



# STATEMENT OF VALUES AND SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

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## PURPOSE

This document outlines the values of our school community and explains the vision, mission and objectives of our school.

## POLICY STATEMENT

Altona Primary School is committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and members of our community. Our school recognises the importance of the partnership between our school and parents and carers to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing. We share a commitment to, and a responsibility for, creating an inclusive and safe school environment for our students.

The programs and teaching at Altona Primary School, support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

- 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.

This policy outlines our school's vision, mission, objective, values and expectations of our school community. This policy is available on our school website and our student engagement guidelines.

To celebrate and embed our Statement of Values and Philosophy in our school community, we will:

- display posters and banners that promote our school values
- celebrate our values in our school newsletter
- provide awards and recognition for students who actively demonstrate the values
- discuss our values with students in classrooms, meetings and assemblies

## VISION AND MISSION

At Altona Primary School we work together with our community to ensure we provide a stimulating, creative and challenging learning environment where students achieve their personal best. They are supported to grow socially, emotionally and academically, and become respectful, responsible and resilient members of a global community. We offer a robust educational experience for all students through effective communication, strong collaboration and high impact, research-based teaching.

## VALUES

Our values: **Resilience - Respect - Responsibility - Collaboration - Aspiration – Gratitude** are clearly communicated with students through learning opportunities in our quality 'Getting to Know You' program held at the beginning of the year and re-visited periodically throughout the remainder of the year. We teach our values through having staff and community members model best practice. Learning our values is based on acquiring the knowledge, developing the skills and adopting the attitude to allow each value to flourish in the person.

*For further information see APS Student and Engagement and Wellbeing Policy*