



St Jude's Primary School

Pastoral Care & Welfare Policy

CE Related Policies

Child Protection- Mandatory Reporting ACT Policy
Exclusion, Expulsion and Transfer of Students Policy
Legal Responsibilities and Authority Policy
Restraint of Students Policy
Student Management (Discipline) Policy
Suspension of Students Policy

School Policies

Behaviour Management Policy
Bullying Policy
Student Wellbeing Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines the school belief statements about Pastoral Care for children and families who attend St Jude's. This school community believes an effective Pastoral Care policy is essential if we are to truly reflect the ideals expressed in the School's Vision and to be able to achieve the educational aims of the school. We believe that as each person is unique and brings much to our community, we need to respect each other equally.

Pastoral Care in the Church draws its inspiration from the life of Jesus Christ. In Jesus we see God's permanent expression of love, compassion, reconciliation and justice.

Our relationships with others allow us to develop more fully as human beings. As such it is vital that all at St Jude's are able to foster within themselves and others, the ability to build upon their interpersonal skills and maintain the dignity of all members of the community.

Policy

At St Jude's we believe:

- Pastoral Care is the school community working for one another.
- Pastoral Care emphasises the holistic development of each person.
- Pastoral Care integrates learning within an environment of care.
- Pastoral Care promotes effective teaching and learning.
- Pastoral Care responds to the needs of people in our school community.
- Pastoral Care reflects Gospel values and our Vision Statement.
- Pastoral Care reflects our personal and communal responses to our loving God.

Definitions

Pastoral Care is the attention and care we show for one another in our school community.



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Procedures

Families

- At St Jude's we welcome families at the beginning of each school year with a 'welcome picnic'.
- Each class has a parent community contact person, called the 'Class Parent Rep'. The responsibilities of this parent are to keep in contact with other parents and support them during times of trouble. Class Parent Reps usually publish a class contact list, welcome new families, arrange days out for families and work with the school and class teacher to make families aware of school functions.
- Community Council meetings are open to all and parents are welcome to come along to discuss areas of concern.
- Teachers at St Jude's welcome parental involvement and maintain open and professional contact with families in the school.
- Parents are encouraged to speak with the Principal concerning issues regarding the payment of school fees. Part payment is accepted in cases of hardship.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in the local sporting and cultural activities that are promoted at the school.

Children

- Children are encouraged to show care and respect for one another. Children are encouraged to reflect on the values that are put in place twice each term. These values are reviewed on an annual basis and form part of the school focus. The school promotes a Whole School Values system where students are educated about these values and encouraged to exhibit these values throughout their school and home life.
- Most classes have a buddy class and these classes meet on a regular basis for combined activities. Buddy classes are encouraged to sit together during Mass.
- Year 2 and up elect an SRC who meet regularly to discuss issues that affect the children.
- The senior children are expected to demonstrate leadership by the extra duties they perform and their positive behaviour.
- Birthdays are celebrated at school assemblies by the issuing of birthday cards.
- Through specific RE lessons, children are asked to reflect on their mission in the world and to discuss ways they can help other students.
- Many children play in school and community sports teams on the weekend which helps develop a sense of team work.
- Sporting and cultural achievements are acknowledged at school assemblies and in class.
- The school works at building relationships with the ELC through involving students in whole school assemblies, Masses and through the buddy system.

Parish

- St Jude's works hard to maintain the excellent working relationship that exists between the school and the parish. Children regularly attend the Thursday parish Mass and all our sacraments are celebrated as part of a parish community. We encourage children to attend weekend Masses.
- Members of the Parish Pastoral Council work hard to make connections with the school and students.
- Children work each year to help supply food items and funds for the St Vincent de Paul Chapter in the parish.



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- Open church opportunities are occasionally offered to students.
- The St Jude's parish priest is welcome to visit the students to maintain strong links with the school and church.

References

Nil

Forms

Nil

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