



St Columba's School Bayswater

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Accreditation Policy

VISION STATEMENT

St Columba's Primary School aims to foster the total development of each individual, within a loving community, that is totally committed to supporting the Catholic faith, principles and ideals within the framework of the Mercy Values.

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RATIONALE

The Mandate Letter states *“Catholic schools are important means through which the Church proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ ... in the world of today. They are privileged places of evangelization where the young learn ‘the good news of salvation’- and what it means to live as ‘new Creatures in Christ through Baptism’ and knowingly as children of God’* (Mandate Letter, 6)

When appointed to a position within a Catholic school, staff members need to gain an adequate understanding of Catholic faith, tradition and practice that enables them to carry out their particular responsibilities within the school. An accredited professional development program is needed to achieve this.

PRINCIPLES

1. Accreditation is part of the required professional development program for all staff (except in those circumstances where an exemption has been granted) in Catholic schools.
2. All staff shall undertake Accreditation appropriate to their duties in the school.
3. Ongoing renewal of Accreditation is a requirement for all staff of Catholic schools.

PROCEDURES

1. The Director of Catholic Education shall publish the structure, requirements and procedures for the gaining of appropriate Accreditation.
2. At the time of interviewing an applicant for a position in a Catholic school the Principal shall fully inform the person of the Accreditation requirements of the position.
3. The Principal shall supply successful applicants with a copy of the mandatory Accreditation requirements.
4. The Principal shall ensure that the Accreditation requirements are specified in the letters of offer and acceptance to new employees.
5. The Principal shall support all staff in fulfilling the appropriate Accreditation requirements within the specified time.
6. Accreditation status is granted for a period of five years.

References

Mandate Letter 2009 – 2015