



## LEARNING AND TEACHING POLICY

Our Lady's Primary School vision for learning is strongly aligned to the vision in the Archdiocese of Melbourne HORIZONS OF HOPE Education Framework and CEM Directions 2015-2019. We believe that all members of our community should work together to build a culture where students have learning opportunities that:

- honour the sacred dignity of each person
- enable the commitment to the highest possible standards
- promote a search for truth
- embrace differences and diversity
- honour equitable access and opportunity for all
- engage with the deep questions of life
- make a difference in the world

### Guiding Principles for Teaching and Learning at Our Lady's Primary School

We acknowledge that new and developing perceptions of teaching and learning are constantly occurring in education. We believe that the practice of quality teaching should be based on current, evidence-based research. In particular, much of the work we do is aligned to the research of Robert Marzano's High Reliability Schools model. As teachers, we understand that there are a number of assumptions that contribute to providing the best possible educational opportunities for our students. These include:

- That knowing and caring for learners provides the foundation for learning
- That learning is stronger when learners feel a sense of belonging within our community
- That discussion and dialogue are important elements of learning
- That learning in our Catholic school will encompass more than just the formal curriculum.

Pope Francis (2014) calls teachers in Catholic schools to provide leadership and opportunities for our students that enables '*a path that leads to the three languages that a mature person needs to know: the language of the mind, the language of the heart, and the language of the hands.*' In doing so, we are able to foster in our students the knowledge and empathy required to enact the message of Gospels.

### Improving Student Learning Outcomes

Plans to improve student learning outcomes specific to each learning area are included in our Learning and Teaching Plan as follows.

#### **ENGLISH PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE PLAN: ENGLISH PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE PLAN:**

<https://docs.google.com/a/olps.vic.edu.au/document/d/1E72msBEiydtlGzhNWPgc-HhoMO6qeVK3W77gE7mv8FU/edit?usp=sharing>

#### **MATHEMATICS PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE PLAN:**

<https://docs.google.com/a/olps.vic.edu.au/document/d/1-24y3QX6PRGaK-EaYuZykbngHpHBtfjITdNU4pNvTbU/edit?usp=sharing>

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