

# St Margaret's School Philosophy Statement



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## Introduction

The constitution of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) contains a Statement of Mission, which provides the expectations of the sole member of MACS, the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (Member), for Catholic schooling and the identity and work of a Catholic school. The Statement of Mission positions MACS firmly in the reality of the Eucharistic character of the Catholic school, affirming that its enterprise is one that builds community and provides opportunity for personal transformation.

*With parents and parishes, Catholic schooling seeks to fulfil this mission by providing an environment in which students are enabled to:*

- *encounter God in Christ and deepen their relationship with him*
- *pursue wisdom and truth encouraged by a supportive academic culture*
- *grow in the practice of virtue, responsible freedom and serving the common good.*

*A Catholic school:*

- *is actively embedded in the life of the faith communities of the local Church, which in turn is tangibly manifested in the life of each school*
- *is an essential place for the evangelising of children and young people*
- *exists to assist students, and their families, to integrate faith, reason, life and culture*
- *is conspicuously Christian in outlook, explicitly Catholic in faith and practice, and intentionally missionary in orientation*
- *cultivates spiritual, social and emotional growth in a safe and protective environment*
- *provides a learning environment in which the whole educational community is formed to embrace life in all its fullness (Jn 10.10)*
- *offers a human formation that has the intellectual, practical and moral excellence of learners at its heart*
- *forms consciences, fosters peace and develops respectful dialogue, at the service of intellectual charity*
- *encourages the discovery of Catholic cultural heritage, especially in art, music, literature and architecture.*

**St Margaret's** is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

**St Margaret's** is a Catholic primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Barwon Region.

## Mission

### ***Living Our Catholic Faith***

- To create a welcoming Catholic community where we promote commitment, service, respect, justice and compassion for all.
- To involve and educate our community in Our Catholic Story and beliefs about the life of Jesus and St. Margaret.
- To actively reflect Jesus' values in our decisions, choices and actions.

### ***Engaging passionately in learning***

- To promote a collaborative culture which creates engaging and meaningful learning opportunities.
- To provide rich, rigorous and relevant experiences that meet the needs of all students and the whole school community.
- To use contemporary tools to maximise learning and teaching success.
- To personalise learning, creating passionate, lifelong learners.

### ***Connecting with and shaping Our World***

- To build purposeful connections between home, school and the wider community.
- To shape our local and global world through positive action.
- To recognise and respect multiple perspectives and views.

## Vision

St. Margaret's Primary School  
Living our Catholic faith,  
Engaging passionately in learning,  
Connecting with and shaping our world

## Values

Authentic and connected learning with the local and global community.  
Dialogue and collaboration fostering and supporting learning.  
Strong leadership empowering teachers and students to lead their learning.  
Action orientation- inquiring, planning, reflecting and sharing.  
Personalised and targeted learning and teaching experiences.  
Caring for the whole child.

## Objectives

At St Margaret's we aim to provide:

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## Philosophy enactment

The philosophy of St Margaret's Primary School comes through in a number of areas but is based around our school Vision and Mission. The St Margaret's Community of Trust Touchstones' help to form the basis for how the staff work at our school.

## Reporting

The MACS Board will ensure schools have implemented a contextualised school philosophy using this template through the annual report to the school community and regular school review processes (at least once every four years).