



For Naina and her four daughters, The Rosary Catholic Primary School is like a family away from home, and always will be.

Naina has Puja age 11 in Year 6, Amba age 10 in Year 5 and Eshani age 7 in Year 3, they have an older sister in high school.

The Rosary family

The Rosary has a diverse mix of families and Naina enjoys how much the children learn from each other. Naina says, "We're not Catholic, we're Hindu and I specifically chose Rosary because I want the girls to understand that religion isn't separate to everyday life, it can be part of life and guide the way we live. Rosary is nurturing, it feels like the girls move from our family life at home to their family life at school. My eldest daughter, even though she's no longer there, loves to come and pick her younger sisters up with me so that she can see her old teachers. They all take the time to say hello and check in with her, it's like she'll always be part of the Rosary family."

Encouraging independence

"I was brought up in a household where we believed learning and having knowledge is like a superpower. I want them to enjoy discovering what they want to learn. Eshani loves reading, she's 7 but she's reading books for 9- and 10-year-olds. Rosary have encouraged her, they talk to her about what she's reading and that support is so valuable. Amba loves Science and Art. When her teacher asked her what no one else knows about her, Amba mentioned how much she loves Art and it's those little moments where the teachers are inquisitive that encourages the children to be curious and want to learn. Puja loves Maths and Science, she'll come from home school thrilled with a Science experiment her teacher has shown her. I'll often find her with a book about whatever they've been learning in class, she'll stay up late reading, hungry to learn more and that to me is all you can ask for, that they want to learn," says Naina.

Support for families

Mrs. Matarazzo is the Pastoral School Lead and has been instrumental in supporting Naina and her family. Naina says, "The team at Rosary are incredible. I've always felt supported by the senior team and they advocate for family life. They'll put your children and their needs first. Mrs. Matarazzo is wonderful and their holistic approach is second to none.

They take the time to understand each child, their circumstances and work hard to put appropriate support in place. When we've worked with Mrs. Matarazzo in the past she's been incredible and the support has meant the girls could continue with their school life consistently without unnecessary interruption. The additional support they needed at the time was seamlessly delivered. The team deserve an award, they're brilliant," says Naina.

Special ways of caring

"Eshani has a positivity box that she keeps in her bedroom. It was part of the work Mrs. Matarazzo organised for her when she was feeling anxious and there were changes going on at home. The box has messages of positivity from Eshani's teachers and other people she'd been working with. She still goes and reads the messages from time to time and I think she'll keep it forever. It's things like that, special ways that Rosary care and support the children that as a parent mean so much," says Naina.

A brilliant school

"Rosary fosters an incredible sense of community, you see at sports events when everyone comes together and cheers for each other. The children know other children from across the year groups and the teachers, it feels like there is love and attention for every child, and every aspect of every child. It's a brilliant school and an instrumental part of mine and the girls' lives," says Naina.

Children say:

Eshani says: "I love reading and finding new books."

Amba says: "I love drawing and painting."

Puja says: "I love solving problems in Maths."

