



Freedom of Intellectual Inquiry Policy

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Purpose

This Policy sets out Lyons College's commitment to the freedom of intellectual inquiry.

Scope

This Policy applies to all staff and students of Lyons College.

Policy

All academic staff and students at Lyons College have a right to engage in free intellectual inquiry. Lyons College encourages academic staff and students to actively engage in free intellectual inquiry.

Lyons College encourages students to explore alternate ideas and theories. Students should critically question teachings where they believe alternate arguments based on evidence exists. Students are also encouraged to engage in debate with academic staff and other students which creates robust discussion and the sharing of thoughts and experiences.

Lyons College strongly encourages academic staff to actively engage in free intellectual inquiry. Academic staff are also encouraged and supported in pursuing professional development and scholarly activity. This Policy allows academic staff the right to:

- pursue critical and open inquiry and to discuss freely, teach, assess, develop curricula, publish and research in their area of discipline
- engage in scholarly activity which enables them to maintain knowledge of current developments within their area of discipline
- encourage and engage in critical and independent thinking amongst peers and students
- pursue, generate and transmit knowledge through research, study, discussion, writing and publication
- publicly debate and express opinions about issues and ideas related to their area of discipline
- participate in professional and representative bodies
- voice alternate views or opinions based on evidence or sound theories respectfully and without harassment or vilification of others