

HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL

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.*

Holy Eucharist School is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

Holy Eucharist School is a Catholic primary co-ed school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the St Albans South area.

Our Vision and Mission



Holy Eucharist School is a welcoming and diverse Christ-centred community. We inspire and challenge all to learn, grow and contribute to a safe and just world.

Illuminated by the teachings of Christ, our mission is to:

- . **Engage** in active and purposeful learning*
- . **Educate** in service of a hope-filled future*
- . **Empower** all to flourish in relationship with others and the world.*

Values

At Holy Eucharist School we value:

- **Care and Compassion:** *Care for self and others*
- **Doing Your Best:** *Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence*
- **Fair Go:** *Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society*
- **Freedom:** *Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others*
- **Honesty and Trustworthiness:** *Be honest, sincere and seek the truth*
- **Integrity:** *Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds*
- **Respect:** *Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view*
- **Responsibility:** *Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment*
- **Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion:** *Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others*

Objectives

At Holy Eucharist School we aim to establish strong professional relationships in order to create successful teaching and learning opportunities within the Australian Catholic tradition.

At Holy Eucharist we aim to:

- **ENGAGE** our students in contemporary learning, personalised to individual needs
- **EDUCATE** our students using contemporary tools and programs
- **EMPOWER** our students to be lifelong learners in such a community

Philosophy enactment

At Holy Eucharist 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).