

Box Hill Institute Democratic Principles Statement

Box Hill Institute VCE and VCAL programs promote and support the principles and practice of Australian Democracy including a commitment to:

- Elected Government
- The rule of law
- Equal rights for all before the law
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of speech and association
- The values of openness and tolerance

We will demonstrate an understanding and be consistent with social values, community standards, government policies and legislation in the following way:

- Box Hill Institute VCE and VCAL programs will be free from discrimination and offered equally to all students whatever their race, gender, disability, language, religion, political or other opinion, nationality or place of birth, age, or other status. Explicit or implicit discrimination will not be tolerated.
- Box Hill Institute is committed to adhering to the VCAA Principles, Guidelines and Procedures in its VCE and VCAL programs. These principles provide students with an opportunity for further development of fundamental, underpinning knowledge, such as literacy and numeracy.
- Box Hill Institute VCE and VCAL programs promote democratic principles in the classroom through our teaching practices which include a commitment to fair treatment to all in class discussions which value freedom of speech, tolerance of the views of others and open communication. The Institute Student Code of Conduct provides a framework for student behaviour to ensure the safety, comfort and wellbeing of all at the Institute through respectful and appropriate behaviour.

Democratic principles are communicated to students, parents, staff and the community via the Institute website, VCE and VCAL Student Handbooks, and VCE and VCAL Staff Handbooks and the Institute's Quality Management System (BQS).