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**Bacchus Marsh
Grammar**

POLICY

Pastoral Care Policy

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One of the strengths of Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the depth and quality of its pastoral care program.

Pastoral care is the support given to students for their development as a person. It relates to the total care of students and involves tending to both the academic and non-academic needs of students including spiritual, emotional and social wellbeing.

Pastoral Care recognizes the overriding principle of acting in the best interests of the child / young person.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is committed to providing a safe, supportive and social environment where students feel nurtured as they learn.

To this end, we have developed, and continue to develop, a comprehensive range of pastoral care policies and procedures that are designed to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of our students. Child safety and wellbeing topics are incorporated into the School's curriculum; age appropriate education is delivered to all students about:

- healthy and respectful relationships;
- resilience and coping with adversity;
- personal responsibility and self-discipline
- social awareness and being an active member of the local and wider community
- cultural awareness
- empathy for diversity
- child abuse awareness and a child's right to be safe;

The School's Student Services Department provides a range of counselling and professional services to assist students with any particular difficulties during their time at school.

The Student Services team also maintains extensive links with outside agencies for specialised requirements. The school also maintains both a strong year level system and House system to provide day to day advice, assistance and a sense of belonging to students.

Related Policies and documents

Child Protection Program Handbook
Discipline and Welfare Policy
Anti-bullying and Harassment Policy
Curriculum Documentation
Co-curricular Documentation
Student Duty of Care Summary
Counselling Services (Student) Policy
Relationships between staff and Students Policy
Self-Harming Behaviors
Eating Disorders
Suicide Threat Procedure



Student Health Policies in Complispace
Disability Discrimination Policy

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