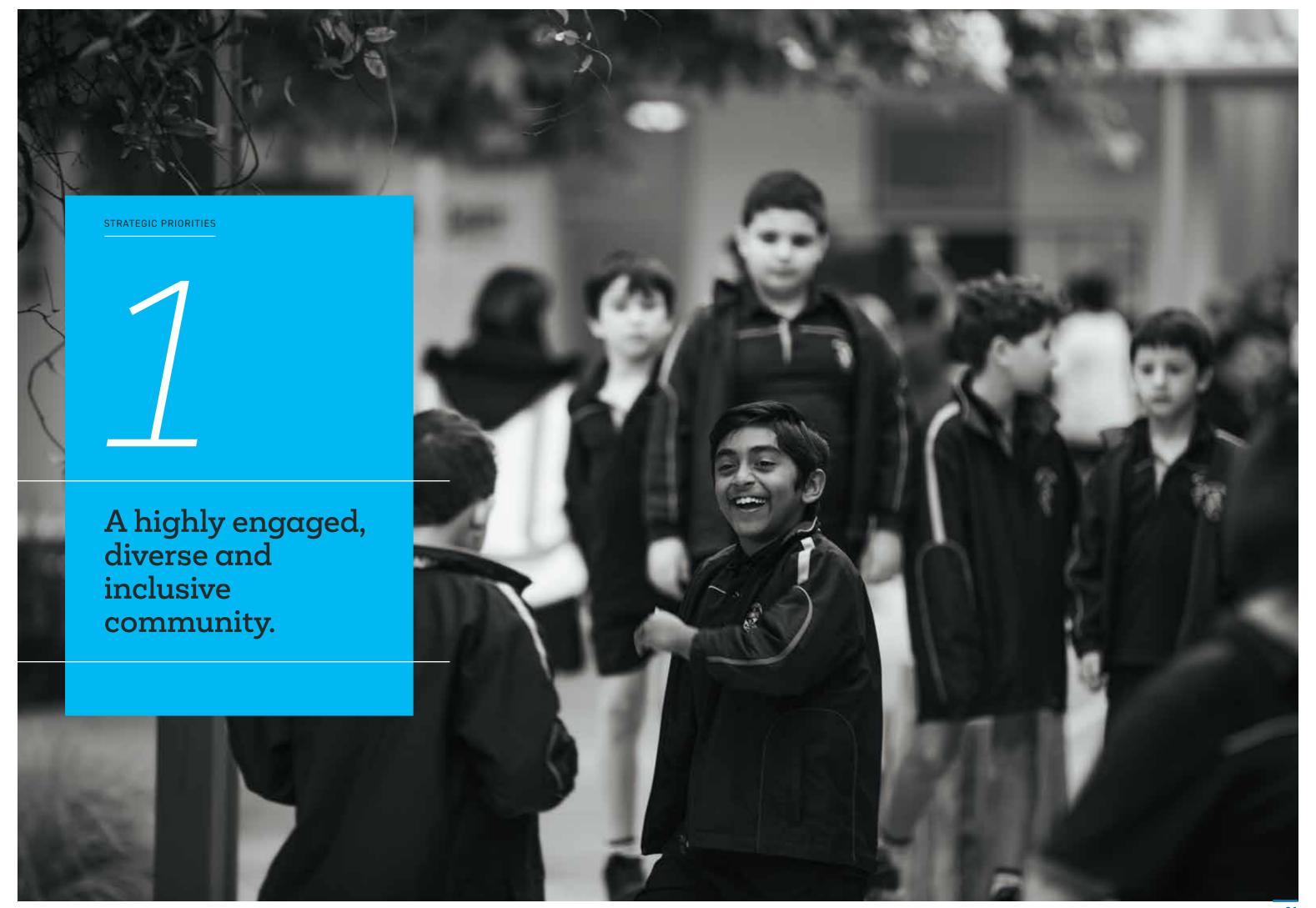




# Be Ambitious

Blackfriars will move forward with curiosity, commitment and passion, excelling in all we do.

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10

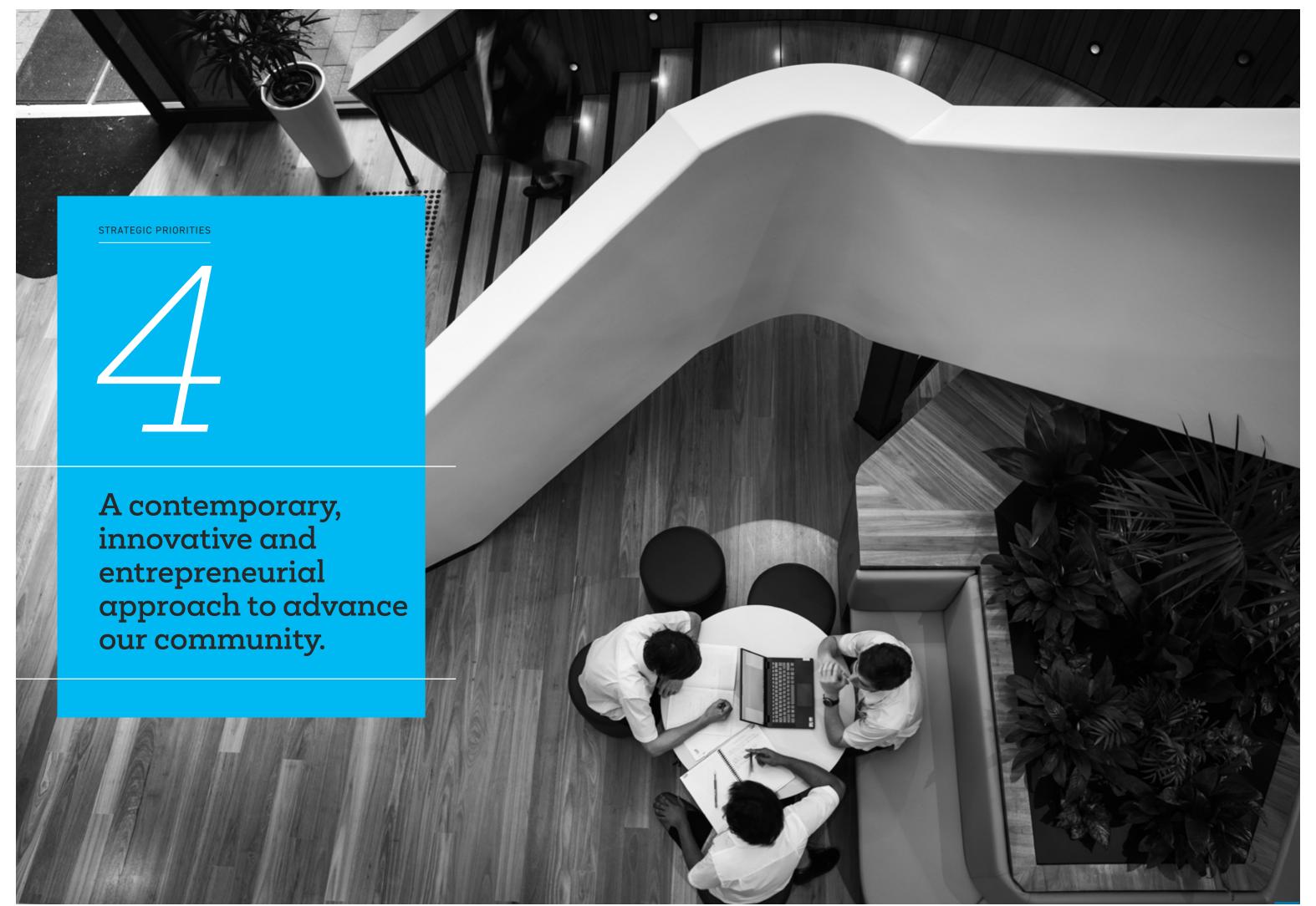


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

A community of high performance and continuous learning.















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