



# 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.

Emmaus College:

- is embedded in the life of the faith communities of the local Church, which in turn, is manifested in the life of the College
- 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.

Emmaus College is a school, which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

Emmaus College is a Catholic K to 12 school, which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Vermont South, Burwood and surrounding areas.

## Vision

To foster a community that nurtures the full flourishing of each learner, inspiring excellence as they come 'To Know Christ' on their own road to Emmaus.

## Mission

Emmaus College, as a Christ centred Community, has fundamentally at the heart of its spirituality, the person of Jesus Christ. The story of the Walk to Emmaus in the Gospel of Luke and from which

the College is named, nourishes our spirituality.

Students are encouraged to live by the key core values of faith, community, respect, excellence, integrity and service and to empower them to achieve their best academically.

Emmaus aims to ensure that learners acquire and utilise the knowledge and skills to be future ready. Our mission as a Christ-centred community, provides a caring and supportive environment that enables students to develop their full potential in all areas of life. Pastoral care is a key focus of the College, and promotes and enhances student wellbeing of a personal, social, physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual nature.

## Values

The College encourages students to live by the key core values of faith, community, respect, excellence, integrity and service.

The four Houses: Chavoin, Colin, More and Rice supplement the spirituality of the College. These Houses call to mind the charisms of their namesakes, encouraging the members of the House to explore how they too can live their Christian calling.

## Objectives

Emmaus College aims to ensure that students are able to acquire the skills necessary for 21st Century learning, especially the four C's: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication, Collaboration and Creativity. These skills will enable students to be flexible in their problem-solving methodology, have enhanced thinking abilities and a collaborative attitude to communication skills. Students need to develop these skills alongside the foundations of literacy and numeracy.

We aspire that our Graduates are compassionate, curious, faith-filled, independent, resilient and creative.

## Philosophy enactment

At Emmaus College our philosophy, which includes the vision, mission, values and objective, will be central to all policies, practices and teaching and leading programs.

The College's philosophy is published on the College website as well as in its key policies such as the enrolment policy.

## Reporting

The MACS Board will ensure Emmaus College has implemented a contextualised College philosophy using this template through the annual report to the College community and regular College review processes (at least once every four years).

### POLICY INFORMATION

Responsible Person	College Principal
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