



Area:	Community
Policy:	<b>Pastoral Care</b>
Released:	2000
Reviewed:	2014
Next Review:	2018

## Rationale

Pastoral care is the school's expression of the love of Christ for each individual and the school community as a whole, within an environment of faith and hope. It is the school's concern for the development of all individuals in its community and its ongoing response to their various needs. It involves an holistic approach centred on the human person as made in the image of God.

Pastoral Care is an approach to education based on the development of the individual as made in the image and likeness of God. Pastoral Care in Catholic Schools means enhancing the dignity of each person within a Catholic faith community. It is concerned with maximising learning and growth and developing the beliefs, values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and practices to enable all to become inner-directed, contributing members of God's creation.

## Principles

The function of Pastoral Care at St Jerome's school is to:

1. Provide an environment, a curriculum and a set of practices based on Gospel Values.
2. Enable students to attain the beliefs, values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and practices which will enable them to achieve Christ's vision of the human person.
3. Ensure that the care and development of each person takes place within the Catholic faith community through Christian values which are actively lived and experienced in sincere interpersonal relationships.
4. Be concerned with the nurturing and wellbeing of all who impact on the school community.

## Procedures

The Pastoral Care Policy is the umbrella from which a number of other policies evolve. These policies support the aims of and the practical aspects of the implementation of the Pastoral Care Policy. Together these policies aim to:

- Encourage the spiritual growth and personal development of students, staff, parents and families.
- Encourage good communication and positive relationships at all levels.
- Provide and maintain a caring network within the school community and through support systems that meet the particular needs of its members.
- Provide a positive, affirming environment which is conducive to the well-being of all community members.
- Develop school structures and policies which will reflect the values and vision of the school.
- Employ approaches to discipline, emphasising the development of self discipline and resilience.

- Encourage participation and leadership in all areas of school life.
- Encourage critical awareness and discernment regarding values espoused in the broader world community.

**Policies issued under the Pastoral Care Policy include:**

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| 1. Evangelisation Policy                    | 5. Media Release of Photos or written material |
| 2. Safe Schools Behaviour Management Policy | 6. Occupational Health and Safety Policy       |
| 3. Critical Incident Policy                 | 7. Religious Education Policy                  |
| 4. Evacuation Policy                        |  |

**Review History**

- 2006
- 2010
- 2014

**Next Review**

Year	Person / Group Responsible
2018	Principal /Assistant Principal