#### **POLICY: PASTORAL CARE**



### **Purpose**

Pastoral care is the College's expression of concern for the development of the whole person as created in the image of God.

# **Policy Objectives**

- 1. To nurture and foster growth in the Gospel values of reconciliation, respect, care and concern for all persons.
- 2. To provide staff and students with an experience of Catholic community which is supportive and functional and which creates an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- 3. To provide a holistic education which seeks to develop the whole person, religious, social, moral, intellectual and emotional.
- 4. To ensure Gospel values and the charisms of the College are the foundation for the relationships and the culture within the College.
- 5. To ensure a high level of community partnership in order to enhance the wellbeing and educational outcomes for all within the College.
- 6. To ensure healthy relationships are nurtured by promoting programmes that reflect Gospel values.
- 7. Where possible restorative justice will be used to resolve conflict and promote sustainable change.

### **Expectations and Limitations**

- While pastoral care is the responsibility of all staff and students, the College Chaplain(s), Guidance Counsellor(s), Deans and Kaiārahi have a special responsibility in this area. Provision shall be made for the ongoing formation of all staff in pastoral care.
- Support systems will be promoted and made readily available to all staff and students.
- A climate of affirmation and faith will encourage students and staff to develop a strong sense of respect and support for others.
- Students will be provided with opportunities to develop learning and living skills, to better cope with daily life and to gain healthy attitudes.
- College staff will work to foster positive relationships with parents, families, parishes, and contributing schools.

## **Ratified by Board: Signed for Board**

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## **Related Documents**

- The current Handbook for Boards of Catholic Integrated Schools
- Special Character Policy
- Managing Challenging Behaviour Policy
- Reducing Student Distress, and Use of Physical Restraint Policy
- Bullying Prevention and Response Policy
- Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Disciplinary Committee Terms of Reference
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