



WILLIAMSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Commitment to Democratic Principles

1. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Australian society is defined, among other aspects, by a belief in elected Government; by a commitment to the rule of law, to equal rights for all before the law; and by a belief in freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Our society is also tolerant of a range of religious, political, social and cultural beliefs and values in the context of the fundamental principle of our democracy.

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 sets out the legislative framework for the delivery of quality education in Victoria. The Act requires all schools to deliver programs and teaching in a manner which supports the principles and practices of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

The Education and Reform Act 2006 requires all education providers to operate in a manner consistent with this set of Australian democratic principles.

In accordance with the Act, Williamstown Primary School delivers curriculum programs, learning, and teaching in a manner that supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy. This includes a commitment to:

1. elected government
2. the rule of law
3. equal rights for all before the law
4. freedom of religion
5. freedom of speech and association
6. the values of openness and acceptance of differences and diversity.
7. the safety of all children

The programs of, and teaching at, Williamstown Primary School will support and promote the principles and practices of Australian democracy.

All documents prepared by Williamstown Primary School, including handbooks, policies and procedures, will also affirm the principles and practices of Australian democracy.

2. REVIEW AND DOCUMENT HISTORY

- This document is due for formal review in September 2022 although it may be changed at any time as required after discussion with School Council and the Principal or if guidelines change.

Policy History

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September 2019	New document	Yes	No	Consultation not required.