

Democratic Principles

Statement of Democratic Principles

Introduction

St John's Primary School aims to promote lifelong learning and active participation as citizens in Australian society. Learning and teaching practice is based on an integrated curriculum and implemented through an inquiry approach. An important focus of curriculum development and implementation is the focus on Community and Citizenship, which is developed and explored in line with the Victorian Curriculum's Essential Learning Standards - Civics and Citizenship Domain.

The programs of St John's, and the teaching of those programs support and promote:

- *the principles and practice of Australian democracy;*
- the elected government;
- the rule of law;
- equal rights for all before the law;
- freedom of religion;
- freedom of speech and association; and,
- values of openness and tolerance.

The Democratic Principles of Australia Poster is displayed in our office foyer.

Purpose

The purpose of this statement is to affirm the school's adherence to the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

Guidelines


To give practical expression to these principles St John's School will:

- Fly the Australian flag and sing the national anthem
- Display the Values for Australian Schooling poster and link through School Website
- Provide students with the knowledge, skills and opportunities to understand and practise what it means to be a citizen in a democracy
- Provide students with knowledge, skills and opportunities to understand the principles of our democracy by teaching the Civics and Citizenship domain of the Victorian Curriculum.


Communicated to the Community

- Staff handbook

- Enrolment Book given to new parents
- School Website



VALUES FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLING



<p>Care and Compassion Care for self and others</p> <p>Doing Your Best Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence</p> <p>Fair Go Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society</p> <p>Freedom Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others</p> <p>Honesty and Trustworthiness Be honest, sincere and seek the truth</p>	<p>Integrity Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct; ensure consistency between words and deeds</p> <p>Respect Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view</p> <p>Responsibility Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment</p> <p>Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others</p>
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CHARACTER IS DESTINY
— George Eliot