

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

Mission

Our mission is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and reads as follows:

“Come Follow Me” Mt 4:19

Vision

**United in community,
Building on foundations for life and faith,
Unlocking potential in all.**

Values

At St. Peter’s Catholic Primary School, we base our values on those found in the teachings of the Bible. Our Gospel values set out expectations for all members of the school community.

Objectives

At St. Peter’s Catholic Primary School, we aim to:

- provide a faith development program that is relevant, meaningful and plausible for all learners.
- provide an educational program that develops students’ curiosity and creativity.
- maintain a safe and secure environment that strives for the holistic development of all learners.
- develop responsible and engaged learners.
- foster tolerance, respect and acceptance of others.
- build each learner’s resilience and self-esteem.
- provide a curriculum that is rich and relevant and allows all students to succeed.
- promote a strong, supportive partnership between home and the school and the wider community.
- have high expectations of ourselves and others.

Philosophy enactment

At St. Peter’s Catholic 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).