

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 Francis de Sales 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 Francis de Sales Primary School is a Catholic [primary/P-6/co-ed] school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families of the Parish of St. Kevin's Hampton Park and the wider community of the region of Lynbrook and Lyndhurst

Mission

Our mission is inspired by the saint Francis de Sales

“As one in faith we learn and grow.”

We desire the full flourishing of each child to embrace their giftedness and be the best they can be. As our patron saint St. Francis de Sales said,

“Be who you are and be that perfectly well.”

We support our students to grow and embrace a view of themselves and the world that leads to peace, justice and the wellbeing of the whole of creation.

Vision



A Faith Community:

Animated by love;

Inspiring innovation;



Empowering learners.

Values

At St Francis de Sales Primary School, we value respect, responsibility and kindness.



Our values set out expectations for all members of the school community.

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Behaviour Expectation Matrix</h2>			
	RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	KINDNESS
LEARNING SPACES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen and follow instructions Care of the environment/ resources Use good manners Care for self 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be safe Listen and follow instructions Care for the environment/ resources Think before you act Transition quietly Engage and persevere with all tasks Be ready for learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage and support others Include others 
HALLWAYS AND OFFICE CORRIDOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen and follow instructions Use good manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be safe Transition quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be thoughtful of others
TOILETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use good manners Care for self 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be thoughtful of others
OUTDOOR SPACES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen and follow instructions Care for the environment/ resources Use good manners Care for self 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be safe Listen and follow instructions Care for the environment/ resources Think before you act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage and support others Include others Play fairly and be a good sport Use appropriate language

Objectives

At St Francis de Sales Primary School, we aim to empower our students to be life-long learners, critical, creative thinkers who will ultimately contribute to society as thoughtful and responsible citizen, animated by love and the wisdom of the gospel.

Philosophy enactment

At St Francis de Sales 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).