Tyers Primary School – School Philosophy Policy

Purpose
This School Philosophy Policy outlines the vision, mission, values and objectives Tyers Primary School will hold as central to its teaching and learning programs. It provides a framework around which the schools policies, practices and curriculum will be structured.

In accordance with the principles outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic), as a Victorian government school, the programs of, and teaching at Tyers Primary School will support and promote the principles and practices of Australian democracy including a commitment to:

• An elected government.
• The rule of law.
• Equal rights for all before the law.
• Freedom of religion.
• Freedom of speech and association.
• The values of openness and tolerance.

Also, in accordance with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic), the school will provide a secular education and will not promote any particular religious practice, denomination or sect and is open to adherents of any philosophy, religion or faith.

Tyers Primary School vision, mission, values and objectives

Vision and objectives
Tyers Primary School is a community focused school that strives for excellence. Our aim is to empower students to acquire, demonstrate, articulate and value the self-motivation, skills and knowledge that will support them, as life-long learners, to participate in and contribute to live a fulfilling life as a productive member of the global society. We encourage our students and families to practise the core values of the school: respect, compassion, integrity, empathy, advocacy and courage.

Mission
Is to enable all learners’ access to learning through the provision of:

• differentiated, in-depth and cohesive learning programs aligned to year level content and achievement standards informed by the Australian curriculum,
• highly effective teachers and school leadership, focussed on improving student outcomes, through their commitment to ongoing professional development, quality teaching, evidence based practices, coaching and mentoring and collaboration,
• a quality inclusive learning environment that is responsive to student voice,
• enriching, engaging resources,
• opportunities for community and parents to openly participate in learning and decision making,
• partnerships.

Values

• Respect – Service to all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions.
• Compassion – Welcoming and serving all with understanding and without judgment.
• Integrity – Promoting, maintaining and adhering to our mission, vision and values.
• Empathy – Establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception.
• Advocacy – Working to create a better society by supporting those at need and challenging the causes of human injustice.
• Courage – Encouraging physical, emotional and intellectual growth, welcoming innovation and giving hope for the future.
Implementation

This school philosophy will be central to all:

• school initiatives, policies and practices,
• teaching and learning programs,
• internal and external interactions,
• organisational structures and practices and
• dealings with parents, the School Council and the community.

Supporting documents

1. Tyers Primary School - Vision, Mission and Values.
2. Tyers Primary School - Student Promise.

Review

The Tyers Primary School School Council and staff will regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the Tyers Primary School’s School Philosophy Policy and revise the policy tri-annually or as required by completing a policy review.

School Philosophy Policy updates and requirements will be made available to staff, families and visitors.

This policy was ratified by School Council at the School Council Meeting held 03/05/2016.
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Tyers Primary School – Student Promise

Through my words and actions I will show that I care for others by supporting those in need, listening carefully, working hard and having fun together.

I understand that everyone makes mistakes and this is how we all learn. I will always say sorry if I hurt someone and if someone asks me to stop I will stop.

This is how I will speak and act even when no one is watching.

My promise reminds me to:

1. Be kind to everyone and everything.
2. Not judge others and be forgiving.
3. Accept others for who they are.
4. Use a quiet voice.
5. Have a positive attitude.

Tyers Primary School (Est’d 1879)
‘Remembering the past, learning for the future’