



## Student Welfare Policy

### Scope

This policy is to be read by all teaching staff and applies to care of all students. The intention of this policy is simply to reference all of our practices and procedures regarding student welfare.

### Rationale

Oxley is a Christian College that comes under the authority of the Commonwealth and State Governments. In line with our duty before God, the parents who entrust us with their children and the authorities of the land, we promote and provide a supportive learning environment in which all students can expect to feel safe, supported and respected. We recognise the need for clear, transparent and explicit programs and policies to ensure students' physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

As required by the National Safe Schools Framework, Oxley Christian College explicitly aims to eliminate the risk of child abuse by staff or visitors.

### Welfare policy

Students develop best in schools where teaching and learning occurs in a context of student welfare. Schools need to be safe and happy places for students and their teachers. To achieve these goals, the College aims to create a caring school environment in which students are nurtured as they learn.

The welfare policy is therefore incorporated into the total school curriculum and the way it is delivered. It incorporates effective discipline as well as preventative health and social skills programs. It stresses the value of collaborative early intervention when problems are identified. It recognises each person's God given uniqueness and celebrates diversity while promoting harmony. It acknowledges the role that the school plays as a resource to link families with community support services. It works together with families to ensure that all students enjoy success and recognition, make a useful contribution to the life of the school and derive enjoyment from their time at the College.

Specific details about the implementation of these welfare priorities are outlined in a number of related documents.

**Facilitator:** School Chaplain

### Related Documents

- National Safe Schools Framework
- Disciplinary Procedures
- Anti-Bullying Procedures
- Teaching Staff Behaviour Management Guidelines
- Student Behaviour Guidelines
- Home Group Teacher and Coordinator Guidelines
- Referral Agencies
- Mandatory Reporting Guidelines