



STUDENT PROTECTION POLICY

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Assisi Catholic College will ensure that awareness, education, strategies, reporting (as required) and support constitute a balanced and effective approach to student protection.

CONSEQUENCES

The College will ensure that:

- all legislative requirements are followed;
- the Brisbane Catholic Education regulation and guidelines for student protection are implemented;
- student protection strategies are evident in all practices and processes;
- student education and awareness is always age appropriate;
- aspects of student protection will appear in the College newsletter;
- reporting processes are known throughout the school;
- the College Principal and Head of Campus follow the recommended intervention strategies;
- responses will be swift to a report of actual harm, or risk of harm to a student;
- it will co-operate and work in partnership with agencies handling reports of harm;
- actions and strategies will always be confidential;
- ongoing staff updating and inservicing on various aspects of student protection will be provided;
- the services of the Brisbane Catholic Education Student Protection Officers will be used;
- the College Guidance Officer will take an active role as required; and
- genuine and appropriate pastoral care will be provided for abused students and staff who may report abuse to the College leadership team.

RATIONALE

Jesus himself insisted on the primacy of love for oneself, for others and for God. In keeping with this tenet, Assisi Catholic College is morally obliged to protect and foster the development of all its students. All students have a right to protection from harm and employees of Brisbane Catholic Education have an obligation to protect these students. Abuse can occur in many forms including physical, emotional, sexual and neglect. Therefore, foresight, planning, education, support and reporting strategies constitute the actions provided to protect students.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE FRANCISCAN ETHOS

- Concern for justice and equity throughout our community
- Caring for others through the compassion of Jesus

REFERENCES

- *Brisbane Catholic Education Policy & Procedures*
- *Student Protection Guidelines Brisbane Catholic Education, May 2004*
- *Child Protection Guidelines, Education Queensland*