



# *Pastoral Care Policy*

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The College strives to make effective provision for the personal guidance of each student. The staff recognises the responsibility with which it has been entrusted. Effective pastoral care cannot hope to fulfil its aims without continual co-operation and communication between College and home. Every member of staff is aware that they have a pastoral role both in acting as a role model and also in everyday guidance and support. The College will endeavour to communicate directly with parents if a pastoral issue emerges with their child. Parents are encouraged to communicate directly with the Principal should changed circumstances at home be seen as potentially influencing a student's behaviour or attitude. In this manner teachers and parents share the common goals of producing bright, lively and balanced children keen to function co-operatively in both family and College life. College days should be among the happiest days of a student's life.

# Procedures

## Daily

The students meet in their home room based on their year or class group every morning from 9.00 - 9.10am. Each class/year group has a home room teacher who oversees the pastoral care for the group. Notices are passed, absentees recorded, homework diaries checked, as well as thoughts and prayers of inspiration shared.

## Counselling

In a situation of counselling needed for any particular student or group of students the steps in providing that are:

- Home room teacher
- Stage Coordinator/Chaplain
- College Counsellor/Chaplain
- Principal
- Agencies beyond the College.

Parents of the student/s may be contacted at any point in a situation of counselling. Ideally and normally this will at the earliest possibility to facilitate a holistic approach to caring for the student from both the home and the Colleges perspectives.