



Student Welfare Policy

Student Welfare is the concern of every member of staff. It covers the safety of all students in our care, their emotional, social and intellectual well-being as well as their conduct and behaviour.

Sub-school leaders are responsible for the students in their respective year levels – Years 7-9 and Years 10-12.

The Welfare Committee is made up of:

- Assistant Principal (Chair)
- Principal
- Middle School Leader
- Senior School Leader
- School Nurse
- Health workers as needed

Purpose

Provide a happy, safe, supportive environment, which meets the needs of all students and supports partnerships between students, teachers and parents based on mutual respect and commonly agreed rules which protect our rights and remind us of our responsibilities.

An environment that is caring and where teaching and learning is maximised for all students.

The Welfare Committee will:

- promote a coordinated approach to student welfare
- involve staff in activities designed to foster the health and well-being of students
- establish effective communication processes with relevant organisations/agencies, and the school, local and wider communities
- identify individual student needs and develop appropriate support strategies

Support for students is provided through

- Lunchtime class
- Lunchtime activities
- Intervention programs
- School camps and excursions
- Mentoring
- Student behaviour management procedures
- Personal interactions
- Parent interviews
- Monitoring attendance
- Referral to appropriate DET departments, external agencies etc.
- State Schools relief

Particular Curriculum directions include:

- Personal Development units
- Grade 6 Transition program
- Curriculum Partnership days for Grades 4, 5 and 6
- Respectful Relationships program
- Liv4Life program
- Home group programs e.g., study skills, resilience etc.

Specific Policies related to student welfare include:

- Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Inclusion Policies
- Attendance Policy
- Bullying and Harassment policy
- Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices policy
- Mandatory Reporting policy
- Response to critical incidents
- VCE & VCAL policies
- Promotion policy

Home Groups

Casterton Secondary College has a home group system which encourages a positive, lasting relationship between student, home group staff and parent/carer/guardian.

The same members of staff stay with their group of students from Year 7 to Year12 and provides pastoral care in an environment where students feel comfortable and supported.

Students receive daily information via the school bulletin during home group

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