



St. Georges Rd. Primary School

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Australian Democratic Principles

Australian society is defined, among other aspects, by a belief in elected Government; by a commitment to the rule of law, to equal rights for all before the law; and by a belief in freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Our society is also tolerant of a range of religious, political, social and cultural beliefs and values in the context of the fundamental principles of our democracy.

The *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* sets out the legislative framework for the delivery of quality education in Victoria. The Act requires all schools to deliver programs and teaching in a manner which supports 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 acceptance of differences and diversity.
- The safety of all children.

The programs and teaching at St Georges Road Primary School will support and promote the principles and practices of Australian democracy.

All documents prepared by St Georges Road Primary School, including handbooks, policies and procedures, will also affirm the principles and practices of Australian democracy.