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## **POLICY STATEMENT PASTORAL CARE**

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### **Rationale**

The College endeavours to create a safe, inclusive and nurturing learning environment where students feel encouraged and supported. We aim to develop a caring system which educates students with a sense of family, belonging and attachment.

Our goal is to foster the development of social and interpersonal skills that enable students to work together in a safe and happy environment and to develop into well balanced and confident young people equipped to cope with the challenges and pressures of society.

Through our Pastoral Care system, it is hoped that all children will thrive rather than just survive. Their achievements and accomplishments will be celebrated warmly as we support the education of our students to seek connection with God, with themselves, with each other and with their environment.

### **Principles**

The purpose of *Pastoral Care* at Nagle Catholic College is to:

- 1. Provide an environment, a curriculum and a set of practices based on the Gospels.**

Catholic education draws from approaches that understand the school to be a community committed to the students' development as fully integrated people through educational means.

- 2. Encourage students to attain the beliefs, values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and practices which will enable them to achieve their full potential as human persons.**

The College community's concern will be students' integrated development as Christian men and women – as responsible, inner-directed individuals of Christian virtue, capable of free choice and of making value judgments enlightened by a formed Christian conscience.



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**3. Ensure that the care and development of each person takes place within the Catholic faith community.**

In the school, students should see Christian values actively lived, rather than merely spoken of, and experience them in sincere interpersonal relationships.

**4. Be concerned with the nurturing and wellbeing of all who impact on the school community.**

The school's pastoral dimension will show itself in the mutual respect, care and support administrators and staff show towards each other, as well as through the care they all show for their students. From the pastoral dimension of the total school life, students learn their own value and dignity.

**5. Seek to empower students to achieve their potential, as our gift to God.**

In the school, the students will be encouraged to be responsible for their learning and to respect the right of others to learn. The school will also give students every opportunity to experience the consequence of their actions.

**Structure**

The structure of Pastoral Care at Nagle is fundamental to the effective delivery of the Pastoral Care programs offered at the College.

A group of key staff have responsibility for the Pastoral Care of students at the College. The most immediate contact for students is their Home Room teacher or one of our eight Heads of House. Students are also able to seek the assistance of the Directors of Students, who have key roles in the academic, social and emotional wellbeing of students. The Deputy Principal – Students oversees the delivery of the Pastoral Care programs at the College.

The College Counsellors are also an integral support mechanism for our students and are available to work with them or refer them on to outside agencies.

The Deputy Principal – Faith and Life, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning and the Principal oversee our educational programs and help with student formation which complement the current Pastoral Care programs at the College.



## **The House System**

The House system at the College provides an opportunity for the development of the students in areas such as social and sporting relationships. It encourages a sense of belonging and continuity as students and staff support their particular House and are supported within their House.

The vertical Home Rooms allow students to develop relationships with staff, their buddies and their peers. They are encouraged and aided by their Home Room teacher and their Head of House. Their Year 12 House Captains and Seniors also have an important role to play with regard to peer support.

## **School Policies & Pastoral Care**

Pastoral Care at Nagle Catholic College is concerned with enhancing the dignity of the human person within a Catholic faith community. The following is a summary of the policies and procedures which the College has in place to promote Pastoral Care:

- Student Code of Conduct
- Behaviour Management Policy
- Uniform Policy
- Private Electronic Device Policy
- ICT Responsible Use Policy
- Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination of Students Policy
- Crisis Management Plan
- School Trips-Interstate and Overseas Policy
- School Camps and Excursions-State Based Policy
- Attendance Policy