

School Philosophy Statement



MELBOURNE
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



HOLY NAME
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Holy Name is a Catholic primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Reservoir/Preston.

Mission

Our mission is:

To provide a faith filled and challenging learning environment, that leads students to develop the attributes of a successful life long learner, enabling them to actively contribute to building the Kingdom of God.

Therefore we are committed to: Australian democratic values

Purposeful Learning:

- All students are engaged in purposeful learning that is relevant to them now and into the future.
- The teaching and learning program responds to the needs of our students.
- All students develop as skilled and successful learners.

Exemplary Professional Practice:

- All staff members provide a positive role model to students.
- All staff engage in ongoing improvement in their areas of responsibility.

Pastoral Care and Support:

- We provide a safe environment that both protects and promotes the dignity of the individual.

Building Community:

- The relationships developed within the school community are based upon compassion, tolerance and mutual respect.
- We engage with and involve the wider community in achieving our goals.

Vision

We are faith centered.

We are life-long learners.

We are a supportive community.

We are happy.

We are Holy Name.



Values

At Holy Name, we value and model the gospel values as modeled to us by Jesus Christ. At our school we expect staff and students to model faith, truth, prayer, respect, care, empathy, almsgiving, restraint, patience and love in an authentic way. Our values set out expectations for all members of the Holy Name community.

Objectives

At Holy Name our objective is to:

- instill in our students a love of learning
- develop an understanding of what it means to be a catholic in today's world
- create lifelong learners by developing within our students learning dispositions.
- Develop students that are risk takers with their learning where mistakes are made and learnt from

Philosophy enactment

At Holy Name, 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 contextualized school philosophy using this template through the annual report to the school community and regular school review processes (at least once every four years).