



## Vision and Mission Statement

June 2016

### VISION

As a Catholic school in the Diocese of Ballarat, Siena Catholic Primary School is respectful of the Cathedral Parish motto 'To love is to serve' and embraces the Diocesan Education Vision which states:

*As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.*

### MISSION

We journey towards this vision through:

- proclaiming and witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ
- ensuring quality learning that promotes excellence and fosters the authentic human development of all
- living justly in the world, in relationship with each other and in harmony with God's creation
- exploring, deepening and expressing our Catholic identity in diverse ways
- enabling each one of us to reflect more fully the image of God

### BELIEFS ABOUT LEARNING AND TEACHING

Arising from this Vision and Mission, we believe that Learning and Teaching practice at Siena Catholic Primary School will:

1. Embody the traditions and values of the mission of the Catholic school and be centred on relationships within the learning community
2. Be underpinned by ensuring the best progress of all learners with the expectation that all students will succeed
3. Reflect what is valued and important by specifying the essential knowledge, skills and behaviours in a core curriculum accessible to all students
4. Reflect democratic principals
5. Extend students to higher levels of knowledge, understanding and functioning
6. Enable students to develop deep understandings about the world and how it works and to operate effectively in that world with specific consideration for learning about environmental sustainability
7. Build capacity for lifelong learning
8. Engage students in multiple perspectives, valuing and responding to diversity and difference
9. Recognise and value the rich and diverse experiences, perspectives and interests of the learner

10. Focus on creating flexible learning opportunities in which learning is differentiated in response to varied learning styles and is co-constructed
11. Engage learners in creating new knowledge and understanding by thinking and working creatively, exploring and experimenting, planning and reflecting, and communicating and collaborating
12. Build relationships within and beyond the classroom to create learning opportunities in diverse environments
13. Involve the appropriate and ethical use of contemporary technologies and resources that enable and transform learning
14. Ensure that the school operates as a Child Safe School

## **ENACTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

It is expected that the Vision and Mission of Siena Catholic Primary School will:

1. Be the starting point for the development and review of all school policies and curriculum
2. Be a reference point for key decisions made about learning
3. Inform the school's strategic plan and annual actions plans
4. Provide a starting point for the induction of staff and families
5. Be displayed in the school, in school publications and online
6. Provide clarity for all members of the school community about the purpose and intent of the school

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