

Sacred Heart Primary School is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS), where formation and education are based on the principles of Catholic doctrine, and where the teachers are outstanding in true doctrine and uprightness of life.

## Introduction

The constitution of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) contains a Statement of Mission, which provides the expectations of the sole member of MACS, the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (Member), for Catholic schooling and the identity and work of a Catholic school. The Statement of Mission positions MACS firmly in the reality of the Eucharistic character of the Catholic school, affirming that its enterprise is one that builds community and provides opportunity for personal transformation.

*With parents and parishes, Catholic schooling seeks to fulfil this mission by providing an environment in which students are enabled to:*

- *encounter God in Christ and deepen their relationship with him*
- *pursue wisdom and truth encouraged by a supportive academic culture*
- *grow in the practice of virtue, responsible freedom and serving the common good.*

*A Catholic school:*

- *is actively embedded in the life of the faith communities of the local Church, which in turn is tangibly manifested in the life of each school*
- *is an essential place for the evangelising of children and young people*
- *exists to assist students, and their families, to integrate faith, reason, life and culture*
- *is conspicuously Christian in outlook, explicitly Catholic in faith and practice, and intentionally missionary in orientation*
- *cultivates spiritual, social and emotional growth in a safe and protective environment*
- *provides a learning environment in which the whole educational community is formed to embrace life in all its fullness (Jn 10.10)*
- *offers a human formation that has the intellectual, practical and moral excellence of learners at its heart*
- *forms consciences, fosters peace and develops respectful dialogue, at the service of intellectual charity*
- *encourages the discovery of Catholic cultural heritage, especially in art, music, literature and architecture.*

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Sacred Heart Primary School is a Catholic primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the parish of Diamond Creek and surrounding areas.

## Mission

With Catholic values as the foundation of all learning, we aspire to support each individual's faith journey through teaching and modelling Catholic faith, tradition, ethos and values. We aim to provide a supportive, inclusive environment where everyone feels safe and valued and we encourage a supportive relationship between parish, school and the wider community.

## Vision

Working together to build a learning community that embraces faith, diversity and personal growth.

## Values

We believe:

- Students are the primary focus of all our efforts and decisions made
- A safe and secure learning environment is the responsibility of all
- Family, community and school partnerships ...
- In the commitment to personal growth.. individualised achievement for all students
- Effective and respectful communications

## Objectives

Sacred Heart will be a dynamic Catholic learning community where the sacred dignity of each person is honoured and embraced.

All students will be active, engaged partners in the co-creation of learning experiences with their teachers and families. We will achieve this by building the capacity of our teachers to develop the knowledge, understanding and the skills required to deliver powerful teaching.

Learning opportunities will be evidence driven, purposeful, relationship focussed, inspire creativity, collaborative and contextualised within and beyond the community.

Together, we will be animated learners inspired by the Holy Spirit to act for justice and strive for the common good.

## Philosophy enactment

With Jesus as our model we;

- provide a quality education within a Catholic framework in partnership with parents and the wider community
- promote and commit to positive relationships; the catholic ethos; dignity; justice; care, safety and wellbeing for all
- have zero tolerance to any form of child abuse, including neglect
- provide a welcoming and secure environment that nurtures, stimulates and challenges individuals to attain their full potential
- recognise the talents, abilities and uniqueness of each individual and provide policies, programs and structures that cater for and respect their differences
- implement a balanced and sequential curriculum based on current educational research and best practice.

The school's philosophy is published on our school website as well as in our key policies such as our enrolment policy.

## Reporting

The MACS Board will ensure schools have implemented a contextualised school philosophy using this template through the annual report to the school community and regular school review processes (at least once every four years).