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*“The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.” - Maria Montessori*

## Mission Statement

At Colégio Rainha D. Leonor, our mission is to unlock and nurture the full potential of every student. We are committed to providing high-quality education that fosters intellectual curiosity, personal integrity, and social responsibility. By valuing each child as unique, we prepare our students to become lifelong learners and active citizens, able to thrive in a global context while remaining connected to Portuguese culture and values.

## Our Heritage

Colégio Rainha D. Leonor proudly bears the name of Queen Leonor of Portugal (1458–1525), a historical figure remembered for her vision, generosity, and commitment to education and social welfare. By invoking her legacy, we affirm our dedication to knowledge, compassion, and service to the community. Just as Queen Leonor promoted learning and the common good in her time, we are committed to inspiring students to grow as principled, caring, and globally aware individuals in today’s world.

## Educational Values

We are guided by the principles EDU:

- **Excellence:** Commitment to quality and continuous improvement in every project and in teaching, ensuring that each student reaches their full potential – becoming knowledgeable, principled, and reflective learners who aim high.



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- **Development (Holistic):** Focus on the academic, social, and emotional development of students – preparing them to be balanced, open-minded, caring, and thoughtful thinkers, ready to face the challenges of the 21st century.
- **Unity (and Inclusion):** Promotion of a welcoming and equitable school environment, where everyone works together toward a common goal and all students have equal opportunities – fostering inquirers, communicators, and risk-takers who value collaboration and diversity.

## The LEONOR Values

Our identity and daily practice are encapsulated in the **LEONOR Values**, a model that connects our heritage with our vision for the future. These values guide our learning community, shape our culture, and inspire our students to become confident, responsible, and compassionate global citizens.

- **L – Leadership (Responsible Leadership)**
  - Sets an example through their actions.
  - Takes on responsibilities within the class or in projects.
  - Motivates peers to give their best.
  - Resolves conflicts fairly.
- **E – Empathy (Empathy and Solidarity)**
  - Shows understanding and care for others' feelings.
  - Helps classmates without expecting anything in return.
  - Listens attentively and supports those in need.
  - Respects cultural, social, and personal differences.
- **O – Open-mindedness (Openness of Spirit)**
  - Values different opinions.
  - Accepts new ideas and experiences.
  - Participates in debates respectfully.
  - Recognizes that they can learn from others.



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- **N – Nobility of Character (Integrity)**
  - Always tells the truth.
  - Does not use inappropriate language or resort to violence.
  - Reports situations of bullying or injustice.
  - Respects rules, even when no one is watching.
- **O – Optimism & Resilience**
  - Maintains a positive attitude when facing challenges.
  - Does not give up after failure; tries again.
  - Accepts feedback and uses it to improve.
  - Supports classmates in difficult times.
- **R – Respect & Responsibility**
  - Greets teachers, classmates, and staff.
  - Takes care of school materials and spaces (e.g., picks up trash from the floor).
  - Submits assignments on time.
  - Follows classroom and school rules.

## Global Learner Attributes

In addition to the LEONOR Values, CRDL promotes the development of attributes essential for thriving in a global world. We aspire to educate students who are:

- **Inquiring** – nurturing curiosity and research skills.
- **Knowledgeable** – exploring a broad range of disciplines and global issues.
- **Critical Thinkers** – applying creativity and reasoning to complex challenges.
- **Effective Communicators** – expressing ideas confidently in more than one language.
- **Principled** – acting with honesty, fairness, and a strong sense of justice.
- **Open-minded** – valuing their own cultural identity while respecting others.



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- **Caring** – showing empathy, compassion, and respect for people and the environment.
- **Courageous** – approaching uncertainty with confidence and resilience.
- **Balanced** – valuing intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being.
- **Reflective** – thoughtfully considering learning and personal growth.

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