



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Wandal Pastoral Care Policy

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Policy Statement

St Joseph's Wandal strives, through loving and serving, to be a Christ centred community committed to the total development and dignity of each person.

Description

PREAMBLE: Pastoral Care is the integration of the academic, social and religious dimensions of a school's energy so that the atmosphere of care prevails within the school community. Pastoral Care is an expression of the philosophy and vision of the school.

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RATIONALE: Pastoral Care is the observable expression of an attitude of Christian concern and care for each other by members of the St Joseph's Wandal school community.

VALUES: Justice, Dignity and Respect

"I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and

make the weak strong. I shall be a true shepherd to them.” (Ezekiel 34:16)

The St Joseph’s Wandal school community values and fosters an environment of pastoral care providing a context for growth and expression in all aspects of the school’s life.

Implementation Issues

1. The responsibility for Pastoral Care will be shared by all members of the school community.
2. Pastoral Care will be integral to all aspects of school life.
3. The school will foster an open, warm, welcoming, supportive environment where there is opportunity for, and encouragement of, ongoing formation in faith, self-discipline and responsibility and where the rights of all are preserved and respected at all times.
4. Ensure processes are in place to maintain the awareness of the expectations, responsibilities and support structures that exist to ensure that the values of justice, dignity and respect are embraced by all members of the school community.
5. Teaching practices and learning experiences will have their foundations in our Pastoral Care policy.
6. The Pastoral Care philosophy of the school will be communicated to all parents, staff and students during enrolment and induction procedures.
7. Create a framework that acknowledges the interrelationship of pastoral care and discipline.
8. Access to counselling services and support agencies are available to support our endeavour to provide effective pastoral care.

Reflection Material

St Joseph’s Wandal Mission Statement
St Joseph’s Wandal Special Religious Character
Renewing The Vision, K. Treston, Sydney, Parish Ministry, 1983
Pastoral Care For Schools, K. Treston, Brisbane, Creation
Enterprises, 1989
Choosing Life, K. Treston, Brisbane, Creation Enterprises 1997
Diocesan Pastoral Care For Schools Policy