

## **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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