



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.*

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

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

Vision

*A community of hope and acceptance
Guided by the message of Jesus
Sharing the joy of discovery*

Mission

Our mission is inspired by St Mary Mackillop.

At Sacred Heart School we value....

- ❖ the teachings of Jesus Christ
- ❖ the Catholic ethos which embraces hope, trust, compassion, respect, friendship, support, acceptance, honesty, integrity and faith
- ❖ the belief that we grow through our faith
- ❖ every member
- ❖ the unique gifts each child, parent and staff member brings to the school community
- ❖ the sense of family
- ❖ the building of respectful and trusting relationships between all members of our community
- ❖ the belief that we are all learners and belong to a learning community
- ❖ learning and providing children with the opportunities to think, question and explore the world they live in
- ❖ the building of partnerships with the Yea community

At Sacred Heart School we strive to.....

- ❖ work in the service of God
- ❖ be of service to those in the community in which we live
- ❖ model our Catholic ethos by showing hope, compassion, empathy and trust through our daily interactions with all
- ❖ always put the needs and care of the children first
- ❖ contribute to the wellbeing of all in our school community
- ❖ set high standards and work in collaboration with parents and staff so that each child may achieve their full potential
- ❖ work together as a team for the benefit of all
- ❖ create a learning environment that is exciting, challenging, confidence building and achievable; a safe and enjoyable place where children want to learn, a place where they feel valued and loved
- ❖ provide learning opportunities that are equitable and inclusive
- ❖ be the best that we can be
- ❖ be teachers who make a positive difference in the lives of those around us
- ❖ celebrate each person's successes

Values

At Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart, we aim to empower our students to understand their place in a contemporary, global society as valued individuals, alive with the wisdom of the gospel.

Philosophy enactment

At Sacred Heart, 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).