

# Statement of Democratic Principles

## Introduction

The mission of Mt Hira College is to inspire and encourage 'Life Long Learning' in each student by catering for their social, emotional, academic and spiritual needs within a positive, safe, caring, challenging and supportive learning environment. We are committed to raising upstanding and responsible citizens of tomorrow who will uphold universal values in a globally and technologically advancing society.

## Statement of Principles

Mt Hira College is committed to the principles and practice of democracy in Australia, including a commitment to:

- ❖ An elected Government
- ❖ The rule of law
- ❖ Equal rights of all before the law
- ❖ Freedom of religion
- ❖ Freedom of speech and association
- ❖ Values of openness and tolerance

## Purpose

The purpose of this statement is to affirm the school's adherence to the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

## Statement

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.

## Guidelines

To give practical expression to these principles Mt Hira College will:

- ❖ Fly the Australian flag
- ❖ Display the Values for Australian Schooling poster and link through College Website [http://www.curriculum.edu.au/values/val\\_national\\_framework\\_nine\\_values,14515.html](http://www.curriculum.edu.au/values/val_national_framework_nine_values,14515.html)
- ❖ Communicate these principles via curriculum documentation
- ❖ Provide students with the knowledge, skills and opportunities to understand and practise what it means to be a citizen in a democracy
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## Communicated to the Community

- ❖ Staff handbook
- ❖ College Website