



## **STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES Kinglake West Primary School**

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### **Rationale:**

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

- A. elected government; and
- B. the rule of law; and
- C. equal rights for all before the law; and
- D. freedom of religion; and
- E. freedom of speech and association; and
- F. the values of openness and tolerance.

Nothing in this clause is intended to affect the rights accorded to, or the compliance with any obligation imposed on, a school under an enactment of the State or of the Commonwealth. Schedule 4 clause 1 of the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017.

### **Purpose:**

To ensure that a school is established in line with and operates consistently with the principles of Australian democracy.

### **Statement:**

Australian society is defined, among other aspects, by belief in elected Government; by a commitment to the rule of law, to equal rights for all before the law; and by a belief in freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Our society is also tolerant of a range of religious, political, social and cultural beliefs and values in the context of the fundamental principle of our democracy.

### **Explanatory Notes:**

The ETR Regulations state that nothing in this standard 'is intended to affect the rights accorded to, or the compliance with any obligation imposed on, a school under an enactment of the State or of the Commonwealth'. \*\* Kinglake West Primary School curriculum is based on the Victorian Curriculum with the Civic and Citizenship a component of our curriculum. This policy can be found on the school website, parent handbook and induction manual for staff.

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\*\*For example, the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 allows a school to operate wholly or mainly for students of a particular sex, race, religious belief, age or age group. This enables a school established by a particular religious denomination or group of religious denominations to give preference in its enrolment policy to adherents of that denomination(s) or their children