Promoting the physical and emotional wellbeing of students through:

- School values & culture
- Policies & procedures
- Educational programs
- Provision of training
- Support for students
- Managing incidents
- Working with parents/children

Issues

- Bullying
- Harassment
- Child Protection
- Emotional Resilience
- Physical/verbal aggressiveness

Resolving a Problem

- Tell an adult
- Check the S.A.F.E. Steps
- Negotiate with another person
- Follow the school grievance procedures
- Resolve the problem

Agencies

The following organizations may be of assistance to children/families experiencing difficulties

- FAYS
- ACCESS
- Child Protection Services
- Catholic Church
- Women’s & Children’s Hospital
- CAMHS

Centacare Catholic Family Services
(08) 8210 8200
Parent Help Line 1300 364 100
Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800

Conclusion

At all times we promote models of behaviour based on respect and consideration of every person whether child or adult.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually by the teaching staff.
Review Date: 2015

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“For a child or young person to grow towards their full potential it is necessary to provide them with a spiritual, emotional and physical environment that is enriching and safe”.

(South Australian Catholic Child Protection Council Policy for the Care, Wellbeing and Protection of Children and Young People 2006)

Every child has a right to be safe from harm.

(South Australian Children’s Protection Act 1993)

Rationale

At St Joseph’s School we believe safety, a basic human right, is a pre-requisite for our school to be able to carry out our mission to educate students for the 21st century.

Children have the right to be emotionally and physically safe at all times. Although the protection and safety of children is fundamentally the responsibility of families we endeavor to support this premise.

We base our policy on the Gospel values of freedom and justice for all and an underlying belief in their dignity and uniqueness.

Catholic schools operate in a wider community context where legal requirements exist and where they have an obligation to students.

Principles

The safety and well-being of the child must be the paramount consideration in every situation.

The dignity of the human person is fundamental to Catholic teaching.

Children’s development is dependent on the quality of care provided by the significant adults in their lives.

School must be a place where children feel safe and nurtured in a positive learning environment.

Implementation

As part of our school programs, we provide opportunities for children to develop and appreciate their uniqueness.

The Child Protection Curriculum applies every year and at all year levels to assist students in developing positive practices.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) enables children to have a voice in our school. The SRC meet to discuss issues that evolve through class meetings. The SRC look beyond themselves and our school to support children in need through fund-raising and awareness raising events.

The Spiritual focus of our school is brought to the fore in Religious Education lessons. Children are encouraged to share their thoughts, feelings and search for the truth.

Programs such as:

- Made in the Image of God (MITIOG)
- Child Protection Curriculum
- Program Achieve
- New Beginnings
- Social Skills

endeavor to educate the whole child, providing them information and strategies to support their own welfare.

The staff of St joseph’s Payneham involved with children, realize their responsibilities as Mandated Notifiers in Reporting Abuse and Neglect.

Confidence
Organization
Persistence
Getting Along
Resilience