

HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

OUR PURPOSE

To provide a caring and inclusive learning environment in which we develop links with the wider Heathcote community and prepare students to become life-long learners in a constantly changing world.

Our school's vision is to prepare student's to become active, engaged and responsible members of their local and global community. We aim to prepare students to contend with a dynamic 21st century in which creativity, cooperative work, connectedness to the world and adaptability will be key features. Our school aspires to provide a contemporary approach to teaching and learning in a purposeful learning environment.

OUR VALUES

The following values are central to the philosophy of our school and express how all members of the school community will conduct themselves:

- **Respect** – recognising and accepting individual differences and valuing our environment and belongings
- **Learning** – developing the skills, values and attitudes to become a lifelong learner
- **Teamwork** – learning together to achieve the best possible outcomes for all
- **Responsibility** – being accountable for our own actions, what we say and what we do

Our programs and teaching 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.

Enactment of school philosophy

The vision of the school will sit at the centre of our teaching and learning and in all aspects of student, teacher and community interactions. There will be expectations about our work aligning with the school vision as identified in the Strategic and Annual Implementation Plans. Regular evaluation processes will be implemented to measure performance in across the school with respect to our vision and values.

EVALUATION

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

This policy was ratified by School Council in March 2014