



SCHOOL GOVERNANCE & DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

Rationale

Galen Catholic College is a Catholic School within the Sandhurst Diocese and Catholic Education Commission of Victoria. While being a Catholic School, we also acknowledge that we are part of the wider community; Local, Regional, State and Commonwealth. Because of our interconnection with our community, we affirm and adhere to the following Australian Principles:

- The principle of democratic elected government and the active role we play in developing good citizens for our local, regional, state and commonwealth communities by providing a quality education.
- We acknowledge due process and the rule of law in the education of our students.
- We actively promote the principles of justice and equal rights for all in our community. We educate our students to be committed to social justice.
- We are an inclusive educational community. While we are a Catholic School we accept and value all cultures and religious beliefs and teach religious and cultural tolerance. We are true to the concept and meaning of catholic; "here comes everyone".
- We believe in freedom and that all in our community have freedom of speech and association.
- We value openness and tolerance and we are true to our College Motto: Faith and Integrity with the values of co-operation and of thinking of others as much as ourselves.

Policy Statement

Furthermore, we believe that the above stated principles can be found in our Vision and Mission statements and our Graduate Outcomes.

Galen Catholic College Vision Statements

Galen Catholic College is a nurturing community, where Faith and Integrity are at the core of our aspirations.

Galen Catholic College strives to;

Create a faith-centred and hope-filled community inspired by the teachings of Jesus.

Provide quality education that challenges, supports and empowers students to explore and reach their full potential.

Foster an inclusive and safe environment.

Build authentic partnerships between school, parents and carers and the wider community.

Review

This document shall be reviewed within three years of the date of issue.

Principal:

Signature:

Date: 2014