



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Philosophy Statement



St Francis Xavier Primary School is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

St Francis Xavier Primary School is a Catholic Primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Montmorency area and its surrounds.

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 Francis Xavier Primary School Vision Statement

St Francis Xavier Primary School: A faith community inspiring all learners to thrive today, excel tomorrow and lead with compassion.

St Francis Xavier Primary School Mission Statement

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy, St Francis Xavier Primary School is an integral part of Risen Christ Parish.

We are a community built on a strong foundation of faith, kindness and compassion. We develop positive relationships and a strong sense of belonging.

Through high quality explicit teaching and diverse educational opportunities, we provide an engaging and exciting curriculum.

We nurture and support students to be happy, inquisitive, determined and confident learners.

At St. Francis Xavier Primary School, we welcome and respect all.

St. Francis Xavier Primary School School Values

As a Catholic School of Faith, St Francis Xavier Primary School has four key values:

- Be Respectful - "Do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7: 12)
- Be Responsible - "In everything, set them an example by doing what is good." (Titus: 2: 7)
- Be Resilient - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged" (Joshua: 1: 9)
- Be Kind - "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John: 13: 34-35)

St. Francis Xavier Primary School School Rules/Expectations

The safety of all students is paramount to our school, therefore these school rules form part of our school expectations:

- Follow Directions
- Use your hands, feet and objects in an appropriate way
- Listen without interruption
- Speak appropriately
- Treat all property with care.
- Move safely around the school.

Objectives

At St Francis Xavier Primary School we aim to empower young people to engage justly in a contemporary, global society as valued life-long learners, animated by the wisdom of the gospel. Our school Vision and Mission statement is central to this.

Philosophy enactment

At St Francis Xavier Primary School our school philosophy, which includes the vision, mission, values, expectations and objectives, will be central to all our policies, practices and teaching and learning programs. The school's philosophy is published on our school website as well as in our key policies such as our enrolment policy.

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).