

# St Paul Apostle South School Philosophy Statement



## Introduction

The constitution of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) contains a Statement of Mission, which provides the expectations of the sole member of MACS, the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (Member), for Catholic schooling and the identity and work of a Catholic school. The Statement of Mission positions MACS firmly in the reality of the Eucharistic character of the Catholic school, affirming that its enterprise is one that builds community and provides opportunity for personal transformation.

**With parents and parishes, Catholic schooling seeks to fulfil this mission by providing an environment in which students are enabled to:**

- encounter God in Christ and deepen their relationship with him
- pursue wisdom and truth encouraged by a supportive academic culture
- grow in the practice of virtue, responsible freedom and serving the common good.

## A Catholic school:

- is actively embedded in the life of the faith communities of the local Church, which in turn is tangibly manifested in the life of each school
- is an essential place for the evangelising of children and young people
- exists to assist students, and their families, to integrate faith, reason, life and culture
- is conspicuously Christian in outlook, explicitly Catholic in faith and practice, and intentionally missionary in orientation
- cultivates spiritual, social and emotional growth in a safe and protective environment
- provides a learning environment in which the whole educational community is formed to embrace life in all its fullness (Jn 10.10)
- offers a human formation that has the intellectual, practical and moral excellence of learners at its heart
- forms consciences, fosters peace and develops respectful dialogue, at the service of intellectual charity
- encourages the discovery of Catholic cultural heritage, especially in art, music, literature and architecture.

**St Paul Apostle South P.S.** is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

**St Paul Apostle South P.S.** is a Catholic primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the Endeavour Hills area.

### **The Vision and Mission Statement of St Paul Apostle South is that:**

- We are guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ and we respond to today's world in the light of the Catholic tradition.
- We are committed to nurturing the whole person so that our students become responsible and connected local and global citizens.
- We strive to learn continuously in order to best meet the needs of our students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- We respect the dignity of each member of our school community by appreciating the diversity of language, culture and faith.

### **The Values of St Paul Apostle South include:**

At St. Paul Apostle South P.S., we value kindness, resilience, justice, teamwork, respect and faith. Our values set out expectations for all members of the school and are guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ.

### **The Objectives of St Paul Apostle South include:**

At St. Paul Apostle South P.S., we celebrate the diversity of our community and celebrate the differences that this brings. We recognise the individual talents of all in our community and utilise these for the betterment of all. We nurture the whole person and provide opportunities for each student to reach their full potential.

### **The Philosophy of St Paul Apostle South is that:**

At St. Paul Apostle South P.S., we are guided by the teaching of Jesus Christ and these form the basis of our vision, values and objectives of the school. These teachings are central to all our policies, practices and teaching and learning programs and are clearly visible in the day to day life of the school.

### **Reporting**

The MACS Board will ensure schools have implemented a contextualised school philosophy through the annual report to the school community and regular school review processes (at least once every four years).