Is multiculturalism accepted in Melbourne?

Working at different markets for a few years now, I have seen many people of different cultures being treated differently, and it’s very rare when I see someone discriminated or treated badly because of their race. Astronomically, I believe that multiculturalism is accepted as a whole, it’s simply thought as common courtesy. The wide range of different foods and products sold has changed over the years with the growth of diversity of cultures and without it; our city would perhaps not be as unique as it is today. As always, there are exceptions to the rule, and I think there are definitely places and individuals with more racist and prejudicial attitudes towards multiculturalism, and we’ll explore more of that as we do our work in the city.

From what I’ve seen, heard , and assumed, I feel that my friends have basically the same perception as me. Multiculturalism acceptance varies, all depending on where you are. As a whole, it is accepted as one of our simple values, but there are areas and individuals that are not so accepting. In the city of Melbourne, there’s *more* multiculturalism, and I think we can assume that it is also accepted well; some of Melbourne actually thriving on it, for example, Lygon Street. They are of the opinion that immigration has helped our community become more accepting, introducing new values and unspoken rules of accommodation of different cultures, races, and religions. As a whole, Melbourne is very accepting of multiculturalism, especially in food, but there are minor cases where racism and such is apparent.

Woodleigh School has known to be a school of individual values, respect for ourselves, the environment and others, and it is a general view that we are accepting of everyone, no matter their race, religion, culture, sexuality, etc. The school’s involved in many things like tutoring Sudanese kids who don’t have the facilities at home, and doing service camps for disadvantaged communities – community service is a very big part of our school’s life. There’s always a fundraiser going on, and we do so many things during the year to encourage acceptance and multiculturalism. It would be impossible to assume that Woodleigh School has nothing to do with multiculturalism.

My family have very similar opinions as me in regard to our research question. My mother, working at the markets frequently, sees maybe fifteen different cultures there in a day. Melbourne promotes multiculturalism with so many types of shops, food, festivals, etc. It’s completely supported, such as there are temples all over the city for Buddhists and Muslims – Melbourne is very multicultural. My father’s thoughts contrast slightly, but he thinks that multiculturalism is mostly accepted. There is a racist element, as there is in most societies, but Melbourne is a largely multiculturalism society, and the vast majority are accepting of multiculturalism.

The government is definitely behind multiculturalism, but I think they should more. Melbourne is such a fantastic place to visit and there are so many different cultures and festivals that you can visit, it’s a great way to learn about other cultures. It is such a unique city, that people should be more aware of what there is to do there, and the many things that you can experience.