



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.*

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

St Peter's School is a Catholic primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Clayton area.

Mission

To provide a vibrant learning culture for our community of learners to thrive, guided by faith and compassion.

Vision

St Peter's School empowers our faith community to enrich the world

Values

Faith Inspired

As a Catholic community we witness faith in all our words and actions. We are inspired to live generously and selflessly

Compassionate

As a community we show empathy and kindness to self and others

Inclusive

St Peter's welcomes diversity and ensures there is equal access and opportunity for all to thrive

Community

St Peter's is a family community where connections between students and their families are promoted and where everyone is known and nurtured

Excellent

As people of faith, we are asked to use the skills and talents we have been given to the fullest. We strive to be the best in all we do.

Objectives

At St Peter's, the children are at the centre of all we do. We recognise and celebrate the diverse learning styles, interests, talents and cultures of our students and we strive to offer a rich variety of meaningful learning experiences that will inspire innovative thinkers, great problem solvers and students who love learning and are confident in all they do.

Philosophy enactment

At St Peter's our school philosophy, which includes the vision, mission, values and objectives, will be central to all our policies, practices and teaching and learning programs. 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).