



## Statement of Democratic Principles

The Victorian Registration Standards (VRQA) (sch 4 cl 1 and sch 8 cl 1) (CECV Guidelines ref 1.1 and 8.1) require that the programs of and teaching at CBC St Kilda must support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

These include 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

**Christian Brothers College St Kilda is committed to the principles of a liberal democracy.**

- We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government.
- We respect and observe the rule of law, and believe that no person is above the law.
- We believe in equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes.
- We believe not only in the freedom of religion, but also the need to practice tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs.
- We believe in the development of the whole person and are committed to assisting students to become active members of the Catholic Church and contributors to the common good of society.
- We believe in the value of freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom.
- We believe in the values of openness and tolerance, and value and respect all members of the school community regardless of background.

