

Commitment to Democratic Principles

Australian society is defined, among other aspects, by a belief in elected Government; by a commitment to the rule of law, to equal rights for all before the law; and by a belief in freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Our society is also tolerant of a range of religious, political, social and cultural beliefs and values in the context of the fundamental principle of our democracy.

The *Education and Reform Act 2006* requires all education providers to operate in a manner consistent with this set of Australian democratic principles.

In accordance with the Act, Leongatha Secondary College delivers curriculum programs, learning, and teaching in a manner that supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

This includes a commitment to:

1. elected government
2. the rule of law
3. equal rights for all before the law
4. freedom of religion
5. freedom of speech and association
6. the values of openness and tolerance

A range of policies are available on our School Website.

These policies help to reinforce the Australian democratic principles.