

Charter

for the
Australian teaching profession

A statement of values and commitments

Teachers believe in the power of education to make a difference to the lives of individuals and to society. As teachers and principals we are committed to giving students the best education possible for them to lead fulfilling, purposeful and productive lives. We bring to the role high levels of professional knowledge, expertise and ethical commitment.

TEACHING

Teachers set high standards for every student and respond to individual needs. We challenge students to be all that they can be, to set demanding goals for themselves and to make a contribution to others.

We provide a stimulating learning environment. We create schools that welcome students and foster the development of values, so that all students, whatever their personal circumstances, can participate and thrive. We provide experiences that engage each student's capacity to learn.

We inspire students to discover the joy of learning, drawing them into a world of knowledge, ideas and creativity. Our ambition for all is a lifelong engagement with learning.

THE PROFESSION

Our practice reflects the essential balance between conserving and renewing what is, and anticipating and building what can be. We work in partnership with colleagues, families, other professionals and the wider community.

We take responsibility for the development and renewal of our profession. We act to advance the quality and reputation of teaching through professional learning and reflection.

We are specialists in teaching and learning. We have expertise in student development, including how young people gain knowledge, learn to think critically and develop creativity.

The teaching profession sets itself demanding standards. We act with judgement, integrity and respect to build the trust and confidence necessary for successful learning.