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St John's 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 John's is a school, which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

St John's is a Catholic primary school that has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Frankston area.

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Mission

We aspire to build an inclusive community that celebrates collaboration, perseverance, contemporary pedagogies, and life-giving relationships with each other and with God in order to flourish.

Vision

At St John's Catholic Primary School:

Gospel truths are at the core of our endeavours to provide an inclusive and holistic education where 'Love is Life' is lived for all members of our community.

We engage in contemporary teaching and learning practices designed to meet the needs of every student in our care.

We encourage members of our community to build their own stories while fostering knowledge, care and concern for the stories of the First Australians on whose land our school resides.

We foster a genuine concern for others in the wider community and in the world in which we live, including principles of social justice, stewardship of the environment and positive relationships with each other.

We ensure that all members of our community work together to promote and enact behaviours consistent with Ministerial Order. 1359 - Child Safe Standards.

Values

St John's Primary School's core values are the Gospel values Jesus taught us.

Our House values are acceptance, dignity, compassion and devotion

Objectives

- To provide an inclusive and holistic education
- To meet the needs of every student in our care
- To foster tolerance, respect and acceptance of others
- To promote the care and correct stewardship of the world and its resources
- To provide a curriculum that is rich and relevant and allows all students to succeed
- To promote a strong, supportive partnership between home and the school and the wider community
- To have high expectations of ourselves and others

Philosophy enactment

At St John's, 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).