Student Wellbeing Policy

RATIONALE

The social, emotional, moral, spiritual and physical wellbeing of our students, in light of the values of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Parish, is pivotal to their success at school and in their future lives. Students who are socially and emotionally healthy are able to deal positively with life’s challenges, and are well placed to develop into well-balanced and successful young adults.

AIMS

- To provide an educational environment which recognises, values and builds student wellbeing.
- To provide students who are socially and emotionally healthy
- To continue to embed Values Education using a whole school approach
- To continue to follow the guiding principles for the provision of a safe and supportive school environment in all student wellbeing and associated policies

IMPLEMENTATION

- Developing the wellbeing of our students is central to our role as a school, and is reflected in our whole school philosophy
- Our school values will underpin our relationships, engagement of all stakeholders and our teaching and learning.
- A culture of positive reinforcement and encouragement will permeate all facets of our school
- Student work and achievements will be regularly showcased and publicly recognised
- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Catholic Parish Primary School will value and encourage student individuality, difference and diversity
- Programs that support the wellbeing of parents and families will be available.
- The school will provide a trained Student Wellbeing Leader, and will access Catholic Education Office regional and network staff with wellbeing expertise as required.
- The Student Wellbeing Support Group will include the Principal, Student Wellbeing Leader and staff representatives who will meet once a week to support staff of referred students.
- The Student Wellbeing Leader will liaise with community agencies to provide ongoing assessments and support to members of our school community.
- National and State Government initiatives such as Values Education, Drug Education and National Safe Schools will form part of the school’s Student Wellbeing program.

EVALUATION

This Policy is evaluated and reviewed as part of the School Improvement Plan.

This policy is written in keeping with the sector authorities Pastoral Care of Students in Catholic Schools policy. For further reference: Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV), Pastoral Care of Students in Catholic Schools CECV Policy 1.144 http://www.cecv.vic.catholic.edu.au/