



## **St. Mary's Primary School Mansfield Philosophy**

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### **To live, to love, to grow in Christ**

#### **At St. Mary's, we believe.....**

- That staff and children continually work and grow together to deepen their relationship with God and one another.
- We try to provide for one another, an atmosphere where we feel, we belong, are cared for, respected for our giftedness, and are challenged to work to our fullest potential.
- That parents are the first educators of their children, and we recognise our responsibility for the development of the child as a whole person.
- We must empower children to reach their full potential spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and creatively.
- There is a need for open communication between parents and teacher's in regard to programs and the welfare of the children.

As a result of the above, we hope that the children will become well-adjusted, secure and happy members of the Catholic Church and society.

#### **We will fulfil our Vision by.....**

- Staff working as a team and being open to new thinking.
- Presenting programs that are interesting, part of the child's experience, challenging and informative.



- Being familiar with the school's policies and being prepared to implement and revise them.
- Being committed to the implementation and support of Australian democratic values and principles.

### **Objectives:**

1. To provide a balanced educational program which is relevant and real for the whole person.
2. To cater for individual needs- academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally.
3. Educational experiences that develop natural talents and a mastery of the basic skills in curriculum.
4. A positive self - image that develops their understanding and extends their abilities.
5. To promote belonging, self –discipline, tolerance and understanding.
6. Create a stimulating and caring learning environment which satisfies children's natural curiosity and desire to learn and prepares them for an ever changing global community.
7. Positive interaction between all members of the school community and the integration of the school into the life of the Parish, our partner schools and the wider community.

