



DEBNEY MEADOWS PRIMARY

Purpose

To outline the values of our school community and explain the vision, mission and objectives of our school.

Mission Statement

Debney Meadows Primary School facilitates the development of thoughtful, kind, independent and self-directed learners, who are highly literate and competent in Literacy, Numeracy and Metacognitive skills. Our students are equipped to critically challenge, reflect on, question and assess the world in which they live.

We will provide a high-quality, comprehensive, meaningful education for all members of our learning community to prepare them to live in, and contribute to, the immediate, wider and global community.

Our philosophy

At Debney Meadows Primary School, our philosophy is built on the belief that students learn best when they have a strong sense of belonging to their classroom and have pride in their school. DMPS students are encouraged to be active independent learners, who set goals, and challenge themselves in order to achieve personal excellence. We demonstrate a commitment to providing a rich and rigorous curriculum within a safe, orderly and outcome-driven learning community. We strive to provide a supportive, nurturing and challenging learning environment, with high expectations for student success.

We support students to reach their potential, regardless of their background, postcode or circumstance, and to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to participate and thrive in a complex society.

Our students learn in an encouraging, thoughtful and individualised and targeted learning environment. We are recognised for our commitment to developing the whole child, whether that is their academic, social or emotional learning.

At Debney Meadows Primary School our staff are highly accountable to our community due to our commitment, respect and high expectations we hold for each other. Our School community learn together in a vibrant, goal driven and inclusive environment. Our quality teaching equips our students for success.

Our vision is to provide high quality education and prepare our students to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community. The school aims to prepare students to contend with a very dynamic 21st century in which creativity, cooperative work, connectedness to the world and adaptability are key features.

The school values achievement, excellence, curiosity, innovation, respect and responsibility, perseverance, integrity, inclusiveness, respect for diversity, compassion, honesty and equity. The school also believes in having high expectations for all students and a commitment to hard work.

Values... Voice, Learn, Future, High Expectations.

Expectations

- I come to school to learn.
- I Work hard and Choose Kind

In accordance the principles outlined in the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic)*, as a Victorian government school, the programs of, and teaching at Debney Meadows Primary School will support and promote 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 tolerance

Also, in accordance with the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic)*, the school will provide a secular education and will not promote any particular religious practice, denomination or sect and is open to adherents of any philosophy, religion or faith.

Implementation of school philosophy

This school philosophy will be central to all:

- school initiatives, policies and practices;
- teaching and learning programs;
- internal and external interactions;
- organisational structures and practices; and
- dealings with parents, the School Council and the community.

Regular evaluation processes will be in place to measure performance in all areas of the school with respect to the implementation of the vision and values of the school.

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS:

Regular evaluation processes will be in place to measure performance in all areas of the school with respect to the implementation of the vision and values of the school. Related Policies

- Debney Meadows Primary School Student Engagement and Inclusion Policy, 2019.
- Debney Meadows Primary School Bullying and Harassment Policy, 2019.

Evaluation

This policy was ratified by School Council in May 2019. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.