

## Statement of Philosophy

### Source of Obligation

The Victorian Registration Standards (sch 2 cl 16) (CECV Guidelines ref 1.4) requires that all schools must have a clear statement of their philosophy.

### Statement of St Brigid's's Philosophy

St. Brigid's Catholic Primary School is a school that provides a Catholic education for families in the Parish of St. Michael's Berwick. Our school is inspired by the person of Saint Brigid and is an integral part of the faith community. St. Brigid's School is respected as a place of learning excellence and a quality resource for the community where relationships are valued and built upon.

This philosophy is based upon traditional Catholic beliefs with a special emphasis on the virtues of St. Brigid's of Faith, Strength, Knowledge and Hospitality. Our school is a place where people are welcomed and we develop and nurture relationships between family, school and Parish.

At St. Brigid's School we believe that given appropriate time and resources, every person can learn. We commit ourselves to providing quality learning and teaching programs in our school. The pedagogy of the school has as its basis an inquiry approach to teaching and learning that endeavours to empower the children as lifelong learners.

Our learning environments which are open and flexible, embrace the learning and teaching strategies of interaction, communication and collaboration enabling students to share and learn from each other.

The flexible learning spaces allow for whole group discussion and direction, small group work areas as well as space for individual learning to take place.

St. Brigid's School aims to promote active participation as citizens in Australian society. The education environment needs to prepare students for a world in which work, society, community and the economy are constantly changing, in which technology plays a major part, and which is increasingly influenced by international events.

The use of Information and Communication Technology as learning and teaching tools is an important part of the skill development of the learner. This will include, but not be limited to, resources such as computers, digital and video cameras, electronic whiteboards, data projectors and a range of software.

We believe parents, carers and families are by far the most important influences on children's lives. Their support can play a vital role at all stages of education. There is a focus on the partnership with parents in the education of their children. Parent communication and education is a priority in that this occurs effectively and for the benefit of the students.

We believe we are a learning community. We provide opportunities for all members of the community to continue learning, keeping parents and staff up to date with the latest and most effective practices in education.

## **Explanation of Enactment of St Brigid's's Philosophy**

Our philosophy is enacted through our teaching and care for students. Our philosophy guides our teaching, strategic plans and governance decisions.

To ensure that the current and prospective staff, students and parents understand the philosophy of our school, we publish this philosophy in our:

Parent Handbook;

Website;

## **Implementation**

St Brigid's has set up a series of compliance tasks on our Assurance System, to ensure that key obligations under the Victorian Registration Standards and CECV Guidelines are