



COLLEGE GOVERNANCE - AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

1.0 PREAMBLE

The Victorian Registration Standards require that the programs of, and teaching at Marist-Sion College Warragul (**Marist-Sion College**) support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

Marist-Sion College is committed to democratic principles of Australia including:

- elected government;
- the rule of law;
- equal rights for all before the law;
- freedom of religion;
- freedom of speech and association; and
- the values of openness and tolerance.

2.0 STATEMENT

As stated in the Regulations, the requirements of the commitment above are not intended to affect the rights accorded to, or the compliance with any obligation imposed on, the College under the enactment of the State or of the Commonwealth.

This Statement of Democratic Principles is communicated to staff, students, parents and guardians and the College community. This Statement is published:

- In this Policy;
- on the Marist-Sion College website; and
- In Curriculum documents that show all students at Marist-Sion College undertake studies in the three strands of the Civics and Citizenship domain of the Victorian Curriculum F-10.

Australian society is defined, among other aspects, by a belief in elected Government; by a commitment to the rule of law, to equal rights for all before the law; and by a belief in freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Our society is also tolerant of a range of religious, political, social and cultural beliefs and values in the context of the fundamental principle of our democracy.

3.0 IMPLEMENTATION

Marist-Sion College has set up a series of compliance tasks on our Assurance System, to ensure that key obligations under the Victorian Registration Standards and CECV Guidelines are managed effectively.

4.0 STATUS AND REVIEW

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