



# THE LAKES SOUTH MORANG P – 9 SCHOOL

## Anti Discrimination Policy

### Definition:

- Discrimination refers to any behaviour or practice based upon an assumption that one group is superior to another, any behaviour that disadvantages people on the basis of the real or perceived membership of a particular group, and includes behaviour such as less favourable treatment, unfair exclusion, and asking discriminatory questions.

### Rationale:

- Discrimination in any form is unacceptable. As educators, we have a responsibility to provide teaching and learning environments that are free from discrimination in all forms, including those based on race, ethnicity, gender, ability, disability, sexuality and religion.

### Aims:

- To provide a fair and supportive environment free from all forms of discrimination, discriminatory practice and beliefs, that promotes personal respect, values diversity, and provides physical and emotional safety.

### Implementation:

- The community has agreed to live by our core values
- All staff will be made aware of the legislative requirements relating to discrimination.
- All staff will complete DE&T online Workplace Discrimination & Sexual Harassment training.
- Professional development relating to discrimination will be provided for all staff, who in turn will model and practice appropriate non-discriminatory behaviour.
- Staff, students and members of the school community will be familiar with the school's approach to anti-discrimination and will be provided with information relating to their rights and responsibilities.
- Our school will use a consultative approach when decision-making.
- All decision-making processes will be monitored and reviewed according to school policy.
- Equal Opportunity posters to be prominently displayed and a available pamphlets readily accessible.
- All claims of discrimination will be treated confidentially, documented, and promptly and constructively addressed.
- Unresolved school-level issues may be referred by the principal, or either party involved, to the appropriate authorities.
- The rights and sensitivities of all individuals will be protected.
- School Council will communicate in plain language, avoiding unnecessary jargon, and also use other means of reaching parents with literacy difficulties such as open meetings, assemblies etc.
- Curriculum content will be free of discriminatory content, but will utilise such programs as the You Can Do It program to analyse the effects of discrimination and assist students to develop attitudes and skills that discourage, challenge and report discriminatory practices.

### Evaluation:

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

This policy has been ratified by School Council 20/3/07