



# Values POLICY

## **Rationale:**

To provide a happy, safe, supportive and stimulating environment where children can maximise their potential so that they can make a worthwhile contribution at school, home and the wider community.

## **Aims:**

Our beliefs at Dromana Primary School are based on the following nine core values:

- Care and compassion / Loyalty – to our students, staff members and school community
- Responsibility / Commitment – to each other and all that we do
- Integrity / Good morals – in all of our actions
- Respect – of each other, our community and our environment
- Understanding Tolerance and Inclusion / Teamwork – in all things to achieve the best possible outcomes for all
- Freedom / Humour – to embrace all we do and all we face
- Doing your best / Excellence – in achieving our personal best in all that we do
- Fair go / Persistence – to pursue and protect the common good and to overcome all that is before us
- Honesty and Trustworthiness – in all our actions

## **Implementation:**

As a school we attempt to apply these in our everyday dealings with each other and in the development of our programs and policies. The school believes it is important to provide a pleasant, safe and caring atmosphere where students can gain a sense of social responsibility and discipline with a positive attitude towards learning, teachers and parents/community. An emphasis should be placed on parent and community involvement with the school.

In our Dromana School community these core values are demonstrated when:

- Partnerships between students, staff, parents and the wider community are fostered and valued.
- Members of the school community show confidence in one another.
- Students are encouraged to negotiate, work cooperatively and collaboratively with their peers and other members of the school community and to be active and responsible citizens.
- Students, teachers and parents feel that they are being treated fairly at all times.
- Students have the opportunity to learn in a positive, safe and caring environment, taking responsibility for their learning and behaviour.
- All students will be encouraged to achieve their personal best.
- Students feel safe and secure and are prepared to accept challenges.
- Teaching and learning programs encourage deep understandings and a sense of importance of learning.
- Success and effort are acknowledged and celebrated.

## **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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