



Introduction

The constitution of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) contains a Statement of Mission, which provides the expectations of the sole member of MACS, the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (Member), for Catholic schooling and the identity and work of a Catholic school. The Statement of Mission positions MACS firmly in the reality of the Eucharistic character of the Catholic school, affirming that its enterprise is one that builds community and provides opportunity for personal transformation.

With parents and parishes, Catholic schooling seeks to fulfil this mission by providing an environment in which students are enabled to:

- *encounter God in Christ and deepen their relationship with him*
- *pursue wisdom and truth encouraged by a supportive academic culture*
- *grow in the practice of virtue, responsible freedom and serving the common good.*

A Catholic school:

- *is actively embedded in the life of the faith communities of the local Church, which in turn is tangibly manifested in the life of each school*
- *is an essential place for the evangelising of children and young people*
- *exists to assist students, and their families, to integrate faith, reason, life and culture*
- *is conspicuously Christian in outlook, explicitly Catholic in faith and practice, and intentionally missionary in orientation*
- *cultivates spiritual, social and emotional growth in a safe and protective environment*
- *provides a learning environment in which the whole educational community is formed to embrace life in all its fullness (Jn 10.10)*
- *offers a human formation that has the intellectual, practical and moral excellence of learners at its heart*
- *forms consciences, fosters peace and develops respectful dialogue, at the service of intellectual charity*
- *encourages the discovery of Catholic cultural heritage, especially in art, music, literature and architecture.*

St George Preca Primary School is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by MACS.

St George Preca Primary School is a Catholic primary school which has been established to provide quality education in the Catholic doctrine for families in the local area.

Vision

At St George Preca School, within the parish of St Catherine of Siena, we seek to follow the example of our patron saint, St George Preca who lived his life through the Gospel values. His work was based on his belief that, "... the whole world accepts the Gospel."

In the spirit of Saint George Preca we strive to:

- Provide Teaching and Learning programs that focus on Faith Formation and Development and Personalised Learning pathways to develop an inquiring mind in students.
- Develop a welcoming community who are resilient, independent and lifelong learners.

- Create a community in which every individual is cared for spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally.

We value the partnership which exists between parish, school, parents and wider community and its integral role in realising this vision.

St George Preca, our patron saint, espouses the themes and standards of living the gospel values; inclusiveness; fighting for your beliefs, even against the odds; and spreading the good news to all. He was renowned for his commitment to teaching about faith and his wish that the whole world would follow the gospel.

Teaching is one of the gifts of the Spirit mentioned by Paul in the early Christian community. The importance of the ministry of a teacher is acknowledged and appreciated as essential to the growth and development of the faith community.

Our school philosophy is reflected in our school song.

***At St George Preca, we work together
Through Faith, With Team Spirit, In God's Love
Together we have built the Foundation
To create a school of inspiration
In Unity, we learn through Faith
To work, to Play, to Share, Create
We are a team at St George Preca
We're learning through Faith***

Philosophy enactment

At St George Preca Primary School, our school philosophy, which includes the vision, mission, values and objectives, will be central to all our policies, practices and teaching and learning programs. The school's philosophy is published on our school website as well as in our key policies such as our enrolment policy.

Reporting

The MACS Board will ensure schools have implemented a contextualised school philosophy using this template through the annual report to the school community and regular school review processes (at least once every four years).