

# **Mary MacKillop Catholic School Board**



## ***Policy for Pastoral Care***

### **Rationale**

At Mary MacKillop Catholic School every member of our community (staff, students and parents) has the right to be valued and respected, by being treated fairly and well. We aim to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure.

### **Definition**

Pastoral care is defined as nurturing the well being of the members of our school community. Following the example and priorities of Jesus and Mary MacKillop, we are called to enhance the personal growth of each individual physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually according to their unique circumstances.

### **Values**

Pastoral Care seeks to create a culture where:

- each person is valued;
- inclusive relationships reflect uniqueness, empathy, compassion and mutual respect;
- Christ is experienced in each other; and
- justice and dignity are nurtured

### **Policy Statement**

The Mary MacKillop Catholic School community recognises the intrinsic dignity of each person and therefore every person's right to be cared for, as well as the obligation to care for others. Pastoral care will therefore be explicitly communicated in all other policies, structures and practises at the school.

### **Consequences**

The Mary MacKillop Catholic School community will plan and work together so that Pastoral Care is:

- reflected in structures and processes that are fair and just, respecting the integrity of each person;
- the responsibility of each member of the school community – staff, religious, students, parents and friends, according to their roles and responsibilities;
- obviously present and authentic, in a community which is attentive to creating a friendly and welcoming environment; and
- centred on developing and maintaining positive relationships.

Date of Issue  
August 2008

Date of Review  
August 2012

---

Mrs Jacqui Mead  
Mary MacKillop Catholic School  
Board Chair

---

Mrs Donaugh Shirley  
Mary MacKillop Catholic School  
Principal