

## Public Sector Equality Duty Statement

**Principles** 

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:26-29

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document describes how the Governing Board of Salvatorian College intends to fulfil its responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty with regard to its students and workforce.
- 1.2. We will have due regard to the need to:
  - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010;
  - Advance equality of opportunity between people who have a protected characteristic and people who do not have it; and
  - Foster good relations between people who have a protected characteristic and those who do not have it.

1.3. We will collect and use equality information to help us to:

- Identify key issues;
- Understand the impact of our policies, practices and decisions on people with different protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sex)
- Assess whether we are discriminating unlawfully when carrying out any of our functions;
- Identify what the key equality issues are for our organisation.

1.4. The governors and senior management team will:

- Consider taking steps to meet the needs of staff who have relevant protected characteristics;
- Identify if there are any actions we can take to avoid discrimination and harassment, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations;
- Make informed decisions about policies and practices which are based on evidence about the impact of our activities on equality;
- Review our equality objectives to meet the specific duties;
- Review on a regular basis our equal opportunities policy, our special education needs and disability policy and our accessibility plan;
- Have due regard to the aims of the general equality duty by ensuring that staff have appropriate information for decision-making.

## 2. Publication of Equality Information/Equality Objectives

2.1. In order to ensure that we are compliant:

- The governors will profile on a regular basis the workforce of the school as to protected characteristics;
- Senior leaders in recruitment will have attended Safer Recruitment and Equality training;
- We will ask staff during the induction process what adjustments are needed for us to make sure any disadvantages are addressed;

• We will profile the gender pay gap and take steps to ensure we are not out of step with national trends.

## 3. Our Equality Objectives

- To monitor and implement strategies to reduce sanctions where groups with a protected characteristic are over represented;
- To ensure staff have a better understanding of transgender issues, so that the school is better prepared to respond to emerging situations.

This statement should be read in conjunction with our Equal Opportunities Policy.