



# Mackillop College

## Policy: Learning and Teaching

### Introduction

In a Catholic school learning and teaching seeks the integration of faith, life and culture. At Mackillop College we endeavour to support, enable and engage the learner in a contemporary world.

This incorporates:

- *rich learning opportunities*
- *diverse learning environments*
- *the delivery of core knowledge, skills and understanding*
- *contemporary literacies*
- *deep understanding about self, others and the world*
- *building relationships*
- *contributing to community*

(CEO Contemporary Learning Framework, 2009)

The learning and teaching focus at Mackillop College is concerned with researching, implementing and monitoring learning and pedagogy for the benefit of the students and those working with them. Evidence-based decisions will help inform our practice.

### Principles

Learning and teaching at Mackillop College is designed to:

- ensure we are faithful to our vision and mission by centering on relationships within our learning community
- reflect what is valued and important by specifying knowledge, skills and behaviours in an inclusive, accessible curriculum
- provide choice for students to pursue their interests and flexible pathways to future studies and employment
- recognise the value of rich and diverse experiences, perspectives and interests of the learner
- enable teachers to develop professionally

### Objectives

Mackillop College is committed to:

- developing awareness of a variety of contemporary learning methods
- selecting, developing, implementing and evaluating relevant curriculum
- promoting open communication regarding effective contemporary learning and teaching
- being receptive to contemporary educational direction in regards to faith, life and culture
- using multiple data sources to improve student learning
- providing rich and powerful learning environments

### Implementation

#### i) Principal commitment

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that the objectives of this policy are integrated into practice.

#### ii) Staff commitment

All staff are responsible for:

- adopting a contemporary learning focus at Mackillop College
- reflecting upon their objectives and future directions in regards to teaching and learning
- collaboratively evaluating their objectives and future directions in regards to teaching and learning

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**Signature**

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