PASTORAL CARE POLICY

RATIONALE
By Pastoral Care we mean the care of people in the spirit of the Shepherd model of Jesus: “I am the Good Shepherd” (Jn 10-14). Pastoral Care within the Catholic School Community, is the integration of the academic, social and religious dimensions of the school’s energy so that an atmosphere of care prevails. Pastoral Care within the school is part of the development of a Christian Community.

POLICY STATEMENT
Since Pastoral Care is an essential component of the climate and ethos of Catholic Education and one of the processes through which care, justice and concern are developed in our Faith community, St Joseph’s Catholic School will:
- foster interpersonal relationships so that the people in the School Community are nurtured into wholesome maturity,
- promote the development of the spiritual, personal, and professional formation of the staff,
- enhance the spiritual, personal and academic life of the students and the support of families,
- promote justice in all our relationships.

IMPLEMENTATION:
- Foster within the School Community the understanding of Pastoral Care as being reciprocal. e.g. class teacher and student: parent and teachers.
- Encourage and provide opportunities for staff development.
- Encourage and provide opportunities for the development of students and families.
- Provide opportunities for Education In Justice and see that policies reflect care and justice for all.

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