

Multicultural Education Policy

St Albans East Primary School



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Rationale	<p>The Victorian Government's vision is for all Victorian learning and development settings to equip children and young people with the knowledge and skills to participate in and contribute to our diverse society as active and informed citizens - locally, nationally and internationally.</p> <p>'Victorian. And proud of it.' is Victoria's new Multicultural Policy Statement. This new policy sets out the Victorian Government's way forward with a range of policies, programs and services that encourage every one of us to participate in a stronger, safer and more harmonious community.</p>
Aim	<p>The aim of the policy is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• develop a school ethos that reflects, responds to and values multiculturalism.• promote harmony and unity within a culturally diverse school community.• promote equal access of opportunity within the context of social justice for both males and females.• develop and implement a culturally inclusive curriculum.• ensure St Albans East Primary School complies with legislation and DET initiatives in line with the Victorian Government's vision.
Implementation	<p>Successful implementation of this policy relies on enactment of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This school complies with the requirements of the Multicultural Victoria Act 2004, Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001 and the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.• The principles of multiculturalism underpin all policies of the school.• The school has developed appropriate procedures to ensure all staff, school council & students understand their roles and responsibilities.• We will ensure that learning experiences recognise, value and build on students' backgrounds and experiences.• Our school Student Engagement & Wellbeing Policy, Dress Code and our School Strategic Plan will all acknowledge and cater for our cultural diversity and the principles of multiculturalism.• All staff will model culturally inclusive behaviour, and report to the Principal any behaviour that appears racist, discriminatory, prejudiced or culturally biased.• Essential notices, newsletters, student reports, permission forms etc will be provided in languages consistent with the needs of community members. Interpreters will be arranged where required.
Evaluation	<p>This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.</p>
Review Year	<p>2021</p>