
Democratic Principles Policy

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1. Preamble

- 1.1. This document is our “Statement Affirming Swan Hill Christian School’s Adherence to Democratic Principles” as required in the *VRQA Minimum Standards & Requirements for School Registration*.
- 1.2. Swan Hill Christian School (SHCS) serves the community by providing education that is honouring to God and consistent with social values, community standards, government policies and legislation.
- 1.3. As a Christian community, we are committed to the spirit of Romans 13 and we recognise that we are active participants in a democratic nation and, as such, are able to deliver an exceptional standard of education within the policy frameworks of both federal and state government practices and principles.
- 1.4. SHCS’s programs and teaching are in support of and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. VRQA refers to the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority

3. Details

- 3.1. SHCS is committed to:
 - elected government;
 - the rule of law;
 - equal rights for all before the law;
 - freedom of religion;
 - freedom of speech and association; and
 - the values of openness and tolerance

4. Communication

- 4.1. This policy is available to all members of the school community via the school website.