



# **The Breakwater Way**

**Mission, School Model,  
Teaching Model**



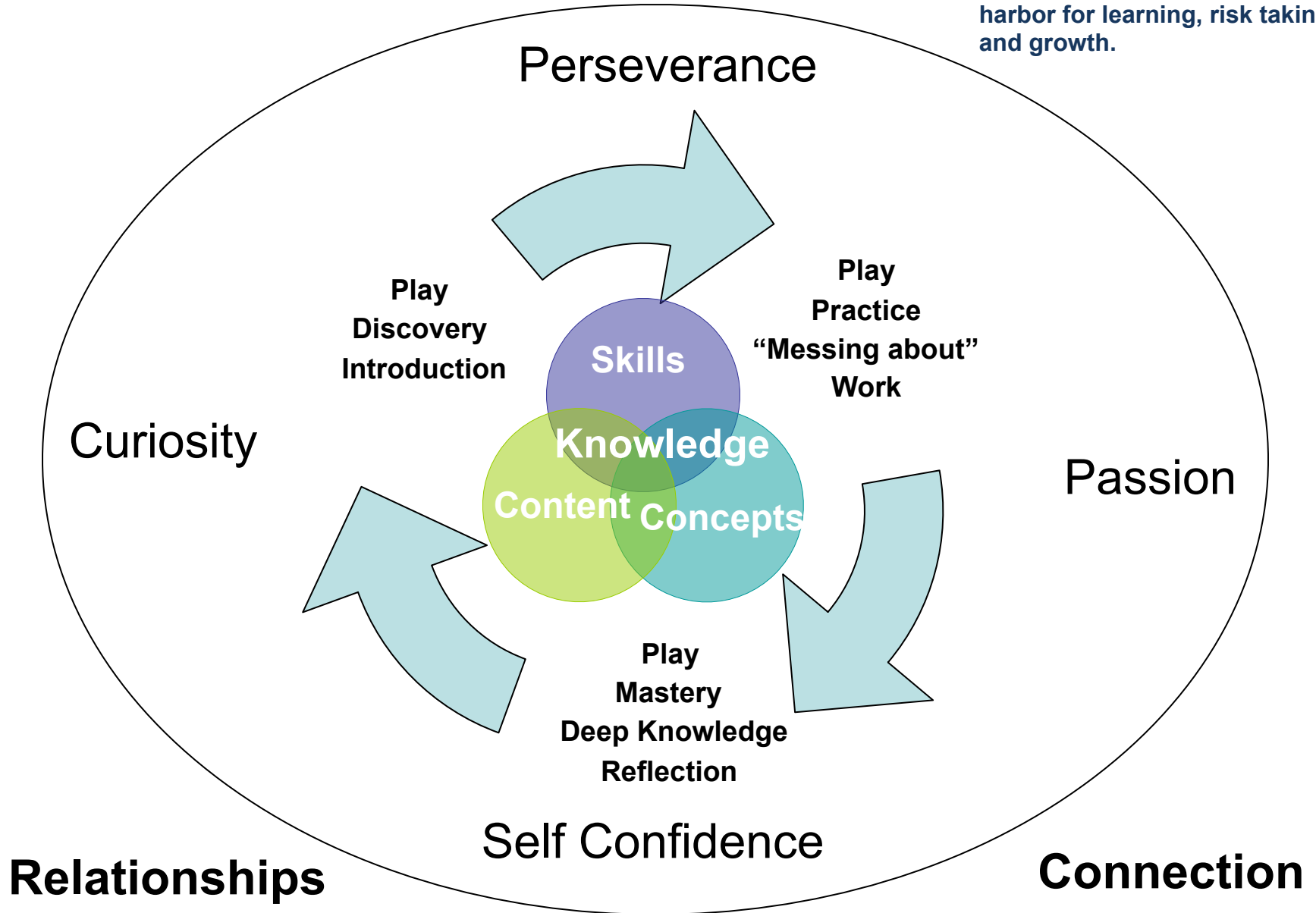
## **Our Mission**

Breakwater's mission is to engage our students in an optimal learning experience that inspires them to live well on the planet, embrace their whole being, and realize their full potential. We accomplish this by continually reviewing and applying best educational practice while remaining true to our community's values and spirit.

# Breakwater School Model

# Community

This design builds community and supports positive relationships which in turn...provides safe harbor for learning, risk taking, and growth.



# General Traits of “Optimal Learning”

**Integrated:** Learning is better synthesized and internalized when concepts and themes are reinforced within an interdisciplinary framework.

**Challenging:** Students are challenged in a nurturing environment to move beyond their comfort zones to take risks, try new things and do their best work.

**Authentic:** Information is presented in a meaningful context, is relevant to students' interests, and has useful, real-world applications.

# Breakwater Teaching Model

Challenging, Integrated & Authentic Learning

