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## A school living its values

Calin Brose loves coming to school at St Rita's in Babinda and has lots of friends. Nothing unusual about that you might say, except at his last school Calin felt that he had no friends and was bullied.

St Rita's principal, Gavin Rick said Calin was tangible proof of St Rita's school living out its values of Learning, Respect, Community and Faith.

The school has recently undergone a community-wide consultation process about how the community at St Rita's wanted their school to be. Out of that process has been a renewed and refreshed focus on its newly adopted values that underpin the culture of the school.

Calin's parents couldn't agree more.

"We're very happy, myself and my husband," Annelise Brose said. "At St Rita's it's not just about academic education but a holistic approach – the social and emotional wellbeing of children as well.

"The Christian values; we missed that so much when we left the Catholic education system previously and went to a non-Catholic school. We're so glad to be back with like-minded parents who have similar values at home – it makes a huge difference and really does make or break the educational experience for the child."

Annelise added that the staff at St Rita's "are fantastic and very approachable".

As for Calin, he says he feels very safe and very happy at St Rita's.



***FRIENDS:** Second from left, Calin Brose with just a few of his new found friends, Darragh Stager, Clifford Stone and Ryley Oliveri.*