



Friendship School Project Guiding Values 2008

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Our Vision

We have a vision of a sustainable network of schools and communities committed to ensuring that successive generations of students and school communities in Timor-Leste and Australia are informed about and are engaged actively with each other's cultures, languages and circumstances.

Our Mission

We will work to create opportunities for enriching the quality of the educational experience for students and their communities in Australia. We will do this by encouraging engagement with the cultural values, languages and circumstances of students and communities in Timor-Leste, by facilitating links between like-minded teachers and students in Australia, by facilitating wider community involvement in school life and by a close working relationship with the Alola Foundation.

Guiding Values

The Project is guided by fundamental values of mutual respect, community service and a practical commitment in Australia and Timor-Leste:

- Advance the knowledge and welfare of students, schools and their communities
- Defend the right of communities to shape the way in which they pursue educational aspirations
- Advocate the equitable access to educational opportunity for all children thus supporting the means to realise their full potential
- Promote the benefits of learning about the life circumstances and cultures of others
- Respect and acknowledge the contribution made by each participant according to his or her capacity
- Build sustainable international community to community relations based on informed understanding, empathy and reciprocal learning