

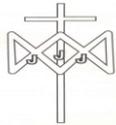
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The School crest of Our Lady of Fatima Acacia Ridge which is present on the school uniform, school bags, around the school, letter head website etc. was developed over time by various Principals, teachers and parents.

The background colour of the crest (Blue) represents the connection to the Blessed Virgin Mary who has been traditionally depicted in blue tones. Blue representing truth and loyalty.

The red outline of the crest calls each person who wears the crest to show strength and commitment like the martyrs of the early church.



The image of the Sister of St Joseph was placed on the crest by the first lay Principal Martin Savage as a recognition that the school was established and grew under the direction of the Sisters of St Joseph. See below for explanation of this image.

The open book (some say Bible) represents that this is a place of learning and that we need to be open to the many opportunities that are given to learn about God, ourselves and the world in which we live.

The use of the shield was chosen as it was historically what the first school prayer was written in and connects the prayer with the day to day life of the school.

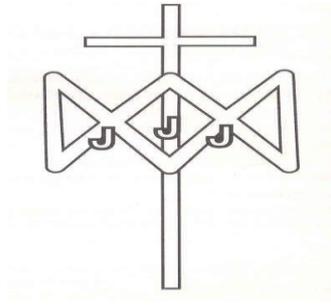
The acronym O.L.O.F. represents the school name Our Lady of Fatima

The motto *to strive to achieve* was seen as goal that all students and staff should have when working with each other.



The above information was taken from staff handbooks minutes of P & F meetings and personal reflections from long term staff members and parents of the school in 2016.

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The Josephite Emblem

The Josephite Emblem was very special to Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. The Emblem reminds the Sisters of St Joseph of the importance of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist in their lives. **The Cross** is a symbol of the religious name Mary called herself - 'Mary of the Cross, ' when she became a Sister of St Joseph. The **A** and **M** (drawn over the top of each other), stand for **Ave Maria**. This means Hail Mary and is a symbol for Jesus' mother, Mary. The three **J's** are for **Jesus, Joseph and John the Baptist**.

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