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Vision for Instruction parents guide and posters

Main Points

- MACS' leadership in teaching and learning excellence through explicit instruction is a compelling reason for current and prospective parents to choose one of our schools.
- [Parents Guide to Vision for Instruction](#) is an easy-to-understand overview of our system-wide approach to enabling every student to flourish. It is designed to help you explain the power of explicit instruction and evidence-based practices to parents.
- Please promote the guide to your school and wider community by:
 - sharing it with your School Advisory Council members
 - adding the guide to your school's website
 - ensuring copies are available at school open days
 - including the suggested text below in your school newsletter.

Understanding Vision for Instruction – a guide for parents

In February 2024, MACS changed the way reading, writing and mathematics are taught in its 300 primary and secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Vision for Instruction promotes explicit instruction, a way of teaching in which complex skills are introduced to students in small steps, supported by clear explanations and demonstrations of what students are expected to learn. Students then practise what they have learned and receive feedback from their teacher until the skill is mastered.

MACS is leading explicit instruction and evidence-based practice education in Victoria to achieve teaching and learning excellence. To find out what becoming a flourishing learner means for your child, and how you can help, read *Parents Guide to Vision for Instruction* and ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

MACS also regularly posts about *Vision for Instruction* in social media. To follow MACS, please click on the following links for [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

New posters

- Schools will receive *Vision for Instruction* posters in early Term 4.
- The new posters can be displayed around your school in place of the outdated *Horizons of Hope* posters.

Actions Required

- Please share [Parents Guide to Vision for Instruction](#) with current and prospective parents via your usual channels.

Contact/Enquiries

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