



Educational Philosophy

Schooling provides a foundation for young Australians' intellectual, physical, social, moral, spiritual and aesthetic development. By providing a supportive and nurturing environment, schooling contributes to the development of students' sense of self-worth, enthusiasm for learning and optimism for the future.

St Paul's leadership has incorporated all requirements of Ministerial Order 870 (Child Safe Standards – Managing the Risk of Child Abuse in Schools - 2015) into the appropriate school's policies, procedures and all school environments (all school environments include (a) the school campus; (b) online school environments and; (c) other locations provided by the school for a child's use including, without limitation, locations used for school camps, sporting events, excursions, competitions and other events). This also includes services such as Out of Hours School Care.

Schooling plays a significant role in preparing young people to engage effectively with an increasingly complex world, a world characterised by advances in information and communication technologies, population diversity arising from international mobility and migration, and complex environmental and social challenges.

At St Paul's Primary School we will promote in children

- all aspects of our Catholic Faith and how as a faith filled person we respond to all matters in our lives
- an understanding of being safe in our world and the networks that support them in being safe
- the desire to learn and positive attitudes for life-long education.
- a willingness to strive for personal success and realistically high standards in all aspects of their lives.
- self confidence, optimism, high self esteem and respect for others.
- the ability and disposition to think clearly, broadly, imaginatively, creatively, independently and critically; to make rational decisions and to accept responsibility for their own actions.
- the development of an appropriate level of literacy, numeracy, problem solving, information processing and communication skills.
- the ability and disposition to co-operate and collaborate with others, and an awareness and tolerance of other ways of thinking and behaving.
- the development of knowledge skills, attitudes and values which will enable students to participate as active and informed citizens in our democratic society within an international context.
- a capacity to exercise and develop judgement in matters of morality, ethics and social justice.
- personal health and well-being through development of life education skills and the creative use of leisure time.
- an understanding and respect for their cultural heritage and that of other ethnic groups.
- an understanding of the role of science and technology in society, together with scientific and technological skills and concern for the consequences on our global environment.
- an appreciation and understanding of the creative arts and the development of skills which will give children the confidence to participate in these areas.

St Paul's strives to meet these goals and understanding through living and promoting the Gospel Values.

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