



# Ainslie Parklands Primary School

Respect - Responsibility - Resilience

## STATEMENT OF VALUES & SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the School Office on 9870 1566 and an interpreter can be arranged.

### PURPOSE

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

### POLICY

Ainslie Parklands Primary School (APPS) is committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and members of our community. We recognise the importance of the partnership between the school and parent/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 APPS 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, objective, values and expectations of our school community.

This policy is available on our school website and our staff handbook.

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.
- They will form part of the school profile in the School Strategic Plan.

### School Vision

At Ainslie Parklands Primary School. we empower students to be confident, creative and curious thinkers in an inclusive and engaging learning community.

We develop the whole child through our commitment to academic excellence, valuing life-long learning and embracing the outdoor classroom.

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## 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.

## School Values

The following core values reflect the beliefs that we hold about how children learn, how our school will operate and how we relate to one another in order to become effective citizens.

-  Respect
-  Responsibility
-  Resilience

We demonstrate our values:

We demonstrate Respect in our interactions with others and to our school environment and resources.

We demonstrate Responsibility for our learning and in how we care for others, equipment and the environment.

We demonstrate Resilience by being learners who demonstrate a Growth Mindset, understand the Learning Pit and have a go.

- We are focused on providing a safe and challenging environment that engages and stimulates students to become life-long learners with the academic, social and personal skills required to be productive members of a dynamic and global society.
- We believe in the importance of celebrating our student's achievements and in acknowledging and enjoying creativity and problem solving.
- We recognise that all learners have skills, abilities and aptitudes and all have an entitlement to access a broad, challenging and appropriate curriculum.
- Every learner is entitled to experience a variety of teaching and learning styles and the appropriate level of individual support which will enable them to achieve their full potential.

At APPS we accept that universal values apply:

*Every member of the school community has a right to fully participate in an educational environment that is safe, supportive and inclusive.*

*Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity.*

## BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS

At APPS we acknowledge that the behaviour of staff, parent/carers and students has an impact on our school community and culture. We acknowledge a shared responsibility to create a positive learning environment for the children at our school.

As Principals and School Leaders, we will:

- model positive behaviour and effective leadership
- communicate politely and respectfully with all members of the school community

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- work collaboratively to create a school environment where respectful and safe behaviour is expected of everyone
- behave in a manner consistent with the standards of our profession and meet core responsibilities to provide safe and inclusive environments
- plan, implement and review our work to ensure the care, safety, security and general wellbeing of all students at school
- identify and support students who are or may be at risk
- do our best to ensure every child achieves their personal and learning potential
- work with parents to understand their child's needs and, where necessary, adapt the learning environment accordingly
- respond appropriately when safe and inclusive behaviour is not demonstrated and implement appropriate interventions and sanctions when required
- inform parents of the school's communication and complaints procedures
- ask any person who is acting in an offensive, intimidating or otherwise inappropriate way to leave the school grounds

As teachers and non-teaching school staff, we will:

- model positive behaviour to students consistent with the standards of our profession
- communicate politely and respectfully with all members of the school community
- proactively engage with parents about student outcomes
- work with parents to understand the needs of each student and, where necessary, adapt the learning environment accordingly
- work collaboratively with parents to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes for students with additional needs
- communicate with the principal and school leaders in the event we anticipate or face any tension or challenging behaviours from parents
- treat all members of the school community with respect.

As parents/carers, we will:

- model positive behaviour to our child
- communicate politely and respectfully with all members of the school community
- ensure our child attends school on time, every day the school is open for instruction
- take an interest in our child's school and learning
- work with the school to achieve the best outcomes for our child
- communicate constructively with the school and use expected processes and protocols when raising concerns
- support school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students
- follow the school's processes for communication with staff and making complaints
- treat all school leaders, staff, students, and other members of the school community with respect

As students, we will:

- model positive behaviour to other students
- communicate politely and respectfully with all members of the school community
- comply with and model school values
- behave in a safe and responsible manner
- respect ourselves, other members of the school community and the school environment.

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- actively participate in school
- not disrupt the learning of others and make the most of our educational opportunities

As community members, we will:

- model positive behaviour to the school community
- treat other members of the school community with respect
- support school staff to maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students
- utilize the school's processes for communication with staff and submitting complaints

## UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOURS

Schools are not public places, and the Principal has the right to permit or deny entry to school grounds (for more information, please refer to the APPS *Visitors to the School Policy*).

Unreasonable behaviour that is demonstrated by school staff, parents, carers, students or members of our school community will not be tolerated at school, or during school activities.

Unreasonable behaviour includes:

- speaking or behaving in a rude, manipulative, aggressive or threatening way, either in person, via electronic communication or social media, or over the telephone
- the use or threat of violence of any kind, including physically intimidating behaviour such as aggressive hand gestures or invading another person's personal space
- sending demanding, rude, confronting or threatening letters, emails or text messages
- sexist, racist, homophobic, transphobic or derogatory comments
- the use of social media or public forums to make inappropriate or threatening remarks about the school, staff or students.

Harassment, bullying, violence, aggression, threatening behaviour and unlawful discrimination are unacceptable and will not be tolerated at our school.

Unreasonable behaviour and/or failure to uphold the principles of this *Statement of Values and School Philosophy* may lead to further investigation and the implementation of appropriate consequences by the Principal.

At the Principal's discretion, unreasonable behaviour may be managed by:

- requesting that the parties attend a mediation or counselling sessions
- implementing specific communication protocols
- written warnings
- conditions of entry to school grounds or school activities
- exclusion from school grounds or attendance at school activities
- reports to Victoria Police
- legal action

Inappropriate student behaviour will be managed in according with our school's *Student Wellbeing & Engagement Policy* and *Bullying Prevention & Response Policy*.

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Our *Statement of Values and School Philosophy* ensures that everyone in our school community will be treated with fairness and respect. In turn, we will strive to create a school that is inclusive and safe, where everyone is empowered to participate and learn.

## 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
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Please refer also to:

**Department of Education and Training policies and resources:**

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

**APPS Policies:**

- *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy*
- *Inclusion and Diversity Policy*
- *Bullying Prevention Policy*
- *Parent Complaints Policy*

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

This policy, was first developed in this format in May 2019 and updated in August 2020 & March 2022.

Policy last reviewed	March 2022
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	March 2026
Notes	This is a Department of Education and Training Mandatory policy School Council Approval is required

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