



Pyramid Hill College

Statement of Philosophy

which includes Government School's vision, mission, values and objectives

Vision - Our school's vision is to prepare young people to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community. It aims to prepare students to contend with a very dynamic 21st century in which creativity, cooperative work, connectedness to the world and adaptability are key features. The school aspires to provide a contemporary approach to teaching and learning while maintaining an environment where students are safe and protected from abuse.

Pyramid Hill College school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school has a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of our students and we will enable them to develop initiative, personal pride and to thrive in their learning and development.

Values - The school values are - Resilience, Empathy, Success, Personal Best, Excellence, Community and Tolerance. Sitting at the centre of its work, the school believes in high expectations in all students and a commitment to hard work, as well as showing respect and responsibility, perseverance, integrity, inclusiveness, respect for diversity, honesty and equity.

The programs of, and teaching in, the school will support and promote the principles and practices of Australian democracy including a commitment to:

- An elected government.
- The rule of law.
- Equal rights for all before the law.
- Freedom of religion.
- Freedom of speech and association.
- The values of openness and tolerance.
- The right of all children to feel safe
- Right to learn

Statements which affirm the school's principles are found in the vision of the school and in documents such as prospectus and handbooks.

Enactment of school philosophy

In all documents, in all practice by students and teachers, in work with the School Council and the community, in all teaching and learning programs, in all school initiatives, in all internal and external interactions, in all organisational structures and practices the vision of the school will sit at the centre and there will be expectations about all work aligning with the school vision. Regular evaluation processes will be in place to measure performance in all areas of the school with respect to the implementation of the vision and values of the school.

The process at our school can be represented with the vision, values and beliefs at the centre. In an outer ring there will be a set of principles and in a further outer ring will be a set of practices. A detailed list of school policies will sit within this framework.

In all work in the school, the question "Is this work or process in line with the school vision, values and beliefs?" This question will be a fundamental part of the practice of all leaders in the school.

This policy was ratified by School Council on 18/10/16

Signed School Council President: Karen Broad