



MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Because I have seen the Lord"

Multicultural Perspectives Policy

Rationale

The Magdalene Catholic High School community is made up of students from diverse cultures. At this school we seek to live out the Gospel value of loving one another. The school embraces a Catholic vision of respecting and valuing each person's cultural heritage irrespective of race, colour or religious background. In celebrating the richness of the diverse culture and background of the students at Magdalene we strive to provide them with an environment of understanding, care and commitment.

Guidelines

- Teachers and staff should be aware of the cultural diversity of and be sensitive to the cultural diversity of all students at our School.
- Teachers will continue to implement perspectives of Multiculturalism into the curriculum.
- Languages other than English will be taught to all Year 8 students, offered as Electives in year 9 & 10 and included in the subject choices available for Preliminary and HSC course. Background speakers are encouraged to undertake language studies through the Open High School, Saturday Language School or other outside providers.
- NESB and ESL students are recognized, and where it is deemed appropriate, provided with specific support.
- The different cultural groups at the school will be given opportunities to celebrate their cultural heritage.
- When appropriate, the school will engage with Harmony Day celebrations.
- The school will endeavour to provide relevant professional development and ongoing school strategies for teachers to address the cultural identities present in our school population.
- International exchange visits and contact with other schools from overseas will be encouraged where appropriate.
- The Religious Education programs recognise the different rites within the Catholic tradition.

Basis of Discretion

The Principal reserves the right at all times to review current practices and recommend changes that are appropriate and in the best interest of the school or individual students.

Supporting Documents

- Vatican II – “Humanae Vitae”
- School’s Vision & Mission Statement

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2015.