



**“a coat of many colours”**

### ***Celebrating Diversity at Bedford South School***

We believe in our culturally rich community. We believe in our diversity, “a coat of many colours”. We believe in a culture of acceptance. We believe in practicing ideals of diversity rather than preaching. We believe in forming understanding and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating diversity. We believe that the peaceful atmosphere of our community rests on the shoulders of the people who are part of it. We believe everyone has something to contribute and everyone deserves respect. We believe that a safe, supportive community is everyone's responsibility. For this an open minded understanding of our diversity is vital.

### *The Eight Fold Path*

1. We promote diversity and inclusiveness.
2. We recognize diversity as place of origin, ancestry, culture, religion, disability, sexual orientation, opinion, socio-economic status...
3. We celebrate each other's diversity by being part of organizing events, greetings, announcements or displays.
4. We organize multicultural events showcasing the rich cultural representation at our school.
5. We approach religion through awareness and acknowledgement but not through indoctrination.
6. We acknowledge and respect various beliefs and values without compromising our own.
7. We strive to form better understanding and appreciation of each others differences, thereby being more accepting.
8. We weave diversity into the fabric of the school's culture and practice on a daily basis rather than only on special occasions.

