Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) provides a comprehensive education to the diverse range of children and young people for the development of the whole person.

The central task of our schools is to form women and men of character and faith whose individual gifts are nurtured so that they can contribute to Church, society and culture.¹

Based on our understanding that each person is created in the image and likeness of God we strive to:

- model,
- teach and
- learn

respectful relationships, which reflect the dignity and integrity of each student.

We do this by supporting:

- challenging yet safe learning environments suited to the diverse needs and aspirations of students
- evidence-based, positive learning experiences maximising student engagement, personal growth and achievement of students
- development of young people’s understanding and skills to promote their wellbeing and that of others
- participation within the Catholic faith community.

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

As part of the Church’s mission, the system of schools in the Diocese of Parramatta, educates young people in the gospel and forms them to live their life to the full.

The purpose of this policy is to support this mission.

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:
- Parramatta Catholic Education Framework and its Theory of Action
- Student Wellbeing Procedures and Guidelines (being drafted)
- Student Attendance Procedures and Guidelines - Exemptions
- Responsible Use of ICT and Social Media - Procedures, Student Guidelines and Staff Guidelines

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

¹ Catholic Schools at a Crossroads, Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of NSW and the ACT, August 2007, p 20