



## Mission, Vision and Core Values

### Our Commitment to Democratic Principles

Lakeside College is committed to the principles of a liberal 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; together with the values of openness and tolerance.

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### Mission Statement

“Lakeside College seeks to provide a caring, Christian environment in which teachers, parents and students actively collaborate to ensure that all students are provided with the resources and opportunities to reach their potential in the spiritual, intellectual, physical, cultural, social and emotional areas of their lives.”

### Vision Statement

‘Lakeside College is an educating community of the Lutheran Church that derives its inspiration from the love of God in Christ. The gospel of Jesus Christ is to underpin and inform all activities and relationships in a safe and secure learning environment. Staff and students are encouraged to grow spiritually and to be energetic and enthusiastic lifelong learners in order to develop their gifts and abilities. Encouragement is given to all in the learning community to use their various abilities to serve others in faith, hope and love. The Lutheran Confessions and the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith are guiding principles of the College, but its teaching also recognizes and values the diversity of Christian faith traditions among its students.’

### Lakeside College – Core Values

We affirm our commitment to the core values of Lakeside College that an ongoing focus on the Christ centredness of this Christian school is maintained, and ways of celebrating our ethos are conducted regularly through worship and daily school life. *We affirm our commitment to serving together* as Council, staff and associated bodies in *developing best practice in spreading God’s Word*.

- **Our Students**

We affirm our commitment to the encouragement of personal excellence for each student. We affirm our commitment to providing a caring, Christian learning environment where the spiritual, emotional, psychological, academic and physical development of each student is nurtured and supported. We aim for continual improvement in providing the best for each student.

- **Our Curriculum**

We affirm our commitment to the strong academic focus and to personal excellence for all students in the context of a curriculum that is broad and rich, fostering skills in communication and critical and creative thinking.

- **Our Staff**

We affirm our commitment as a Christian school to be a responsible employer of quality staff with ongoing monitoring of conditions, of employment and of staff needs.

- **Our Staff Parents**

We affirm our commitment to linking home and school through the development of a 'learning' community.

- **Our Management and Finances**

We affirm that sound financial management is essential for the College to carry out its role as a registered school. The College Council meets once per month to oversee the Educational, Financial, and Business affairs of the College. As a school of Lutheran Education Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania (LEVNT), our management policies and procedures are in accordance with Lutheran Education Policies and other legal requirements. Our parents and students benefit from the wise economic management of our learning community, acknowledging the need for regular review of all aspects of governance and management.

- **Our Resources**

We affirm the value of our location in the Delfin Lakeside Estate, and the opportunity it afford us to make a valuable contribution to the wider community of Pakenham and district. We readily share our resources and facilities with a number of government authorities and local community and service groups.

- **Our Community**

We affirm the importance of the contributions made to Lakeside College by the wider community of parents, friends of the College and local service and community groups. We affirm our commitment to continue to encourage by Lakeside College students to participation in, and contribute to, the wider community.

## **Communication**

The Lakeside College *Prospectus* contains information detailing the aims and values of the College. The College *Prospectus* is readily available to staff, students, parents and the local community. It can be collected at the Administration Office, or mailed on request. The *Mission and Vision, statements are available on the College website.*

The Lutheran Church of Australia has a long history of ministry with aboriginal people throughout Australia. In keeping with our ethos, we fly the Aboriginal flag alongside the Australian Flag on a daily basis.