LEARNING AND TEACHING POLICY

Rationale

As an effective learning community, our learning and teaching is grounded in our Vision Statement:

*Mary Immaculate – a community embracing learning in and beyond the classroom, in the spirit of Christ and the humanness of all.*

We aim to create a learning community that provides a balanced core curriculum which caters for individual learning, in a stimulating, positive and supportive environment, where collaboration, creativity and risk taking are encouraged.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to articulate our shared vision for learning and teaching to inform and direct our planning for effective learning, teaching and assessment programs.

Implementation

As a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, we acknowledge and support “Horizons of Hope” (CEM) as a contemporary teaching and learning framework.

We believe students learn best when:

1. The learning environment is supportive and productive.
2. The learning environment promotes independence, interdependence and self-motivation.
3. Students’ needs, backgrounds, perspectives and interests are reflected in the learning program.
4. Students are challenged and supported to develop deep levels of thinking and application.
5. Assessment practices are an integral part of teaching and learning
6. Learning connects strongly with communities and practice beyond the classroom.

(‘Principles of Learning and Teaching’ – DEET 2004)

The content, together with the underlying philosophy and education goals of the AusVELS form the basis of our curriculum, assessment and reporting.
Supporting Statements/Policies:
- Religious Education Policy
- Assessment and Reporting Policy
- Assessment Schedule
- Reporting Timeline
- Report Writing Guidelines
- Mathematics Policy
- English Policy
- Integrated Curriculum Statement
- Information and Communication Technologies Statement
- Performing Arts Statement
- Library Statement
- Physical Education Statement
- Health Statement
- Languages Other Than English – Italian Statement
- Work Programs Policy
- Student Files Statement
- AITSL standards

**Evaluation**
The evaluation of the ‘Teaching and Learning Policy’ and supporting statements / policies will occur annually. The staff will be responsible and it will be overseen by the Principal and Director of Learning and Teaching.

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