

Session 2: Group Activity

Flourishing Futures: Build Your Dream School

Purpose:

To creatively explore how your school could better support student flourishing across five key areas. Think boldly and collaboratively as you design a visionary dream school.

Task:

In teams, you'll design a dream school where student flourishing is the highest priority. You'll imagine how your school could better promote flourishing across five key areas.

This is your chance to think boldly, creatively, and without limits—blue sky thinking encouraged!

Dream School Design: (20-30 minutes) in small groups:

- Use the poster paper and materials provided to design your dream school.
- You may draw, write, diagram, use metaphors – whatever works best
- Be imaginative! What spaces, programs, relationships, or rhythms make your school a place of true flourishing?

Flourishing Measures to Address:

Your dream school should support flourishing in each of these five areas:

1. Physical and Mental Health

- How is health integrated into the school day?
- What supports student and staff mental wellbeing?

2. Close Social Relationships

- How are friendships and connections nurtured?
- How is community built among students, staff and parents?

3. Meaning and Purpose

- How do students find purpose in their learning?
- What connects students to something greater than themselves?

4. Good Character and Virtue

- How are Christian values modelled and taught?
- What shapes and strengthens students' character?

5. Happiness and Life Satisfaction

- What brings joy and belonging to school life?
- How do students and staff experience hope and contentment?

Helpful Prompts:

- What does a typical day look like in this school?
- How is the physical environment designed?
- How are students supported socially, emotionally, and spiritually?
- What makes learning deeply meaningful?
- How is Christian faith integrated into every aspect?

Pitch (10-15 minutes)

- Each group will give a 2–3 minute pitch or presentation of their dream school.

Gallery Walk (5 minutes)

- Walk around and view the ideas!
- Using the 3 sticky dots you've been given, place your dots next to the ideas you'd most like to see brought to life in your school.

Whole group debrief discussion (10-20 minutes)

- Which ideas were bold or surprising?
- What practices or innovations could be implemented now?
- What would it take to move toward one of these big ideas?