



Catholic Ladies' College

Statement of Commitment to Australian Democratic values

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.

The 'Education and Reform Act 2006' requires all education providers to operate in a manner consistent with this set of Australian democratic principles.

Catholic Ladies' College adheres to and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

- elected government
- the rule of law
- equal right for all before the law
- freedom of religion
- freedom of speech and association
- the values of openness and tolerance

In giving practical expression to these endeavors, CLC will remain steadfast in:

- Referencing democratic values and principles in the College's community engagement and service programs and in our faith, mission and religious education programs. By the nature of being a Catholic school, which seeks to develop the whole person and values the uniqueness of the individual and rejoices in the gifts and talents of all its members, and to assist students to become active members of the Catholic Church and contributors to the common good of society, Catholic Ladies' College acknowledges Australian democratic values.
- Flying the Australian and Aboriginal flag
- Participating in the Acknowledgement of Country as part of our assemblies
- Displaying the 'Values for Australian Schooling' poster
- Teaching the Civics and Citizenship learning area of the Victorian Curriculum where all students will work through the three dimensions of the Civics and Citizenship domain: Government and Democracy, Law and Citizens, and Citizenship, Diversity and Identity. These units provide students with knowledge, skills and opportunities to understand and practise what it means to be a citizen in a democracy.

