

STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

DROUIN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rationale

The programs of, and teaching in, a school must support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

- a. elected government; and
- b. the rule of law; and
- c. equal rights for all before the law; and
- d. freedom of religion; and
- e. freedom of speech and association; and
- f. the values of openness and tolerance.

Nothing in this clause is intended to affect the rights accorded to, or the compliance with any obligation imposed on, a school under an enactment of the State or of the Commonwealth.

[Schedule 4 clause 1 of the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017](#)

Purpose

To ensure that a school is established in line with and operates consistently with the principles of Australian democracy.

Statement

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 principle of our democracy.

Explanatory notes

The ETR Regulations state that nothing in this standard 'is intended to affect the rights accorded to, or the compliance with any obligation imposed on, a school under an enactment of the State or of the Commonwealth'. **

Drouin West Primary School curriculum is based on the Victorian Curriculum with the Civic and Citizenship a component of our curriculum.

This policy can be found on the school website, parent handbooks and induction manuals for staff.

Review Cycle

This policy was last updated on May 2020 and is scheduled for review in May 2022.

****For example, the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* allows a school to operate wholly or mainly for students of a particular sex, race, religious belief, age or age group. This enables a school established by a particular religious denomination or group of religious denominations to give preference in its enrolment policy to adherents of that denomination(s) or their children**