

PASTORAL CARE POLICY

Purpose

The following policy aims to ensure that all members of the Damascus College community receive pastoral care, based on a deep respect for the dignity and uniqueness of the individual person who is made in the image of God. This reflects Damascus College's Vision that the College is a dynamic Christ-centred learning community that values each member and is committed to inspiring and challenging students to reach their potential and contribute confidently to the global community.

Scope

This policy applies to all dimensions of life at Damascus College.

Definitions

Pastoral Care is defined as the actions and attitudes of the College leaders, teachers and community members to promote and enhance wellbeing.

Policy statement

It is Damascus College's policy that pastoral care in the College is firmly based on gospel values, takes place every day and is reflected in all the structures of the College.

Our pastoral care:

- respects the dignity and uniqueness of the individual and promotes the rights of every person in an inclusive and welcoming community;
- permeates all aspects of the curriculum and is reflected in quality teaching strategies which are responsive to the individual learning needs of the students;
- focuses on the potential of each person and nurtures the sense of belonging to the school community; and
- flows out to all aspects of College life.

Consequences

As a consequence of this policy:

- the Damascus College community has a responsibility to model healthy and respectful relationships based on Christian values;
- the College curriculum provides quality learning for all; and
- the structures of the College enable every person within our school community to be known, valued and connected.

Responsibilities

All members of the Damascus College community are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Associated Documents

Damascus College Strategic Directions Statement 2016-2020

[Catholic Education Diocese of Ballarat Pastoral Care Policy](#)



[Damascus College Wellbeing Policy](#)
[Damascus College Student Behaviour Policy](#)