

An abstract submission for the upcoming ACLE from Peace Lutheran Primary School, Gatton.

Workshop presentation

How does our Christian ethos support the implementation of the General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum?

Like many Lutheran schools, the heart of Peace Lutheran Primary school's mission and goals is to develop the whole child socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually. At Peace we believe that learning is dependent firstly on building relationships with God and each other, and a sense of self. This belief, along with an understanding of the Lutheran Education Australia's document "A Vision for Learners and Learning", the Melbourne Declaration and our school based values document has guided us in the knowledge that the General Capabilities embedded in the Australian Curriculum are important components that need to continue to be at the heart of all we do. The general capabilities outline what 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, worldwide, need to be effective members of society.

This workshop encapsulates the journey Peace is taking to continue to ensure a values based approach to lifelong learning is our focus and school based programs ensure the general capabilities are firmly embedded in what we do.

In brief you will hear how we:

- \* **Reviewed** Lutheran Education's framework that highlighted beliefs and values ...
- \* **Reaffirmed** and updated our Peace Values
- \* **Sought out** current research about education...
- \* **Re-visited** goals of the Melbourne Declaration...
- \* **Identified** our current practice which incorporates the General Capabilities
- \* **Set goals** for the future in addressing the gaps

We will allow you time to reflect and share how your school may be addressing some of the capabilities already.

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