

Student Welfare Policy

Rationale

This school endeavours to promote a healthy, supportive and secure environment for all children and to raise awareness of what makes students resilient, to develop strategies to reduce vulnerabilities, to build student/school connectedness, and to increase coping skills.

Aim

- The school is a positive environment in which all teachers assume responsibility for student welfare, endeavouring 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 behaviours 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.

Implementation

- Student Welfare is a shared responsibility between school, home and the community.
- The school will adopt a proactive and strategic stance with issues of student welfare, rather than an operating in a consistently reactive mode.
- The school will implement welfare support structures and programs which prioritise and address the identified needs of individual students or the school as a whole and that help implement the aims of the policy.
- The school will endeavour to implement and maintain programs such as: -
 - Peer Support
 - Digital Citizenship
 - Student Awards
 - Health and Wellbeing Education
 - Pastoral Care
 - Counselling Support
- The school will provide the following support structures:
 - Monitoring of, and responding to, protracted student absences
 - Critical Incident Management Plan
 - Protocol for Mandatory Reporting
 - Student Support Groups for children in need