

Mount Evelyn Primary School

School Policies Manual



Statement of Values and School Philosophy Policy

Rationale:

This policy is to outline the values of our school community and explain the vision, mission and objectives of our school.

Aim:

Mount Evelyn Primary School is committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and members of our community. Our school recognises the importance of the partnership between our school and parents and carers to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing. We share a commitment to, and a responsibility for, creating an inclusive and safe school environment for our students.

The programs and teaching at Mount Evelyn Primary School support and promote the principles and practice 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

This policy outlines our school's vision, mission, objective, values and expectations of our school community. This policy is available on our school website, as part of our staff induction handbook and enrolment/transition packs.

To celebrate and embed our Statement of Values and Philosophy in our school community, we

- display posters and banners that promote the values in our school
- celebrate our values in our school newsletter
- provide recognition for students who actively demonstrate the values
- discuss our values with students in the classroom, meetings and assemblies

Implementation:

OUR VISION

We, at Mount Evelyn Primary School, with the active support of the community, strive to maximise students' curiosity and engagement in their learning. We provide strong supports for students' social and emotional needs and our high quality, passionate staff deliver challenging and inspiring curriculum.

MISSION

To prepare the students of Mount Evelyn Primary School for fulfilling and productive lives in a rapidly changing world and encourage them to develop a lifelong love of learning.

OBJECTIVE

At Mount Evelyn Primary School we teach the whole child; academically, emotionally and socially.

OUR VALUES

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY CARE INTEGRITY (Be your Best) SAFETY

We respect ourselves, our school and each another, and understand that our attitudes and behaviours have an impact on the people around us.

We take responsibility for our actions, behaviour, belongings and learning

We model and demonstrate care, and take every opportunity to help others in need

We act with integrity, which means trying our hardest and being our best

We behave in ways that ensures the safety of ourselves and others

BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS

Mount Evelyn Primary School acknowledges that the behaviour of staff, parents, carers and students has an impact on our school community and culture. We acknowledge a shared responsibility to create a positive learning environment for the children and young people at our school.

Behavioural expectations for all stakeholders can be found in the school's Student Management Policy.

Our *Statement of Values and School Philosophy* ensures that everyone in our school community will be treated with fairness and respect. In turn, we will strive to create a school that is inclusive and safe, where everyone is empowered to participate and learn.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on: May 12th, 2021

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Student Management Policy

Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy

Duty of care Policy

Child Safe Policy