

"Reaching Our Potential"

COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

TOOBORAC PRIMARY SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Tooborac Primary School will ensure that it is aligned with and operates consistently with the principles of Australian democracy. The programs of and teaching in Tooborac Primary School support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including 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.

Ref: Drawn from the Education and Training Reform Act 2006

COMMUNICATION

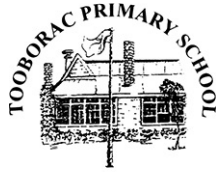
Tooborac Primary School will communicate these principles:

- to staff via meetings & bulletins, and development of meeting protocols that reflect the principles
- To students via School Parliament meetings and classroom practices
- To staff modelling principles
- To parents/guardians via school council and newsletters
- To everyone in general – by all staff members at Tooborac Primary School modelling the appropriate behaviours associated with the above principles

STRUCTURE

Tooborac Primary School will ensure its governing structure manages its responsibilities well. The governance of Tooborac is structured to enable the school to develop its strategic direction, effectively manage its finances and fulfil its legal obligations.

Ref: Sch.2, 15(1) School Governance The Act defines the roles and responsibilities of a government school council and the Department of Education and Training (DET) monitors adherence to this standard by government schools.



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PROBITY

The Minister may make provision for the membership of government school councils. The eligibility of government school principals is dealt with under another part of the Act or by way of a Ministerial Order.

PHILOSOPHY

Tooborac Primary School's philosophy is clearly stated and is included in the School Strategic Plan which includes the vision, mission, values and objectives of the school. The Annual Implementation Plan explains how the school's philosophy will be enacted. Tooborac Primary School's philosophy enables the school's leadership team to make clear to current and prospective staff, students and parents the nature of the school. It also provides a foundation for the school's strategic planning decisions and for performance reviews. Tooborac Primary School is clear about its philosophy and can articulate it to staff, students, parents, guardians and the school community.