

Student Wellbeing Policy



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PREAMBLE

All policy, protocols and procedures flow from the St Andrews Christian College Mission Statement:

“To educate our students so that they are well skilled, understand life on the basis of biblical truth, and are motivated to walk with God and serve Him in their lives, so that they will be a positive Christian influence in the world.”

POLICY DOCUMENT INFORMATION

TITLE:	Student Wellbeing Policy
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PURPOSE:	To provide policy and direction for all the College Community. To ensure a safe and secure environment is provided for all students at St Andrews Christian College.
RELATED DOCUMENTS:	
OH&S Policy	Social Media Policy
Staff Code of Practice	Student Nurture and Discipline Policy
<u>Student Welfare Policies:</u>	
Anaphylaxis Management Policy	Anti-Bullying Policy
Child Safety Policy including Students at Risk and Mandatory Reporting	
Drugs Policy	Harassment Policy
OH&S First Aid Procedures	Student Code of Conduct
Sun Smart Policy and Procedures	Visitors Policy
	Working With Children Check Policy

KEY DATES

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REVIEW DATE:	2019

1. RATIONALE

St Andrews Christian College will work with students, staff and families to provide a shalom community that is Christ centred, biblically based, God fearing and Spirit led.

Ensuring a safe emotional and spiritual environment is fundamentally about putting other people's needs above our own agenda to ensure that a program runs successfully, respecting personhood, their backgrounds, their personalities, their hopes, dreams and fears. It is about staying close to the good news message that Jesus came to bring life, not, as he warned about, 'to put heavy burdens onto people'.

An environment will be established where students experience discipleship and appreciate boundaries within which they can feel safe, respected, secure, loved and accepted, allowing each one to then confidently strive to reach their full potential.

St Andrews Christian College has a commitment to child safety, and has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Every person working within the St Andrews Christian College community is responsible for the care and protection of students and reporting information about child abuse.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

In providing a Christian, educational environment which recognises, values and builds student wellbeing, we aim to provide a framework at St Andrews which embeds a culture of child safety throughout the College environment and allows our students to develop academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically.

The College is able to build on this conceptual framework and provide a safe environment for students under our care by:

- Establishing and adhering to Policies and Procedures as outlined in the Related Documents of this policy.
- Requiring staff to read policies annually.
- Verbally reminding staff of key issues such as child safety and medical procedures in staff meetings and on professional development days.
- Establishing student welfare programs such as:
 - St Andrews Christian College Buddy Group Program from Prep to Year 12.
 - St Andrews Christian College Leadership, Training.
- Requiring staff to submit Risk Assessments to Deputy Principal for all camps / excursions / incursions and extra-curricular activities.

3. COMMUNICATION

Student welfare and child safety policies, including this one, can be found on the College website.