PASTORAL CARE POLICY

Rationale

At Our Lady Help of Christians School we believe that it is the responsibility of members of this community — students, parents, staff and clergy — to respond to the Gospel values in offering care, support and affirmation to enable each member to grow to the fullness of their potential.

We believe that the family unit and the school are amongst the most formative influences in a student’s life and that relationships of trust, cooperation and partnership be developed between the school, family and parish.

Goals

- To uphold and sustain policies and practices which foster the Gospel values of mutual respect, responsibility and service to others.
- To provide Pastoral Programs that are aimed at meeting the needs of students, staff and parents and to provide them with every opportunity to value themselves and to experience wellbeing.
- To provide an environment that is without prejudice and sensitive to diverse cultural, family, socio-economic, disability or gender structures.
- To foster supportive school/family relationships.
- To assist in the formation of self discipline and responsibility.
- To maintain coordinated and supportive organizational structures which provides early intervention and is action-based.
- To maintain comprehensive and inclusive approaches to teaching and learning.

These goals will be implemented through our:

- Student Welfare and Support Group (SWG)
- Integration and Special Needs Policy
- Life Education Program
- Religious Education / Sacramental Programs/ Making Jesus Real Programs
- Enrolment Policy
- Prep / Grade 6 Buddy System
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Assertive Discipline Policy
- Student Representative Council