**MILC Profile, Vision Mission and Values Statement**

**Profile**

Melbourne Intercultural Learning Centre (MILC) is a registered school boarding premises which provides services for overseas students and local international students to develop their language skills and successfully integrate into Australian education and Australian culture. We run a variety of programmes for overseas students including High School Preparation (HSP) program taught by International House staff to prepare students for integration into Australian schools. We also run programmes by other accredited providers to help other students residing with their families or in approved homestay under Visa 500 successfully understand and integrate into Australian education and culture.

Our modern premises provide outstanding accommodation and facilities for all students. We offer a full boarding experience to students, including an excellent excursion programme.

MILC staff are dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all students. MILC has a zero-tolerance policy for child abuse and is committed to promoting child safety, children's wellbeing and protecting children from abuse. Under Ministerial Order 1359 MILC has implemented child safety standards and to accommodate and take the needs of all children (including but not limited to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable) into account when creating a child safe environment. All of our people, including contractors, are required to hold a current Working with Children Check or current VIT Registration.

**Our Vision**

To provide strong academic, linguistic and intellectual preparation for U18 students, while helping them to adjust to Australian society in a safe, secure and appropriate living and learning environment.

**Our Mission**

That education should take place in a fully inclusive environment with equal opportunities for all and that all students should learn to value cultural differences. Our school strives to be at the centre of the local community, with positive and effective links to the wider and global communities.

That students will develop valuable social skills, meet new friends and build relationships.

To provide a continuum of education, encouraging students to progress through the Australian education system, transitioning from MILC to a secondary school to higher education or vocational qualifications, or between providers.

**The Path**

Achieving our mission calls on the deep engagement and purposeful interaction of three key partners in our learning community: our students; our teachers and support staff; our families.

We will work together to build a sense of belonging and connection - among our students; among our staff; between our students and staff, our school and families, our school and the wider community; and, importantly, with our ever-changing global community. We will provide learning opportunities that connect learners with each other, ideas, people, beliefs and values. We will prepare young adults with the compassion, self-belief, knowledge, skills and desire to lead happy, productive lives and to make a positive difference wherever they may travel.

**Our Values**

We have a commitment to:

**Care** - valuing self, each other and our environment, nurturing healthy relationships

**Respect** - embracing diversity and individual differences, respecting others’ contributions

**Empathy** - understanding and caring about another person’s feelings and taking action to help

**Excellence** - being aspirational, working to achieve one's best

**Responsibility** - fairness; self-management; accepting civic and self-responsibility