

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

St. Kevin's Primary School is a Catholic primary co-ed school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Hampton Park area.

## Mission

Inspired by our patron St. Kevin of Glendalough, our Mission is to bring our faith to life by accepting the challenge to act justly, humbly and tenderly. We work collaboratively to create a contemporary, sustainable and personalised curriculum focussed on excellence. Diverse skills, talents and passions are nurtured in a safe, rigorous, creative and restorative learning environment. Our community models compassion and empathy in our global neighbourhood

## Vision

At St Kevin's we are a Christ centred Catholic school. We endeavour to be a welcoming faith community that accepts all people and acknowledges the richness that we all bring to our community through a kaleidoscope of ethnic, cultural and linguistic influences. We enact the Gospel values and strive to be a community where people can experience the compassion and love of Christ. We support our students to integrate their faith and life, nurturing a love of justice and peace. At St Kevin's we aim to develop the whole person and to foster a culture of learning where all children reach their potential.

We strive to be a learning community where everyone can experience success in an inclusive, safe and respectful environment. Our focus on teaching and learning aims to prepare our students with knowledge, skills and attitudes for lifelong learning in a complex and rapidly changing world. We promote a culture of relationships which upholds the dignity of each person. We strive to ensure that all have a sense of belonging to our school community which is a place where teachers and students work together to collectively maximize learning opportunities for all.

## Values

Our values are guided by the teachings of Christ whose presence we recognize in our daily lives and in the world around us. We believe that all children are capable of learning and are entitled to achieve their potential as members of a safe and equitable learning community. We commit to a restorative culture, which builds and maintains positive relationships

## Objectives

At St. Kevin's Primary School, we aim to empower young men to take their place in a contemporary, global society as valued individuals, alive with the wisdom of the gospel.

## Philosophy enactment

At St. Kevin's Primary School, 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).