



St Philip's Christian College Port Stephens

STUDENT WELLBEING POLICY

Rationale:

The emotional and physical wellbeing of our students is pivotal to their success at school, as adolescents, and in their future lives. Physically and emotionally healthy students are happy, able to deal positively with life's challenges, experience a sense of connectedness with the school and others, 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 develop students who are physically and emotionally healthy.

Implementation:

- Developing the wellbeing of our students is central to our role as a school, and is reflected in our whole school philosophy.
- 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.
- Our school will value and encourage student individuality, differences and diversity.
- Programs that provide for the emotional health of students will underpin our curriculum.
- Programs that support a safe environment that encourage open discussion will be implemented across the school.
- The curriculum will be broad, will provide for the needs of individual students, and will be developed to cater for multiple intelligences.
- Programs that support the wellbeing of parents and families will be available.
- The College will be structured in a way to maximise the support of students with various needs according to their age – for example the Middle School Structure.
- The College will provide a trained Counsellor to provide counselling to students, families and referrals to outside agencies as required.
- The College will coordinate programmes for the spiritual wellbeing of students and to provide counselling and support for students in crisis.
- The College will provide a qualified staff member to oversee the First Aid response to students, issuing of medication and equipping of a first aid clinic.
- Programs dealing with issues such as Drug Education and Bullying will form part of the school's Student Wellbeing program.
- Staff will be provided with professional development regarding student wellbeing, the implementation of wellbeing programs, and the resolution of wellbeing issues.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle or as required.

The College's policies which are made from time to time are made pursuant to the requirements set out in section 47 of the Education Act and of the NESAs for registration of the school.