School Philosophy Statement

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.*
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> *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.*

St Anne's is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

St Anne's is a Catholic primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Kew East area.

ST ANNE'S VISION STATEMENT

TOGETHER

We aim to:

develop an ongoing commitment to the school, parish and wider community;

assist students to develop positive self-esteem in order to feel secure when they meet life's challenges;

develop a sense of cultural heritage and appreciation of the nature of Australian society today and its place in the world, promoting the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

KNOWLEDGE

We aim to:

engage and inspire students to have a commitment to life-long learning;

assist students gain knowledge and skills to prepare them to successfully take their place in a rapidly changing world;

develop optimism and a commitment to personal excellence.

FAITH

We aim to:

promote in word and action the values of the Catholic faith including justice, respect, equality and acceptance of all;

promote an understanding that we are people called by God to proclaim the Good News;

encourage students to have compassion for those in need and reach out to serve others.

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).