



CAULFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF VALUES AND
SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY
POLICY NO. 1.25



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the School Office.

Purpose:

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

Policy:

Caulfield 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 Caulfield 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, our staff compendium, and from school office upon request.

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

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

Vision:

Caulfield Primary School provides an excellent bilingual education in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment. We create exciting opportunities which foster a love of learning. Students are active and engaged learners who participate positively in school and community life.

Objective:

Our school's objectives are considered as part of the 4 yearly strategic planning process and reflected in the goals listed in our current School Strategic Plan (SSP). We also develop an Annual Implementation Plan to operationalise the goals and key improvement strategies contained in our SSP.

Values:

Caulfield Primary School's values are Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Kindness and Diversity.

We demonstrate Excellence by participating in all activities and always trying our best.

We respect ourselves and others and understand what we do and say affects other people.

We are responsible for our thinking and actions and look after belongings of ours and school properties.

We model and demonstrate Honesty by being truthful to ourselves and others.

We show Kindness by being helpful and caring of others.

We demonstrate Diversity by appreciating all people and their differences.

Behavioural Expectations:

As a member of Caulfield Primary School and the community, we will ensure our conducts are consistent with the Department-wide [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#).

Caulfield Primary School acknowledges that the behaviour of staff, parents, carers and students has an impact on our school community and culture.

Staff have a range of expectations around behaviour and must follow our school and Department policies and the Victorian Public Service Code of Conduct and Values. Teaching staff also adhere to the [Victorian Teaching Profession Code of Conduct](#).

Students are supported by school staff to meet expected standards of behaviour as outlined in our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy, Inclusion and Diversity Policy, Bullying Prevention Policy, Caulfield Primary School Student Code of Conduct and Student Digital User Agreement.

Information about the expectations on parents and carers to ensure schools remain respectful and inclusive places is outlined in the Department's [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#).

Unreasonable Behaviours:

Schools are not public places, and the Principal has the right to permit or deny entry to school grounds (for more information, see our *Visitors Policy*).

Unreasonable behaviour that is demonstrated by school staff, parents, carers, students or members of our school community will not be tolerated at school, or during school activities.

Unreasonable behaviour includes:

- being violent or threatening violence of any kind, including physically intimidating behaviour such as aggressive hand gestures or invading another person's personal space
- speaking or behaving in a rude, aggressive or threatening way, either in person, via email, social media, or over the telephone
- sending demanding, rude, confronting or threatening letters, emails or text messages
- discriminatory or derogatory comments
- the use of social media or public forums to make inappropriate or threatening remarks about the school, staff or students.

Harassment, bullying, violence, aggression, threatening behaviour and unlawful discrimination are unacceptable and will not be tolerated at our school.

Unreasonable behaviour and/or failure to uphold the principles of this *Statement of Values and School Philosophy* may lead to further investigation and the implementation of appropriate consequences by the Principal.

At the Principal's discretion, unreasonable behaviour may be managed by:

- requesting that the parties attend a mediation or counselling sessions
- implementing specific communication protocols
- written warnings
- conditions of entry to school grounds or school activities
- exclusion from school grounds or attendance at school activities
- reports to Victoria Police
- legal action.

Inappropriate student behaviour will be managed in accordance with our school's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy, Bullying Prevention Policy, Caulfield Primary School Student Code of Conduct, Student Digital User Agreement and Classroom Expectations and Consequences document.

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.

Communication:

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Included in staff compendium
- Included as reference in school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

Related Policies and Resources:

Department of Education and Training policies and resources:

- [Work-Related Violence in Schools Policy](#)
- [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#)

Caulfield Primary School policies:

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Parent Complaints Policy

Policy Approval and Renewal:

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