

STUDENT WELLBEING POLICY

Rationale

The school has the responsibility to provide for the physical, social and emotional needs of each student so they can achieve the most from their school experiences.

Aim

To develop reciprocal respect, guidance, self-esteem, communication, physical and emotional safety, security, and the awareness of the rights and responsibilities of every individual.

Implementation

1. Student welfare is the combined responsibility of staff, parents/guardians and children.
2. Teachers should work with parents to provide a consistent approach for the promotion of acceptable behaviour.
3. Classroom management aims to be consistent and students have access to equal opportunity.
4. Students' self-esteem can be developed through fostering self-confidence, a willingness to attempt tasks, the ability to behave responsibly and taking responsibility for their actions.
5. Incidents involving serious misbehaviour must be reported to the principal and the parents/guardians will be informed.
6. **Corporal Punishment is prohibited in all Victorian schools. Corporal Punishment must NOT be used at this school under any circumstances.**
7. Appropriate social skills will be monitored according to:
 - a) Observance of the Code of Behaviour Policy and the Anti-Bullying Policy
 - b) Positive interaction with people
 - c) Adaptation of behaviour to different situations
 - d) Respect for self, property and others
 - e) Courtesy
 - f) Punctuality
 - g) Use of acceptable language
8. Where a student's needs meet the Student Support Services (SSS) criteria, assistance may be sought from this department resource or from other external agencies through the principal or their nominee.
9. Where there is a belief of child abuse, staff will follow the Child Protection Reporting procedure.
10. For students registered on the Program for Students with Disabilities, learning goals must be tailored to the individual needs of the student.
11. Medical Information is to be kept in the First Aid Room and all medical records are to be kept up-to-date by the administration staff.
12. There will be an annual update of contact details and health conditions for all students.
13. If professional medical attention is required, parents will be notified as soon as possible (we will call an ambulance without permission if necessary).
14. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred as a result of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs.
15. Only in exceptional circumstances should a teacher take a student to a doctor (e.g. whilst on camp) and it is strongly recommended that an additional adult (if possible) accompanies a teacher who needs to take a child to the doctor.
16. For the administration of medication, please refer to the Administration of Medication Policy.
17. To quickly identify students at medical risk, relevant student details, including photographs will be displayed in the First Aid Room and at common sites around the school. At the beginning of each year, teachers will be given a list of these children accompanied by digital photographs.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the School's three year review cycle.