



# RECONCILIATION

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## THE VALUE OF RECONCILIATION

St Francis and St Clare recognised that the fullest expression of God's love is forgiveness and therefore it is essential that as Franciscans and as members of a Christian community we strive for reconciliation and to restore right relationships. Forgiveness/reconciliation does not forget or ignore pain, but allows for new possibilities, change, growth, and life.

“Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times’” (18:21-22).

At St Francis College, we understand that humans make mistakes and sometimes the mistakes cause a lot of pain. It is because we recognise the dignity of each person and the call to love and to forgive one another, that we seek to heal relationships so that all can have life and live it to the full.