

# SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY POLICY

Lowanna College: School Number 01-8821

## Rationale:

Our vision at Lowanna College is one of commitment to high expectations and the belief that students will achieve excellence in their endeavours. Our School Motto, 'Broader Horizons' serves to enrich this vision.

At Lowanna College we value respectful relationships. As such, Lowanna College has a set of behaviour norms for all members of the College community, inclusive of staff, students and parents. These behaviour norms are based on the value of mutual respect.

As a Victorian government school, in accordance with the principles outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic), the programs of, and teaching practices at Lowanna College 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

Additionally, in accordance with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic), Lowanna College 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.

## Aims:

Alignment of the school vision statement will underpin all practices, operations and governance of the Lowanna College community.

## Implementation:

Our school philosophy will be central to all:

- School initiatives, policies and practices;
- Teaching and learning programs;
- Organisational structures and practices; and
- Interactions with parents, the School Council and the community.

## Evaluation:

Regular evaluation processes will measure performance in all areas of the school with respect to the implementation of the vision and values of the school and, as such, this policy can undergo a minor review at any time.

A major review of this policy will occur as a part of the College's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by College Council on 20 June 2016.