

STATEMENT OF VALUES AND SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the vision and mission of Melbourne High School and explain the values and expectations of the school.

Our students are required to combine their academic studies with an equal emphasis upon co-curricular pursuits. Students are expected to develop a strong sense of personal integrity and a commitment to active citizenship.

The school will nurture in our students the capabilities required to lead successful and socially responsible lives in the twenty-first century. These capabilities are based upon the National Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians. Fostering these capabilities is the collective responsibility of the student, their family, the school and the community.

Successful learners:

- Study a curriculum that embraces all learning areas and balances breadth and depth of focus
- Can think critically and deeply within and across learning areas
- Are creative and innovative in their thinking and application of learning
- Take responsibility for their learning and are motivated to reach their full potential
- Can work independently and collaborate in teams and effectively communicate ideas
- Are lifelong learners with the agility to adapt to changing circumstances

Confident and creative individuals:

- Manage their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical wellbeing
- Establish and maintain healthy and satisfying lives
- Are enterprising, show initiative and use their creative abilities
- Develop personal capabilities such as honesty, resilience, empathy and respect for others
- Relate well to others and form and maintain healthy relationships
- Are well-prepared for life roles in their family, community and the workforce
- Are optimistic, make rational decisions and accept responsibility for their actions

Active and Informed Citizens:

- Are responsible and active global and local citizens
- Appreciate and respect individual, cultural, social and religious diversity
- Relate to and communicate across diverse cultures
- Demonstrate a commitment to the values of democracy, equity and justice
- Develop a personal ethical understanding and act with integrity
- Exercise civic leadership for the common good

VALUES

Melbourne High School's values are:

Integrity

Acting honestly with only the strongest moral and ethical principles.

Responsibility

Being accountable for our actions.

Respect

Valuing difference.

Growth

Challenging ourselves to achieve beyond perceived capabilities.

'Honour the Work' the school motto,

UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOURS

Schools are not public places, and the Principals have the right to permit or deny entry to school grounds (for more information, see our [Visitors Policy](#)).