Student Support Policy

Introduction

This policy encompasses the following components of the Strategic Renewal Plan Priority 3: student wellbeing, pastoral care, personal and social development, student protection, students with disabilities, learning support, guidance counselling, behaviour support, marginalized and financially disadvantaged students and cultural diversity.

Rationale

At Stella Maris we are committed to the holistic development of each and every student as a life-long learner within community and to the building of co-operative networks which support this development.

Values/Principles

Justice – Students receive what they need to work towards reaching their spiritual, physical, emotional and academic potential. The dignity of each student is respected. All students are treated fairly.

Caring – Love and attention is given to all students. They are treated with compassion and respect and are encouraged to care for themselves and others.

Inclusion – We treat all people as members of one human family. We appreciate our differences.

Policy Statement

Stella Maris is an inclusive Catholic learning community that supports students to develop to their human, spiritual and academic potential.

Consequences

- Procedures are written giving effect to the policy across all components;
- Staff are appropriately trained to meet student needs;
- The school community is aware of procedures to access student support services;
- Over time, students will take increasing responsibility for their self-care and the care of others;
- Staff and parents/carers work in partnership to support student needs.

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