

# DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES



Newmark Primary (the school) supports and promotes the principles and practices of Australian Democracy in its educational programs and policies. We are committed to:

- elected Government;
- the rule of law;
- equal rights for all before the law;
- freedom of religion;
- freedom of speech and association; and
- the values of openness and tolerance.

Our programs and policies demonstrate our commitment to shaping children to be contributing citizens who understand their impact on others and the natural environment. The school's mission, beliefs and values support the Democratic Principles.

## **School Mission Statement**

We equip our children with the emotional strength and practical know-how to contribute to and change their community for the better. So they can make a meaningful mark on today, and tomorrow.

## **School Beliefs**

**We Grow:** We nurture empathy, curiosity and resilience to grow children into well-rounded humans.

**We Contribute:** We equip children to be conscious decision makers and collaborative problem solvers in their communities and beyond.

**We Impact:** We empower children to have a meaningful and sustainable impact on the world around them.

## **School Values**

**Make Someone's Day (kindness):** We build each other up, and use acts of kindness to spread joy, drive change and create a safe space for everyone.

**Better Together (collaboration):** We champion collaboration within communities in order to reach a common good.

Find A Way (courage): We value bravery. We aren't afraid to get stuck in and to build and pioneer new ways of doing things.

Know Your Impact (empathy): We see the perspective of others. We listen and take a moment to consider the impact of our words and actions.

Go Beyond (generosity): We make time for others and go beyond what is expected, putting positive contribution at the heart of everything we do.

Keep It Real (authenticity): We don't shy away from what is real. We value genuine connections and experiences, and we seek them out.