

St. Margaret's Primary School Maribyrnong School Philosophy Statement



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Knowledge, Faith,
Compassion, Community

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. Margaret's Primary School Maribyrnong is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

St. Margaret's Primary School Maribyrnong is a Catholic primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Parish of Ascot Vale and Maribyrnong.

Mission

Our mission is inspired by St. Margaret of Scotland who constantly worked to aid the poor Scotland and encouraged people to live a devout life, grow in prayer, and grow in holiness

Education in the 21st Century is in a state of constant change, which lays down a challenge to students, parents and all staff. At St. Margaret's school we have a dynamic curriculum that promotes contemporary learning. Within this context we strive to promote our motto of "Knowledge, Faith, Compassion and Community".

Vision

Our vision is to empower children to live with integrity through experiences of community and prayer and through a sensitivity to justice inspired by the work of St. Margaret of Scotland. Our core values underpin the vision of the school.

We are a safe, inclusive and faith-filled community

that inspires respectful, critical thinkers

to strive towards their infinite potential.

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Values

At St. Margaret's Primary School Maribyrnong, our values set out expectations for all members of the school community.

Objectives

Keeping this in mind we see St. Margaret's school as a place where we:

- promote the growth of the whole person, acknowledging and celebrating that we learn at different rates;
- strive to be a welcoming community that aims for educational excellence;
- are proudly Catholic, celebrating rituals and traditions;
- teach Christian values based on the Gospels;
- teach the values of respect, integrity, acceptance of difference, friendliness, co-operation and support;

- emphasise the importance of Literacy and Numeracy;
- keep abreast of current ICT, and use it as an effective resource;
- value the contribution and partnership developed between the student, family and school.

Philosophy enactment

At St. Margaret's Primary School Maribyrnong, 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.

It is hoped that our website and this statement will give you an insight into the life of St. Margaret's Maribyrnong, and lead to a great clarity of our purpose.

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).