Seek the peace and prosperity of the community,
for in its prosperity is your prosperity;
in its peace, your peace.

(Jeremiah 29.7)
Radford College is a learning community committed to the transformation of the whole person in service to the common good.
Values

Our values hold together two simultaneous perspectives: one is distant, the other immediate; one is in the background, the other in the foreground. One is like true north, the other works like a compass. Our values are the horizon, the guiding point from which all else is determined. They orient our every move and are: truth compassion wisdom. But something else is needed to keep us aware and accountable. Something needs to train our attention in the foreground where we live. By practising how we see and hear and care, day in and day out, by living out imagine listen respect in the immediacy of one moment to the next, always and everywhere, means that one day we will be able to look into our past and see we have lived in truth, arisen in compassion and walked in wisdom.

Values horizon
Truth Compassion Wisdom

**Truth** is not something to possess, it is something to be possessed by and belong to. It is worth searching for and loving. It is something to stand for and live in. Truth purifies the air and sets people free.

**Compassion** is the height of humanity, the imitation of God. Unlike courage, loyalty, or even love, compassion is not easily corrupted. It moves outwards in any direction with grace and healing. Compassion gives meaning, even in despair, making life worth living. It is a force for good and the fulfilment of God’s law.

**Wisdom** looks across and synthesises knowledge, judgment, intuition, passion, experience, time. It is the most precious kind of seeing grounded in reality that is fundamentally relational. If knowledge is power then wisdom is the voice giving direction and purpose. Wisdom is living in a way that increases the common good, giving life to others.

Values in action
Imagine Listen Respect*

* a process of listening and consultation is being undertaken. The best way to implement the values into the future is being reviewed. Imagine Listen Respect has been this instrument since 2007 and may remain or a better way discovered and adopted.
Beliefs

Radford is an Anglican school built on the Christian gospel with an ethic modelled on Christ. The Christian name for God is Trinity, traditionally annotated as Father Son and Spirit (another is Creator Redeemer Spirit). This name identifies the relational nature of reality, whose interpretation in the Anglican tradition posits the wellbeing of the common good above individual or even national interest. The genius of the three verbs is that they are universally acceptable beyond creedal confessions yet point a way into the very activity of God, igniting our values into action. Creating begins with imagining. Healing and making whole begins in giving careful attention. Community is a reality possible only through an exchange of respect. These beliefs are grounded in our values and the expectation that we grow as a learning community into agents that bring life, prosperity, health and joy beyond our borders.

God
is community who
creates
redeems
and breathes life.

Person
is body mind heart and soul;
is relational and belongs in community.

Community
is authentic when just, inclusive, diverse, sustainable.

The Common Good is
where our values lead us;
the object of caring for our neighbours;
the imitation of Christ;
the purpose of education.

Education
transforms people and communities

Accompanying documents:
(see) Summative Statement
Radford and the Christian name for God
Dirrum Dirrum Foundational Document
RAS Introduction
Service Learning Framework
In Prose

It is our vocation to graduate students who find themselves through others, who love the world enough to act, men and women who are:
awake to God’s presence and purposes;
confident in learning, no matter the challenge, the complexity or the obstacle;
accomplished in the skills necessary for clarity of thought and intellectual rigour;
generous in spirit, compassionate in action;
humble in their gifts, assured in ability, buoyant in passion;
alive to community and active in it;
masterful in listening;
courageous for justice, living in truth;
respectful, always, everywhere;
trustworthy;
honest with reality yet imaginative, creative and bold in possibility;
at peace with themselves, freely disposed to serve the common good;
authors of lives that transcend the material, rich in meaning, filled with hope.

We will continue to invest in ways to be better at who we are and what we do; being a learning community with a tireless engagement in the vocation of education.

We will increasingly share our wealth beyond our borders. We will develop partnerships, give financially, share our facilities, pass on knowledge, create resources, making our insights, (great and small), available to other learners in the cause of education.

We will nourish our staff both in the art as well as the science of teaching, providing the necessary resources for mastery in teaching, creating opportunities for careers to flourish in and out of the classroom. We desire an intentional enfolding of the rewards inherent in teaching and the values of our college in the increase of the common good.
Great Creator God,
You sing the world into life and fill it with love
binding the things of earth with the kingdom of Heaven.
Breathe your Spirit over this land –
awaken our senses and fill us with light –
that with Christ your Son
we would live in truth
rise in compassion
and walk in wisdom.
Amen.