



## **Democratic Principles**

At Emmaus College, it recognises that the College plays a vital role in advancing democratic ideals and principles. For democracy to continue to thrive, students must be taught democratic ideals and principles and to value its way of life. Emmaus College will support and promote, explicitly and implicitly, the principles 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.

Through its curricular and extracurricular programs, Emmaus College will prepare its students to become citizens, who will preserve and shape democracy in the future. Democratic values will be taught explicitly in the curriculum and implicitly in the student's experience of the College, from classroom practice, and from what is taught to how it is taught.

## Reporting

The Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Board will ensure Emmaus College has published this Democratic Principles Statement through the Annual Report to the College Community and regular College review processes (at least once every four years).