Catholic School Community

Policy statement

The Catholic Church within the Diocese of Parramatta establishes schools as centres of faith and learning where students are enabled to develop:

- personal ‘integration of faith and life’
- active participation in the parish and within the wider community
- life-long learning.

Parents are the first educators of their children. Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese (CEDP) works with parents, parishes, the wider Church and other agencies to foster:

- a whole school community approach to student wellbeing
- active participation of all school community members in developing and maintaining positive, respectful and engaging relationships
- diversity as the norm
- service to others
- collaboration for the benefit of students and the wider community.

2. Context
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) exists to provide quality Catholic schooling in accordance with its strategic intent and the evangelising mission of the Church.

3. Scope and application
Recognising that we are all learners in the enterprise of education this policy applies to all members of our CEDP learning communities.

4. Related documents
- The Parramatta Education Framework and its Theory of Action
- Student Wellbeing Procedures and Guidelines (being drafted)
- Procedural Fairness Guidelines
- Child Protection Policy
- Countering Discrimination Harassment and Bullying
- Complaint Handling Procedures and Guidelines
- Anti-Bullying Policy – Students
- Occupational Health and Safety Policy
- Responsible Use of ICT and Social Media – Procedures, Staff Guidelines and Student Guidelines
- Privacy Procedures and Guidelines
- Diocesan Privacy Policy
- Pastors and Principals in Partnership
- Openings and Blessings Manual
- Drug Related Issues in Schools (being drafted)
- Managing a Safe School Environment

5. Relevant law
- Education Act 1990 NSW
- Children and Young People Care and Protection Act 1998 Cth
- Child Protection Working With Children Act 2012 Cth
- Anti-discrimination laws NSW and Commonwealth
- Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011 NSW

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2 Pastoral Letter to Families, John Paul II, Vatican, 2 February 1984, para 16