



A Respectful and Responsible Learning Community

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

At Great Ryrie we strive to develop the whole child physically, socially, emotionally, academically and enhance their natural talents and abilities. We get to know our students, build positive relationships and tailor the learning to their individual needs working to negotiate between the teacher, parent and student an Individual Learning Plan that provides focus for their teaching and learning. Our teaching and learning is focused on making our students literate and numerate but also develop a curiosity to make sense of their world through real life inquiry learning.

Great Ryrie Primary School is committed to implementing a culture of child safety, inclusive of all school environments, in and outside of school hours and practices zero tolerance of child abuse.

OUR VISION

At Great Ryrie we will provide a supportive and engaging learning environment that equips students to constructively contribute to an ever changing world.

OUR MISSION

Our school is committed to students' pursuit of becoming 'Literate, Numerate and Curious' and valued members of society.

We do this by:

- Living our school values and using them to guide our daily lives
- Caring for others, valuing difference and treating everyone with dignity
- Providing a personalised and student-centred approach to learning
- Implementing a broad range of curricular and extra-curricular learning opportunities
- Focusing on continuous improvement and shared accountabilities
- Developing partnerships with our community
- Encouraging personal and community health
- Maintaining attractive and welcoming grounds and facilities.

Positive relationships underpin all that we do using a Restorative Practices model to promote positive attitudes towards ourselves and others. Our school values are Collaboration, Respect, Responsibility, Learning Understanding and Acceptance, Honesty and Integrity Individuality and a Positive Attitude which promote learning and happy community.

The programs of, and teaching in, the school will support and promote the principles and practices of Australian democracy including a commitment to:

- An elected government
- The rule of law
- Equal rights for all before the law.
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of speech and association

OUR VALUES

At Great Ryrie we believe these values are central to the life of our school and how all members of the school community conduct themselves –

Three Core Values:

- **Respect** by showing care and compassion for ourselves, others and the environment.
- **Responsibility** to be in control of our learning and our actions towards ourselves, others and the environment.
- **Learning** so we have the knowledge to make good choices and show independence.

Associated Values

- **Individuality** to be yourself and have confidence to know you can ‘have a go’ and achieve your personal best.
- **Honesty and integrity** to seek the truth and ‘walk the talk’ in all our actions.
- **Positive attitude** towards school and making it a fun, enjoyable, challenging and rewarding learning experience.
- **Collaboration** with the whole community so that we understand that we’re all in this together and we can achieve.
- **Understanding and acceptance** of yourself and others in our multi-cultural community.

Enactment of our School Philosophy

Our philosophy is embedded in every day practice through differentiating the curriculum in planning and the classroom.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Great Ryrie Primary School’s *Statement of Values* is accessible through the school’s *Compass Portal* and on the school website.

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 24/10/2018 and is scheduled for review in October 2022.