

# CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

- Civics and Citizenship is a study of human progress and how people have organised themselves into societies over time, and how they have interacted with both themselves and their physical environments. Students need to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours that enable them to take action as informed, confident members of a diverse and inclusive Australian society. They need to understand the political and legal systems and processes and the history and values that underpins them.

### **Aims:**

The study of Civics and Citizenship aims to develop in students the skills to:

- understand their identity and roles in their community
- know their rights and responsibilities as citizens
- appreciate Australia's role in the global community
- have the knowledge, skills and behaviours to participate in society and take responsible action in relation to other citizens and the environment at a local and broader level.

### **Implementation:**

- The Civics & Citizenship domain is an essential component of the Physical, Personal and Social Learning strand of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards.
- All students at our school will study a sequential Civics and Citizenship course based upon the learning focus statements contained within the Victorian Essential Learning Standards.
- Student's individual abilities are considered when planning units of work and inquiry learning opportunities are provided to cater for the identified needs and interests of each student.
- Student progress at Victorian Essential Learning Standards Level 3 & 4 in both dimensions of Civics & Citizenship will be reported in half and end of year academic reports.
- A budget that provides for the needs of the Civics & Citizenship program will be developed by staff and resourced by school council.
- The schools vision and values program is supported through the Civics & Citizenship curriculum.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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