



# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School

Self-Aware - Collaborative - Compassionate - Courageous

## Australian Democratic Principles

Australian Society is defined, among other aspects, by a belief in elected Government; by a commitment to the rule of law, to equal rights for all before the law; and by a belief in freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Our society is also tolerant of a range of religious, political, social and cultural beliefs and values in the context of the fundamental principle of our democracy.

The 'Education and Reform Act 2006' requires all education providers to operate in a manner consistent with this set of Australian democratic principles.

In accordance with the Act, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School is committed to delivering programs and teaching in a manner that supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

- We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government
- We respect and observe the rule of law and believe that no person is above the law
- We believe in equal rights for all before the law
- We believe in the freedom of religion and the need to practice tolerance and understanding of others beliefs
- We believe in the freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom
- We believe the values of openness and tolerance and value and respect all members of the school community regardless of background.

These principles are interwoven through all we do and can be found included in many of schools policies, our Vision Statement, our Graduate Outcomes and our school rules.

*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.*

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