



## WELLINGTON SECONDARY COLLEGE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY AND VISION STATEMENT “THE WELLINGTON WAY”

### Vision:

***“Wellington Secondary College is committed to maximising the potential of every individual by:***

- ***Providing a stimulating, supportive and safe learning environment employing sound educational theory and practice.***
- ***Encouraging positive relationships based on tolerance and respect for individual differences and needs.***
- ***Empowering students to take responsibility for their own learning and to develop as resilient life-long learners and good citizens.”***

Our school’s vision is to prepare young people to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community. It aims to prepare students to contend with a very dynamic 21<sup>st</sup> century in which creativity, cooperative work, connectedness to the world and adaptability are key features. The school aspires to provide a contemporary approach to teaching and learning in its purposeful learning environment.

The school values achievement, excellence, learning, caring curiosity, respect and responsibility, perseverance, integrity, inclusiveness, respect for diversity, honesty and equity. Sitting at the centre of its work, the school believes in high expectations in all students and a commitment to hard work.

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.
- The values of openness and tolerance.

Statements which affirm the school’s principles are found in the vision of the school and in documents such as prospectus and handbooks.

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 Wellington Way vision of the school will sit at the centre and there will be expectations about all work aligning with the school vision.

**The “Wellington Way” as espoused through our vision and motto underpins everything we do:**



### **The College Motto**

#### **‘Caring’ (for others)**

Tolerance for others, helpfulness and co-operation are valuable qualities for all students

#### **‘Striving’ (for success)**

Goal setting, hard work and commitment are important requirements for personal success

#### **‘Learning’ (for life)**

Education is a lifelong process and a right that should not be hindered by inappropriate behaviour

### **The College Crest**

*The crest was updated in 2001 and is now stylised*

#### **‘Circle’**

Symbolises the nature of education that is all encompassing and never ending. The clasped circle represents the concept of caring, respect and working together

#### **‘Tree’**

Illustrates the history of the Mulgrave District that was originally cultivated as fruit orchards

#### **‘Birds of Flight’**

Depicts striving for success as well as portraying the ‘Vanellus’ (Spur Wing Plover)

#### **‘Book’**

Is the traditional symbol for learning and knowledge

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