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## Democratic Principles Policy

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### 1. **Preamble**

- 1.1. This document is our “Statement Affirming Chairo Christian School’s Adherence to Democratic Principles” as required in the *VRQA Minimum Standards & Requirements for School Registration*.
- 1.2. Chairo Christian School serves the community by providing education that is honouring to God, upholds the [Statement of Faith](#) and is respectful of social values, community standards, government policies and legislation.
- 1.3. As a Christian community, we are committed to the spirit of Romans 13 and we recognise that we are active participants in a democratic nation and, as such, are able to deliver an exceptional standard of education within the policy frameworks of both federal and state government practices and principles.
- 1.4. Chairo’s programs and teaching are in support of and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

### 2. **Definitions**

- 2.1. *VRQA* refers to the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority.

### 3. **Details**

- 3.1. Chairo’s programs and teaching are consistent with the principles of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:
  - (a) elected government;
  - (b) the rule of law;
  - (c) equal rights for all before the law;
  - (d) freedom of religion;
  - (e) freedom of speech and association; and
  - (f) the values of openness and tolerance.

### 4. **Communication**

- 4.1. This policy is available to all members of the school community via the school website.