



Marian Catholic College Kenthurst

PASTORAL CARE POLICY

Pastoral Care at Marian Catholic College permeates every aspect of community life. This is demonstrated by attitudes, values and beliefs that are held by all members of the College community and manifested both from within and from outside the classroom. Pastoral Care concerns the whole College community and involves the total development of the individual and is based on the beliefs:

- Everyone in the College is involved with Pastoral Care. Pastoral Care is not solely the responsibility of a special teacher or counsellor. Being a teacher at Marian Catholic College automatically assumes that he/she is involved with the total development of the students in our care.
- Pastoral Care is basic to the art of teaching. One cannot envisage authentic teaching without involvement with the students as people.
- Pastoral Care is not "problem" centred. It should be characterised by a "sense of love, kindness and celebration of living".
- Each individual has a unique dignity that should be enhanced and encouraged.
- The total development of the individual - spiritual, moral, emotional, intellectual, physical and social - is nurtured.
- The establishment of a caring empathetic, warm and family-oriented environment, based on mutual respect, is the responsibility of all members of the College community.
- The provision of meaningful and satisfying learning experiences is imperative.
- We are a faith community where the Gospel values and the teachings of Christ are reflected in all we do.
- This caring, person centred ethos should be reflected in all facets of the College curriculum: enrolment policy, discipline policy, enrolment policy, assessment policy, reporting policy and especially, Religious Education.
- The qualities of self-esteem, self-confidence, self-discipline are essential to the growth of the individual. Each individual needs to believe that he/she is important and valued.

- The value of the individual, irrespective of ability, status, position or cultural background, is uppermost at all times.

Marian Catholic College aims to give students the guidance and companionship necessary to achieve the self-confidence, self-esteem and self-discipline necessary to gain maximum benefit from being a valued member of the Marian Catholic College Community, and to motivate our students to be socially responsible and committed citizens in building a better world based on our Gospel values.