



Holy Trinity

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Statement of Democratic Principles

Introduction

Holy Trinity is a faith community inspired by the love of God, within the Parish of St. Francis Xavier. Our school community will provide students with a diverse range of faith and life experiences that nurture their relationship with God. Our school community will foster responsible students who respect and care for themselves, each other, the global world and the environment.

Statement of Principles

Holy Trinity is committed to the principles and practice of democracy in Australia, including a commitment to:

- An elected Government
- The rule of law
- Equal rights of all before the law
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of speech and association
- Values of openness and tolerance

Purpose

The purpose of this statement is to affirm the school's adherence to the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

Statement

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.

Guidelines

To give practical expression to these principles Holy Trinity Primary School will:

- Fly the Australian flag
- Display the Values for Australian Schooling poster
- Communicate these principles via curriculum documentation
- Provide students with the knowledge, skills and opportunities to understand and practise what it means to be a citizen in a democracy
- The Civics and Citizenship domain of the AUSVELS, which are required to be taught in all Catholic schools, provide students with knowledge, skills and opportunities to understand and practise what it means to be a citizen in a democracy. All students are required to work through the two dimensions of the Civics and Citizen domain, Civic Knowledge and Understanding, and Community Engagement.

Communicated to the Community

- Staff handbook
- Information pack to new parents
- School Website