Dear Parent

Presently we are considering the directions in which Nowra Public School will move over the next 3 year period. In order to determine this we are asking for your thoughts about what sort of student we are wanting to produce by the time he/she leaves the school and is ready to begin high school education. We are being very much guided by the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (available on the school’s website). Basically this declaration is an agreed upon vision (amongst States and territories) for young Australians.

Below are 3 lists of statements taken from the Declaration. We ask that you choose the 3 statements from each section that you feel are most important to your child’s learning and development by ticking in the boxes provided.

Ian Millard and Staff
4/9/2014

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS

By the time my child leaves Nowra Public School I would like him/her to:  (Tick 3 statements)

- Have the essential skills in literacy and numeracy
- Be a productive user of technology
- Be able to think deeply and logically
- Be creative, innovative and resourceful, and a problem solver
- Be able to work collaboratively, work in teams and communicate ideas
- Be able to make sense of their world & think about how things have become the way they are
- Be motivated to reach his/her full potential

CONFIDENT AND CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS

By the time my child leaves Nowra Public School I would like him/her to:  (Tick 3 statements)

- Have a sense of self worth, self awareness and personal identity that enables him/her to manage his/her mental, emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing
- Have a sense of optimism about his/her life and future
- Be enterprising and show initiative
Be developing his/her personal values such as honesty, resilience, empathy and respect

Have the knowledge and skills to establish and maintain healthy, satisfying lives

Be able to relate to others and form healthy relationships

Be able to make rational and informed decisions about his/her life and accept responsibility for his/her own actions

**ACTIVE AND INFORMED DECISIONS**

By the time my child leaves Nowra Public School I would like him/her to:  *(Tick 3 statements)*

Be able to act with moral integrity

Be able to appreciate Australia’s social, cultural and religious diversity and have an understanding of Australia’s system of government, history and culture

Be able to understand and acknowledge the value of Indigenous cultures and contribute to processes of reconciliation

Be committed to national values of democracy, equity and justice.

Be able to relate to and communicate across cultures

Be able to work for the common good, in particular sustaining and improving natural and social environments

Be developing into a responsible global and local citizen

**OTHER**

We would value any other comments you would like to make about the sort of person/learner you would like to see your child develop into over the coming years. Please add these comments below.

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Once again we thank you for completing this survey and can assure you that all contributions will be seriously considered and incorporated into school planning for the next 3 years.

Ian Millard and Staff

*Please return this survey to either your child’s teacher or it can be placed in the box in the foyer area in either the primary or infants sites.*