

Statement of Democratic Principles

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1. Background

The Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017 (sch 4 cl 1 and sch 8 cl 1) require that the programs of, and teaching at the College must support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy. This requirement is not intended to affect the rights accorded to, or the compliance with any obligation imposed on, a registered school under a law of the State or of the Commonwealth.

2. Statement of Policy

The College is committed to the principles of a liberal democracy. We believe in and are committed to:

- an accountable, democratically elected government;
- respect for and observing the rule of law;
- equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes;
- freedom of religion, including a need to practise tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs;
- freedom of speech and freedom of association; and
- the values of openness and tolerance.

The College will provide curriculum, programs and teaching that is consistent with these beliefs and commitment.

3. Communication

This Statement of Democratic Principles is reflected in other policies and communicated to staff, students, parents/guardians and the College community in the following way:

- The College Governance Policy and Charter
- The College website
- The Student and Parent Handbook
- The Staff Handbook

4. Policy History

Version	Policy Owner	Approval Date	Summary of Changes
1	Board	20/6/23	First Adopted