

## **Media Release: St Saviour's College is named an Excellence Awardee for Student Wellbeing**

St Saviour's College has been recognised nationally as an Excellence Awardee in *the 2026 Educator Awards for Wellbeing Program of the Year*, recognising the College's innovative EmpowerED Wellbeing Framework and its strong impact on student outcomes.

The Educator Awards recognise excellence and leading practice in schools across Australia, with St Saviour's College acknowledged for its whole-school approach to student wellbeing and its strong connection between wellbeing, belonging and learning outcomes.

Research consistently shows that student wellbeing is fundamental to engagement, resilience and academic success, making it a critical focus for schools.

Principal Jessica Wade said the recognition was a significant affirmation of the College's commitment to ensuring every student feels known, supported and empowered to thrive.

"EmpowerED Wellbeing is much more than a program," Ms Wade said.

"It is a whole-school framework that shapes the way we care for students, build relationships and create a culture where girls feel safe, connected and able to flourish."

The EmpowerED Wellbeing Framework integrates emotional and mental wellbeing, movement and physical health, restorative practices, resilience education and positive relationships through structures including vertical Homeclasses, Houses, camps, retreats and explicit wellbeing lessons.

The framework also draws on evidence-based approaches including the Berry Street Education Model, restorative practices and movement-based regulation strategies to support both wellbeing and learning.

Importantly, the framework connects the pastoral, learning, co-curricular and prayer life of the College, ensuring wellbeing is embedded into every aspect of school culture.

Ms Wade said the recognition belonged to the entire College community.

"This acknowledgement reflects the extraordinary care, professionalism and commitment of our staff, who work each day to ensure students feel supported not only academically, but socially, emotionally and spiritually," she said.

"The strength of our program lies in the relationships that exist across our College and in the shared understanding that wellbeing and learning are deeply interconnected."

The recognition follows significant academic growth at the College, with St Saviour's recently recognised as one of Queensland's top-performing schools for Year 7 to Year 9 NAPLAN growth.

"At St Saviour's College, we believe girls thrive when they feel known, valued and empowered," Ms Wade said.

“This award reinforces the importance of schools providing both high support and high expectations, with wellbeing at the centre of learning and growth.”

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