



## **Equality Statement 2016**

At Darlinghurst School we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers receiving services from the school, irrespective of race, gender, disability, faith or religion or socio-economic background. We aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity in which all those connected to the school feel proud of their identity and able to participate fully in school life.

The achievement of pupils will be monitored and we will use this data to support pupils, raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching. We will tackle discrimination by the positive promotion of equality, challenging bullying and stereotypes and creating an environment which champions respect for all. At Darlinghurst School we believe that diversity is a strength, which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit here.

We do this by:

- Treating all those within the school community (e.g. pupils, staff, governors, parents and the community) as individuals with their own particular abilities, beliefs, challenges, attitudes, background and experience.
- Creating and maintaining a school ethos which promotes equality, develops understanding and challenges myths, stereotypes, misconceptions and prejudices.
- Encouraging everyone in our school community to gain a positive self-image and high self-esteem.
- Having high expectations for everyone involved with the whole school community.
- Promoting mutual respect and valuing each other's similarities and differences and facing equalities issues openly and honestly.
- Monitoring and reviewing all the above to secure continuous improvement in all we do.

### **Equality Target for Darlinghurst School 2016/17**

To raise the profile of Equality and Diversity within our school identifying and addressing the needs and gaps in provision through the completion of the Equality and Diversity Championship award involving all members of the school community.