

School Philosophy Statement



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 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 St Francis Xavier Parish of Frankston.

Mission

At St Francis Xavier School, our mission is to provide a nurturing environment where faith, knowledge and compassion flourish. Through an engaging education, guided by Catholic values, we aim to empower students to embrace their unique gifts, serve others, and become active members of the community.

Vision

An Inclusive Community. Connected Through Faith. Aspiring to Challenge and Empower.

Values

At St Francis Xavier School, we value and embrace the diversity of all individuals within our community. We strive to provide a welcoming and caring environment where every person feels respected and supported. Central to these values are the teachings of Jesus which we endeavor to embody in our daily lives.

Objectives

At St Francis Xavier School, our objective is to inspire students to become responsible, compassionate individuals who make positive contributions to society. Supported by our faith, we aim to encourage the students to develop a deep respect for themselves, others and the world around them.

Philosophy enactment

At St Francis Xavier School, we take great pride in ensuring we are true to our philosophy, which includes the vision, mission, values and objectives. Staff, students and community are invited to contribute to the development/ratification of the philosophy thereby ensuring it is an accurate reflection of our beliefs and actions. The school's philosophy is available on our school website and in several other policies and documents such as the enrolment policy and Staff Handbook.

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).