



## COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AT RIDDELLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Australian society is defined, among other aspects, by a 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.

The *Education and Reform Act 2006* requires all education providers to operate in a manner consistent with this set of Australian democratic principles.

In accordance with the Act, Riddells Creek Primary School delivers curriculum programs, learning and teaching in a manner that supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy. This includes a commitment to:

- elected government
- the rule of law
- equal rights for all before the law
- freedom of religion
- freedom of speech and association
- the values of openness and tolerance

We acknowledge that all persons are entitled to be treated equally before the law and we endeavour to treat all members of our community with equity and fairness.

We are committed to working with the integrity within our community and we are committed to the social value of respect for all fellow Australians irrespective of differences.

A range of policies are available on our School Website and are also accessible from the front office. These policies help to reinforce the Australian democratic principles.

### REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated August 2019 and is scheduled for review in March 2020.