

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 Fidelis 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 Fidelis is a Catholic Primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Moreland area.

Mission

MISSION STATEMENT

With Jesus as our model, we serve the community of St Fidelis by providing quality education which strengthens and develops learning and deepens our understanding of the Catholic faith, customs and traditions.

We are always and everywhere faithful.

Vision

OUR VISION

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School is a place where:

“We love to learn”

St Fidelis is about learning.

Learning about who we are, our God and our world.

Learning involves students, teachers, parents, parish and our local and global community.

We learn best when we feel safe, are active and independent, make connections, work with others and understand how we learn.

Together we try new things, value others, share our learning and reflect on what we have learnt.

We are guided by the teachings of Jesus and Saint Fidelis.

Values

At St Fidelis Primary School, we value integrity, inquiry, excellence, spirituality, a sense of community and respect. Our values set out expectations for all members of the school community.

Objectives

At St Fidelis Primary School, we aim to empower young students to take their place in contemporary, global society as valued individuals, alive with the wisdom of the gospel.

Philosophy enactment

At St Fidelis 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 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).