



## **Torquay Coast PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **PHILOSOPHY**

Unique in its status as a state-of-art Educational facility, Torquay Coast Primary School seeks to be at the forefront of education for the Torquay Community. As a new Primary School, it offers outstanding facilities for the delivery of both its educational programs and community ventures.

#### **About the School**

At Torquay Coast Primary School the student is at the centre of all that we do. Our teachers and support staff work hard to provide a teaching pedagogy reflective of 21st Century designs including **ICT rich environments** and **Personalised Learning** for all students. This innovative, rich and rigorous curriculum is delivered in a positive, stimulating and challenging learning environment where every student experiences success and develops a love of life-long learning. Our students are encouraged to explore their world through **Inquiry learning** in order to become thinking, informed, resilient and self-directed learners who are able to be the best they can be and contribute actively to their community

The students' talents, efforts and achievements will be rewarded in an environment which fosters mutual respect, personal integrity and strong sense of self-worth.

The programs and teaching at Torquay Coast Primary School 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.

#### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to be the leading provider of seamless high quality education programs from Foundation right through to Year 6. The student is at the centre and purpose of all that we will do. We will prepare students to pursue their chosen pathways, interests and aspirations. All teachers and support staff work to provide a teaching pedagogy reflective of 21st Century designs including ICT rich environments and Personalised Learning for all

students. Teachers and students will work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities, to create adaptive teaching options to cater for the individual needs of all students. All teachers will commit to having shared responsibility for all students. Torquay Coast PS will have a **commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse**. Our school's philosophy statement overviews an organisational culture of which a new high priority is ensuring that everyone is well informed and practices shared efficacy in regarding child safety.

### **Our Mission**

It is the mission of Torquay Coast Primary School to provide our students with a safe and supportive learning environment that motivates and challenges students, and that provides a comprehensive primary education for all students that empowers them to reach their full academic, social, and physical potential. Through community connectedness, students will develop a love of learning allowing them to become self-motivated, curious, resilient and tolerant citizens.

### **Our Pillars (Values)**

Our 4 Pillars (core values) will underpin all dimensions of our teaching and learning environment, and be supported through the implementation of Positive Education. They are embraced and modelled by staff and students and promoted throughout the school community. They are:

#### **RESPECT**

We are respectful of ourselves, others and the environment.

#### **STRENGTH OF CHARACTER**

We are always striving to be the best versions of ourselves.

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

We have the skills and strategies to overcome challenging situations.

#### **MINDFULNESS**

We are aware of what is happening within and around us.

### **School-Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPB)**

Torquay Coast is committed to the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. This program aims to create a positive school climate, a culture of student competence and an open, responsive management system for all school community members. Introducing, modelling and reinforcing positive social behaviour is an important component of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioural expectations and rewarding or recognising students for following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehaviour to occur before responding. (Please refer to the TCPS SWPB Teaching Matrix).

### **Guiding Principles**

***Torquay Coast Primary School is committed to excellence by:***

- Recognising and developing intellectual, academic, cultural and sporting excellence.
- Providing inspirational and challenging teaching that is empathetic to the needs of the individual.
- Appreciating its diverse and highly professional staff and their dedication to the expectations of the School.

***Torquay Coast Primary School is committed to the development of the individual within the global society by:***

- Challenging every student to achieve their full potential, often beyond perceived capabilities.
- Promoting creativity, innovation, teamwork and leadership in its students and staff.
- Supporting humour, inquiry, pragmatism, balance, optimism, resilience and high expectations.
- Developing within students their capacity for self-management and self-determination.
- Honouring the promotion of care for others.

***Torquay Coast Primary School is committed to an involved and diverse school community by:***

- Providing students, parents and staff with a sense of belonging to a community with clear goals.
- Encouraging and expecting the involvement of all members of the school community.
- Fostering understanding, empathy, cooperation and harmony within a diverse school community.
- Supporting social responsibility in a local, national and international context.

***Torquay Coast Primary School is committed to the wellbeing of our students and staff.*** The high calibre **Student Wellbeing** team, which consists of speech therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, counsellors, ESO-Integration aides and DET SSSO staff provides support and guidance for our students, staff and families.

**Shared Expectation**

Torquay Coast Primary School is a Foundation to Year 6 State school aiming to provide an environment conducive to learning and the pursuit of excellence, and in which students develop self-discipline and learn to take responsibility for their own actions. It recognises that, in the pursuit of excellence, all students are individuals entitled to equal opportunity, a positive learning environment and on-going support to enable them to realise their fullest potential – intellectual, personal, physical, creative, social and vocational. Such an environment can be developed when based on the value of mutual respect, shared responsibility and co-operation between staff, students and parents.

## **Student Expectations and Responsibilities**

### **Students should expect:**

1. To maximise their educational opportunities.
2. To learn without interruption or distraction from others.
3. To be given the opportunity to participate in a broad range of School activities.
4. To obtain respect, concern and interest from their teachers.
5. To feel safe from discrimination, harassment or indoctrination.
6. To have suitable facilities in which to learn.
7. To receive on-going communication and feedback about their progress.
8. To receive appropriate assistance and support in resolving school related issues.
9. To be kept informed about School Curriculum, Functions, Policy Development and other school related issues.
10. To be provided with the opportunity for involvement in the decision making processes of the school.
11. That the school has a commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse.

### **Students have the responsibility:**

1. To attend School regularly and punctually.
2. To respect the rights of others to learn.
3. To respect their peers and teachers regardless of race, religion or gender.
4. To respect the property and equipment of the school and others.
5. To carry out reasonable instructions to the best of their ability.
6. To conduct themselves in a courteous and appropriate manner in school and in public.
7. To keep the school free from litter.
8. To observe the uniform code of the School
9. To be aware of all school correspondence and bring them to their parent's attention.

## **Teacher Expectations and Responsibilities**

### **Teacher Expectations**

1. To be treated with common courtesy by the students.
2. That students will come to class properly prepared and willing to listen to, and carry out reasonable directions from the teacher.
3. To be provided with an appropriate working environment.
4. To have the co-operation and support of colleagues and the School Leadership

5. To have the co-operation and support of parents.
6. To be provided with the opportunity for involvement in the school-based decision-making process.

**Teachers have the responsibility:**

1. To show care and concern for each individual student.
2. To treat all students with consistency and fairness.
3. To be prepared for class.
4. To be punctual to class and other duties.
5. To provide careful supervision of students.
6. To inform students regularly of their progress and to return set work promptly.
7. To communicate with parents when appropriate.
8. To support and co-operate with one another.
9. To support the current School Policies and Procedures.
10. To dress appropriately and professionally for teaching and learning.
11. To have a commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse.

**Parent Expectations and Responsibilities**

**Parents should expect:**

1. That teachers show interest in and concern for the education and welfare of all students.
2. To be consulted and informed of progress and other issues involving their child.
3. To be provided with the opportunity for involvement in the school-based decision-making process.
4. To be kept informed about school-related issues.
5. The school has a commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse.

**Parents have the responsibility:**

1. To encourage their child's punctual attendance at school.
2. To show an interest in their child's school work, progress and home-study program.
3. To provide a suitable learning environment at home.
4. To encourage an awareness in their child of the importance of having a reasonable balance between school work, family responsibilities and other activities.
5. To read all school circulars.

**Torquay Coast Primary School is striving to:**

- Continuously improve the Learning and Teaching throughout the school.

- Provide high quality Personalised Curriculum programs to develop the 'whole' child, promote self confidence and provide a conduit for student connectedness to school.
- Provide the best possible social, emotional and educational outcomes for each and every student.
- Increase the literacy and numeracy levels of each and every child.
- Form a strong connection with all students.
- Strategically build the capacity of all staff.
- Build the leadership capacity throughout the school.
- Form strong partnership with the school community.
- Form new partnerships with the wider community.
- Provide a high level of student welfare support and positive behaviours.

### **Enactment of school philosophy.**

In all documents, in all practice by students and teachers, in work with the School Council and the community, in all teaching and learning programs, in all school initiatives, in all internal and external interactions, in all organisational structures and practices, the vision of the school will sit at the centre and there will be expectations about all work aligning with the school vision and mission. Regular evaluation processes will be in place to measure performance in all areas of the school with respect to the implementation of the vision and values of the school. Torquay Coast PS will have a **commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse**. Our school's philosophy statement overviews organisational culture of which a new high priority is ensuring that everyone is fully informed and practices shared efficacy regarding child safety.

The process at our school can be represented as the vision, mission, values and beliefs at the centre. In an outer ring there will be a set of principles. As a further outer ring will be a set of practices. A detailed list of school policies will sit within this framework.

In all work in the school, the question "Is this work or process in line with the school vision, mission, values and beliefs?" This question will be a fundamental part of the practice of all leaders in the school.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

Last reviewed by School Council March 2024

Next reviewed by March 2028