



TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
*In Unity Strength*

## Trinity Catholic School

### Statement of Commitment to Democratic Principles

#### Introduction

This Statement affirms that at Trinity Catholic School we are committed to uphold Democratic Principles, and to teaching students what it means to be an upstanding Australian Citizen.

#### Rationale

At Trinity Catholic School we are committed to creating an environment which supports the development of Australian citizens who have an awareness of the values and systems which underpin our democracy.

We strive to ensure that our children develop:

- An understanding of, and commitment to, Australia's democratic system of government, law and civic life
- The capacity to clarify and critically examine values and principles that underpin Australia's democracy and the ways in which these contribute to a fair and just society and a sustainable future
- The knowledge, skills and values that support active citizenship and the capacity to act as informed and responsible citizens
- An appreciation of the local, state, national, regional and global rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic life
- An appreciation of the experiences and heritage of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their influence on Australian civic identity and society
- an appreciation of the uniqueness and diversity of Australia as a multicultural society and a commitment to supporting intercultural understandings within the context of Australian democracy
- An understanding of the ways in which governance structures from other countries are similar to, or differ from, democracy in Australia

We are committed to ensuring that our school culture deepens an understanding of Australian values. Our work in teaching to the Victorian Essential Learning Standards show the manner in which we develop this in the school and our reporting to parents, our newsletters, our Prospectus and our school displays all demonstrate our commitment to putting this statement into practice and to promoting those values in the community.

Trinity Catholic School actively promotes and teaches the following values for Australian schooling.

- Care and compassion in caring for self and others
- Doing your best in seeking to accomplish something worthy and admirable, trying hard, pursuing excellence
- Fair go – pursuing and protecting the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society

- Freedom – enjoying all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control and standing up for the rights of others, including freedom of speech and association and freedom of religion
- Honesty and trustworthiness in being honest, sincere and seeking the truth
- Integrity – acting in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensuring consistency between words and deeds
- Respect – treating others with consideration and regard, respecting another person’s point of view, openness and tolerance
- Responsibility – being accountable for one’s actions, resolving differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contributing to society and to civic life and taking care of the environment
- Understanding, tolerance and inclusion in being aware of others and their cultures, accepting diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others