

STATEMENT OF VALUES AND SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY POLICY CREEKSIDE K-9 COLLEGE

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the values of our school community and explain the vision, mission and objectives of our school.

Policy

Creekside K-9 College is committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and members of our community. Our school recognises the importance of the partnership between our school and parents and carers to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing. We share a commitment to, and a responsibility for, creating an inclusive and safe school environment for our students.

The programs and teaching at Creekside K-9 College support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

- 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.

This policy outlines our school's vision, mission, objective, values and expectations of our school community. This policy is available on our school website, our staff induction handbook, and enrolment/transition packs.

To celebrate and embed our Statement of Values and Philosophy in our school community, we

- display posters and banners that promote your values in our school

- celebrate our values in our school newsletter
- provide awards and recognition for students who actively demonstrate the values
- discuss our values with students in the classroom, meetings and assemblies.

Vision

Creekside K-9 College's vision is to instil the values and develop the skills and knowledge students need to live effective and purposeful lives in the global community.

Mission

Creekside K-9 College's mission is to empower every student to succeed now and into the future.

Objective

Our school's objectives are considered as part of the 4 yearly strategic planning process and reflected in the goals listed in our current School Strategic Plan (SSP). We also develop an Annual Implementation Plan to operationalise the goals and key improvement strategies contained in our SSP.

Values

Creekside K-9 College's values are respect, responsibility, acceptance and honesty.

Responsibility

At Creekside College, we expect students to follow the college and community rules just as they would at home. All students are expected to take care of their own belongings and that of others, and come to class prepared to learn with relevant materials. They are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and give it their best at all times.

Honesty

Honesty is about being truthful with ourselves and others. This includes telling the truth if we have made a poor choice and being honest about our feelings. Honesty at Creekside College is important because it allows open communication and higher levels of respect from one person to the next.


Respect


It is imperative that all members of the Creekside community have and show respect towards one another. It engenders peace and allows us all to feel safe and therefore learn more freely. Ways

we can show respect include things like using manners, following instructions and being considerate of peoples' differences.

Acceptance

Acceptance is about appreciating the differences of everyone around us and celebrating people for who they are. We all have different stories and should celebrate diversity. We need to accept others in class and at playtime and always keep an open mind. When confronted with unfamiliar situations, acceptance and tolerance will allow harmonious interactions.

 Prep to Year 6 Positive Behaviour Matrix						
	Classrooms	Oval/Play Areas	Play Equipment	Canteen	Toilets	School Environment
Responsibility	Follow the classroom expectations Take responsibility for your learning Arrive on time Approach tasks with a positive mindset	Play safely with others Share and take turns Maintain a clean environment Ask permission to go out of bounds	Use equipment appropriately Report damaged equipment Return play equipment	Use your manners Spend your own money Be prepared to order Move away once you have your food	Use the toilets appropriately Practise good hygiene Use the toilet at break times	Line up safely, ready to learn Use passive areas quietly Wait calmly and safely
Honesty	Be honest about your feelings Ask for help when needed	Play by the rules Make honest decisions during games	Communicate honestly to teachers Report unsafe behaviours Return lost property	Hand in lost money Return incorrect change	Use toilets when needed Report inappropriate behaviour Report damage, misuse and graffiti	Be honest about the lining up order
Respect	Respect others' belongings Actively listen to others Speak to others respectfully	Demonstrate good sportsmanship Respect the space of others Respect property Speak to others respectfully	Respect play equipment Take turns and share	Place rubbish in bins Keep your food to yourself	Respect others' privacy Use toilets appropriately	Respect others' safety
Acceptance	Support and encourage others Accept we are all different	Include others in games Accept that accidents happen	Accept others need space to play	Wait in line patiently	Accept that our toilets are shared facilities	Involve everyone Accept our position in the line



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Year 7-9 Positive Behaviour Matrix

	Classroom	Oval	Canteen	Toilets	School Environment	Lockers
Responsibility	Come prepared and on time Communicate events for consent/payment Ensure everyone is safe Wear correct school uniform	Maintain a clean environment Follow rules and be safe Report unacceptable behaviour	Place rubbish in bins Purchase food during allocated times	Use toilets appropriately Have diary signed Practice good hygiene Go to the toilet quickly	Stay in school boundaries Be aware of others safety Be aware of learning areas Carry a signed diary	Arrive early to get organised Ensure lockers are locked Maintain neat and tidy lockers
Honesty	Communicate openly and honestly Try our best	Demonstrate sportsmanship Play by the rules Be honest about our actions	Hand in lost money Be honest about change	Use the correct toilets Report problems	Hand in lost property Report incidents to teachers	Report locker damage or misuse Have required equipment at all time
Respect	Actively listen to others Support others to stay on task Respect the belongings of the college	Treat all belongings with respect Respect others' games and space	Be courteous to staff and students Be patient Keep our environment clean	Respect others privacy Keep the toilets clean Wait your turn patiently	Place rubbish in bins Respect others' space Line up respectfully	Respect people's lockers and locks Move away once finished
Acceptance	Accept we are all different Teamwork is a part of learning	Allow others to play Active play only	Allow people adequate space Wait patiently	Accept that our toilets are shared facilities	Wait patiently for your teacher Welcome peers and visitors	Be patient Allow people adequate space

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COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in student diaries so that it is easily accessible to parents, carers and students
- Included as annual reference in school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES and sources

Department of Education and Training policies and resources:

- [Work-Related Violence in Schools Policy](#)
- [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#)

Creekside K-9 College policies:

- [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- [Inclusion and Diversity Policy](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Policy](#)