**Vision and Values Statement**

**VISION**

To empower students to discover a love for learning and achieve their personal best.

**MISSION**

To provide a high-quality education in an inclusive environment that nurtures students’ talents, creativity and curiosity. We seek to develop the skills and knowledge necessary for students to achieve their personal best and move forward as active and empathetic global citizens. We celebrate our connection to country and the environment. We acknowledge the context of community at our school, where the local people and environment play a vital role in sustaining future generations.

**OBJECTIVE**

Mount Dandenong Primary School’s objective is to support each child throughout their discovery of learning within a safe and nurturing environment. We promote:

* A love of learning and curiosity
* All children achieving to their full potential; academically, socially, emotionally, physically and creatively
* A highly developed sense of belonging to both school and the community
* Confidence, compassion and the ability to get along with and accept others
* Valuing and respecting diversity in order to enrich our school

**VALUES**

Mount Dandenong Primary School has in place a set of core values that underpin the vision of the school.

Mount Dandenong Primary School is a caring school and we have defined four key values using the acronymn **'CARE'.**

**Community:** *We work together and support each other*

We value actions that are considerate of others. We use our voice to make suggestions and improvements for the greater good, making Mount Dandenong and our neighbourhood a better and happier place for all people to work and live.

**Achievement:***We persist and try our best*

We have high expectations of ourselves and each other. We have a growth mindset and are resilient and persistent when faced with challenges. We believe we can learn, set personal goals and always try our best. We recognise and celebrate growth in all areas of achievement and for all students.

**Respect:***We respect each other and our environment*

Respect involves taking responsibility for our own actions and recognising that everyone has rights and responsibilities. Respect is speaking to and interacting with others in a courteous manner. It is about being honest, reliable and trustworthy. Respect means we share knowledge and work together for the benefit of the school and community.

**Empathy**: *We treat others with care and compassion*

Empathy means trying to understand other people's views or feelings, accepting difference, including others and being supportive and caring through actions that improve our relationships.

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