



## ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this statement is to affirm St Brigid's College adherence to the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

### **Statement of Democratic Principles**

The VRQA Minimum Standards for School Registration includes a standard concerning the school's adherence to Australian Democratic Principles and practice.

This standard is as follows:

*The programs of, and teaching in, a school must support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:*

- *Elected Government;*
- *The rule of law;*
- *Equal rights for all before the law;*
- *Freedom of religion;*
- *Freedom of speech and association;*
- *Values of openness and tolerance.*

### **St Brigid's College is committed to the principles of a liberal democracy.**

- We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government.
- We respect and observe the rule of law, and believe that no person is above the law.
- We believe in equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes.
- We believe not only in the freedom of religion, but also the need to practice tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs.
- We believe in the value of freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom.
- We believe in the values of openness and tolerance, and value and respect all members of the school community regardless of background.