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## **STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

Padua College is a Franciscan school, in which the Gospel values of joy, courtesy, humility and peace are fostered, as inspired by the life of St Francis.

As an educational institution Padua College accepts the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australia as the basis for its educational and operational practices. The College Mission Statement is consistent with that Declaration and provides the philosophical guidelines for the day to day operation of the College. Additionally, the Board of Directors endorses the following key elements for the educational philosophy of this Franciscan endeavour.

- Padua College will sustain an educational environment that develops the life-long learning capacities of its students. As a learning organization Padua College aims to develop educational and personal development programs which prepare students for productive lives in a modern, technological society. As a Franciscan school, Padua College promotes stewardship of the natural environment and endeavors to prepare students to be active and informed citizens contributing to Australian society.
- Padua College aspires to achieve all the requirements of the educational goals described in the Melbourne Declaration and in addition, the key learning area of religious education which is particular to Padua College. The College's Educational Program addresses the curriculum requirements of the Declaration. The College will comply with the requirements of State and Commonwealth education authorities as they are developed. The College will continue to promote its innovative program of vocational education.
- Padua College will operate socially just practices that are free from discrimination of any kind. It will endeavor to provide for individual needs of its students so that they are prepared through a variety of pathways for work or education beyond year twelve. In particular Padua College will aim to develop an awareness and tolerance of the cultural ethnic and religious diversity of modern society.