

# Democratic Principles Statement



## Democratic Principles

At Lisieux Catholic Primary School we recognise that the school plays a vital role in advancing democratic ideals and principles. For democracy to continue to thrive, children must be taught democratic ideals and principles and to value its way of life. Lisieux Catholic Primary School will explicitly and implicitly support and promote the principles of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

- elected government
- the rule of law
- equal rights for all before the law
- freedom of religion
- freedom of speech and association
- the values of openness and tolerance.

Through our curricular and extracurricular programs, Lisieux Catholic Primary School will prepare our children to become citizens who will preserve and shape democracy in the future. Democratic values will be taught explicitly in the curriculum and implicitly in the child's experience of the school, from classroom practice, and from what is taught to how it is taught.

This statement is communicated using a variety of media, through policies, programs, documentation and practices of the school. This communication occurs through newsletter items; at regular school assemblies; through the school handbook; on the school website; in the annual report to the community; and at regular flag raising ceremonies. Lisieux Catholic Primary School displays posters of democratic values. The flying of the Australian flag and the Australian Aboriginal flag, is a regular observance in our school at assemblies and important events. Through the integrated units of work, the students undertake studies in Civics and Citizenship within the Victorian Curriculum.

## Reporting

The Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Board will ensure schools have published this Democratic Principles Statement through the Annual Report to the School Community and regular school review processes (at least once every four years).