



Statement of Democratic Principles

Purpose:	To affirm that the school adheres to Australian democratic principles.
Scope:	All Team Members, Caregivers and Woodline Board
Implemented by:	Principal
Approved by:	WP Board
Reviewed:	Every two years or as legislative changes or improvements are identified
Communicated via:	WP Website, Team Meetings, Board Meetings

The VRQA Minimum Standards for School Registration includes a standard concerning the school's adherence to Australian democratic principles and practice.

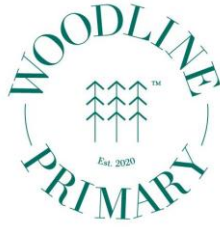
This standard is as follows:

The programs of, and teaching in, a school must support and promote the principles and practice of Australian 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;
- the values of openness and tolerance

Woodline Primary 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 gender, religion, ethnicity, culture, sexuality, ability, neurodiversity and race
- 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 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



Version number	Date	Short description of amendment
1.0	June 2020	New policy
2.0	July 2022	Updated language
3.0	July 2024	Updated language
Scheduled review date		July 2026