

“Serve Him in Others”

ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE

PASTORAL CARE POLICY

Policy Statement:

Pastoral Care will be offered to every member of the St Joseph’s College Community.

Definition:

Pastoral Care is the continuous efforts to create a community where: people are empowered; growth is encouraged and affirmed; diversity is recognised and celebrated; differences are discussed and worked through. Compassion and Justice underpin our approach to Pastoral Care.

Rationale:

We gather to proclaim the Gospel and give witness to it – to experience life to the full and to love one another as Christ loves us.

Gospel Values which are linked to this Policy:

Justice, Love, Empathy, Compassion, Forgiveness, Mercy, Truth and Liberation, Tolerance, Sensitivity and Care.

- All are to be encouraged to adopt the Gospel Values for all situations;
- Pastoral Care is the concern of all at all times;
- In creating a community, it is necessary for students to be made aware of others’ needs – including those of staff, fellow students and their own family;
- Students should be listened to and be encouraged to share themselves with other students and their teachers, especially their Pastoral Care Teacher;
- Staff to be encouraged to initiate and receive Pastoral Care;
- Parents and staff be encouraged to support one another in the continual implementation of Pastoral Care;
- The College Administration will be responsible for the organisation of the Pastoral Care Ministry;
- Staff and parents will encourage one another to take advantage of support programs that are provided throughout the year;
- There will be a support person nominated for each new student and new staff member;
- Staff and students will be encouraged to welcome and assist people who are new to the College community.

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