



The MHS Statement of Purpose

Our educational philosophy is based on the concept of a well-rounded liberal education that will prepare our students for all aspects of their future life. Our School motto; 'Honour the Work' expresses a determination to apply ourselves to the pursuit of demanding and socially responsible goals.

Our students are required to combine their academic studies with an equal emphasis upon co-curricular pursuits. Students are expected to develop a strong sense of personal integrity and a commitment to active citizenship.

The School will nurture in our students the capabilities required to lead successful and socially responsible lives in the twenty-first century. These capabilities are based upon the *National Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians*. Fostering these capabilities is the collective responsibility of the student, their family, the school and the community.

Successful learners:

- Study a curriculum that embraces all learning areas and balances breadth and depth of focus
- Have the ability to think critically and deeply within and across learning areas
- Are creative and innovative in their thinking and application of learning
- Take responsibility for their learning and are motivated to reach their full potential
- Are able to work independently and collaborate in teams and effectively communicate ideas
- Are lifelong learners with the agility to adapt to changing circumstances

Confident and creative individuals:

- Able to manage their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical wellbeing
- Have the ability to establish and maintain healthy and satisfying lives
- Are enterprising, show initiative and use their creative abilities
- Develop personal capabilities such as honesty, resilience, empathy and respect for others
- Relate well to others and form and maintain healthy relationships
- Are well-prepared for life roles in their family, community and the workforce
- Are optimistic, make rational decisions and accept responsibility for their actions

Active and Informed Citizens:

- Are responsible and active global and local citizens
- Appreciate and respect individual, cultural, social and religious diversity
- Able to relate to and communicate across diverse cultures
- Demonstrate a commitment to the values of democracy, equity and justice
- Develop a personal ethical understanding and act with integrity
- Are able to exercise civic leadership for the common good