



# Yinnar South Primary School – School Philosophy Policy

## Purpose

This School Philosophy Policy outlines the vision, mission, values and objectives Yinnar South 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 Yinnar South 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.

## Yinnar South Primary School vision, mission, values and objectives

### Vision and objectives

Yinnar South Primary School is a community focused school that strives for excellence. Our aim is to create a flexible, vibrant and dynamic learning environment that customises individual development and maximises personal achievement.

### Mission

To empower our learning community with the dispositions, skills and attributes they need to successfully take their place as global citizens in a sustainable diverse and ever changing world.

We 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, focused 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

We value: Learning to be WISE

#### ***Well being (personal and community)***

Student wellbeing is a core focus a Yinnar South Primary School. Wellbeing is embedded in everything we do and every two years we have a term focus on wellbeing, specifically social, emotional/mental, spiritual, community, environmental, intellectual and physical health. Students explore strategies to maintain and improve their own health and how to minimize potentially negative impacts.

### ***Integrity***

At Yinnar South we strongly value integrity, students are encouraged to understand that while we all make mistakes at times we should always try to be honest, trustworthy and respectful.

### ***Self mastery (Personal Control)***

Students at Yinnar South are encouraged to take responsibility for the choices they make and this includes their own behaviour. We believe that students need to develop intrinsic motivations for making strong choices. We encourage students to develop their social and emotional intelligence alongside their academic. Our Play is the Way program supports these understandings.

### ***Empathy***

At Yinnar South Primary School our students are encouraged to be empathetic. They are supported to view others perspective and to develop a sense of caring, responsibility and respect for themselves, the global community and our environment.

## **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. Yinnar South Primary School - Vision, Mission and Values.

## **Review**

The Yinnar South Primary School School Council and staff will regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the School Philosophy Policy and revise the policy triennially 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 18/07/2018.