

Student Welfare Policy

Rationale

The College promotes a healthy, supportive and secure environment for all children and to raise awareness of what makes students resilient, to develop strategies to reduce vulnerability, to build student/College connectedness, and to increase coping skills.

Aims

The College is a positive environment in which all teachers assume responsibility for student welfare, striving to provide successful experiences for all children, where children feel safe and secure in a supportive environment where a sense of belonging and wellbeing are strengthened. Children develop positive social behaviour and problem solving skills.

Staff are confident, skilled and proactive in the management of student welfare issues. Communication processes and protocols are clear and well known to ensure the effectiveness of student welfare support.

Procedures

Student Welfare is a shared responsibility between College, home and the community. The College will adopt a proactive and strategic stance with issues of student welfare, rather than operating in a consistently reactive mode.

The College will implement welfare support structures and programs which prioritise and address the identified needs of individual students or the College as a whole and that help implement the aims of the policy.

The College will implement and maintain programs such as:

- Peer Support
- Buddies
- Student Awards

- Drug Education
- Committing to a whole College program to develop resilience, social skills, conflict resolution and problem solving
- Transition programs
- Child Protection

The College will provide the following support structures:

- College Counsellor
- Student Support Group's for children in need
- Bullying Survey of students and College environment.
- The College will comply with all privacy issues in accordance with current legislation.