

M3 chooses to welcome

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To educate and be educated on the need for acceptance and in particular, openness to the most vulnerable and marginalized.



Grade M3 at Gonzaga International school chooses to empower families. In the months leading up to the Jesuit Education Network's audience with the pope, M3 students have dedicated their time to studying the Global Compact on Education as set forth by Pope Francis. From the 7 Commitments, they have chosen the fifth one as their object of inquiry and investigation. Students reflect on the importance of inclusion and instances where they see it in their daily lives or how they can encourage engaging with others in the future.

My definition of inclusion is including people in groups even if they don't belong or are not wanted. It is an act of kindness. Also when people are in a conversation and want to hear two sides of things. In my daily life I can see lots of people involved in games and activities together even if they are from different countries or races. Also at school when I talk to people they accept my opinion on my views about the task. Along with the acceptance of different activities and subjects that people practice. We should be welcoming to people because if we show kindness and inclusion of different people they can be welcoming and inclusive back to you. Also by making friends along the way, this can enrich you later in life.

The definition of inclusion for me is the way in which a person is treated by a group of other people. These sometimes can be a good action and other times a bad action, for some reasons that happen because they discriminate and judge before they really know that person. In my daily life I can see some examples of acceptance and inclusion into people by seeing how they behave with me or other people. We should be welcoming because everybody should be respected and treated well as we wish to be treated.

I believe that inclusion is when *no one gets left out*, they all belong to a group, don't get judged by the members of that group and especially they *are free to be what they want to be and no one tells them they can't be that and respect their ideas*. We see inclusion and acceptance demonstrated at *school*, in *class*, among the *students and staff members*, at *home*, among *family members* of all ages, in *public*, among *people of all colours, ethnicity, sexuality and age*, wherever there's people there is a chance of inclusion. We should be welcoming because we are going to live in this world with each other for a long long time so we better be friends and love each other. This means each other and making each other feel *secure and comfortable* with each other because otherwise life will be *hard*.

For me inclusion is when a person is accepted in a group. Inclusion can be seen in society, in school, jobs, sports and many other things. Unfortunately, inclusion isn't very common in all societies, and some people still discriminate because of culture, religion or skin color. Hopefully, in some years the

world could become a better place and people can always become more open minded. I can see inclusion in my life everywhere: in my school, when I play football, in my house. Also when I walk I can see inclusion demonstrated. We should all be welcoming for many reasons. First of all, we need to be open minded and accept everybody, without thinking too much about cultural, religious or ethnic differences. Moreover, by noticing the differences between each other we can become culturally “richer” and live in a multicultural society.