

PASTORAL CARE POLICY

Our Pastoral Care Policy is based upon the CEO “Pastoral Care Guidelines for Catholic Schools”. (Contact Principal’s Secretary for full statement.).

RATIONALE

- St Patrick’s College is committed to the ideal of a learning community based upon the mutual support of its members and faithful to the promise that the Kingdom is here among us.
- It is our mission to nurture a dynamic Christian community which seeks to encourage the full human potential of each of its members - students, parents and staff.

AIMS

- To meet each student at his/her point of need.
- To nurture an environment where each student’s full educational, spiritual, physical and social potential might be realised.
- To nurture the value of the great Commandment to love God and to love one another.
- To provide structures and opportunities which encourage students to realise their potential.
- To provide an environment which promotes a sense of communal direction and a sense of belonging.
- To encourage positive attitudes and behaviours whilst managing unacceptable behaviour by providing clearly defined consequences and encouragement for students to modify poor behaviour patterns.
- To foster a sense of confidence in the future.

STRUCTURES

General

- Each student belongs to a Pastoral Class - the Pastoral Class teacher is a person in a significant relationship of care of the student.
- One period per cycle is devoted to Pastoral Care and a formal **and** informal program of Pastoral Care operates. Each Year team has additional senior staff to assist with the promotion of the Pastoral Care lesson.
- The Year Coordinator has the specific role of nurturing the community of the Year group and overseeing the care of students in that year.
- Each Year team meets fortnightly to review and anticipate Pastoral Care issues in the Year group.
- The College Executive work with Pastoral Coordinators and Studies Coordinators to ensure that the community of the College is nurtured.
- Counselling is available daily from our trained clinical psychologist with the assistance of an additional counsellor to support all student and families.

Specific

- Regular assemblies are held (see Calendar) to foster comments, celebrate achievement, recognise the student body and build awareness of broader societal and global issues.
- Each Year group builds community via retreats, picnics, fund raising for charitable works, concerts and special community events.