Corpus Christi
Catholic Primary School
St Ives

PASTORAL CARE POLICY
Purpose
Corpus Christi School affirms that we have a special responsibility for the pastoral care of students. This Policy outlines the way in which we endeavour to meet this responsibility as a Catholic School Community.

The content of this policy has three interrelated sections:
1. Pastoral Care
2. Behaviour Management School Policy
3. Anti – Bullying Policy.

Policy Framework
Pastoral Care in Corpus Christi Catholic School is based firmly on the Christian vision as expressed in the following statements by the diocese as reflected in our Vision Statement

Pastoral Care…
...has as its focus the life of Jesus Christ
“Educate children in our Catholic faith tradition and invite them to be fully alive in Christ”

...is concerned with the dignity and integral growth of the person
“Support the total development of the individual child in spirit mind body character and imagination”

...is a responsibility entrusted to all members of the faith community
“Work “in and for community” committed to quality learning.”
“Model values which will develop a critical and inquiring spirit and a determination to make the world a better place.”

...is a force for healing, reconciliation and liberation
“Model Values which will develop a critical and inquiring spirit and a determination to make the world a better place.”

...is an expression of and commitment to justice
“Encourage a proactive commitment to justice and peace for all.”

Policy Content
Corpus Christi’s Pastoral Care Policy seeks to:

- Promote ongoing formation of students, in faith, self-discipline and responsibility through
  - School Rules and Behavioural Expectations
  - SRC
  - Peer Support
  - Rule of the Week
  - Assemblies
  - Liturgies

- Establish and maintain effective networks of care for students through
  - Peer Support Program
  - School Counsellor
  - “Chatter Box Club”
  - Positive Behaviour for Learning Team (PBL Team)

- Establish and maintain effective networks of care for staff through
  - Spirituality Days
  - Professional Development
  - Positive Behaviour for Learning Team
Access – Counsellor
Mentors, New Scheme Teacher programme
Social Functions and celebrations

- **Establish and maintain effective networks of care for parents** through
  - P&F
  - CASTnet
  - Inservice – bullying etc
  - School Counsellor
  - Mediation
  - Communication – newsletter
  - Diocesan Parent Council Workshops

- **Be integrated through inclusive approaches to learning within the total curriculum** by providing
  - Differentiated Curriculum
  - Learning Support Teacher and Assistant
  - Outside professional support and CSO personnel

- **Have an orientation that empowers families, strengthens the relationship between home school and parish and supports families in times of crisis** through
  - Inservices
  - Welcoming Committee
  - P and F
  - Information Nights
  - Newsletter information – support
  - Class Parents
  - Social Events eg Icebreakers, Art/Craft and Fun Fair
  - Liturgies
  - Centacare

- **Provide appropriate ways of interaction which positively affect the student’s sense of self-worth, belonging and wellbeing.**

- **Encourage and foster high quality interpersonal relationships between teachers, students, parents and support staff.**

**POLICY REVIEW**
This policy will be reviewed not less frequently than once every three years

**POLICY DATES**
Date of completion of formulation and adoption May 2009
Date of latest review November 2015
Date of next review November 2018

**Authorised by**

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