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Mansfield Autism Statewide Services adheres to the Australian democratic principles as legislated in the Education and Training Reform Act (2006).supports The Act requires that all providers of education, both government and non-government owned, deliver their programs and teaching in a manner that supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

**This includes 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.**

**The Definition of Australian Democratic Principles**

Australian society is defined, among other aspects, by a belief in elected Government; by a commitment to the rule of law, to equal rights for all before the law; and by a belief in freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Our society is also tolerant of a range of religious, political, social and cultural beliefs and values in the context of the fundamental principles of our democracy.

**M.A.S.S** **communicates the Australian Democratic Principles by:**

1. Encouraging students to be as active as possible within the community of Mansfield , and their local community when they return home.

2. Integrating the school into the local community by attendance at community events and social outlets such as the local cinema, parks etc.

3.Actively engaging with local Victorian Police services, High School’s, and community groups to promote understanding of A.S.D , and to encourage students to improve social skills and interactions

4. Encouraging participation in community services such as Community Radio station, community garden , local skate park.