STUDENT WELLBEING POLICY

Vision
St Francis of Assisi school: A vibrant Catholic learning community of peace, justice, respect and excellence.

Rationale:
The social, emotional, moral, spiritual and physical wellbeing of our students, in light of the values of Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, is pivotal to their success at school and in their future lives. Students who are socially and emotionally healthy are able to deal positively with life’s challenges, and are well placed to develop into well-balanced and successful young adults.

Aims:
- To provide an educational environment which recognises, values and builds student wellbeing.
- To provide students who are socially and emotionally healthy
- To continue to embed Values Education using a whole school approach
- To continue to follow the guiding principles for the provision of a safe and supportive school environment in all student wellbeing and associated policies

Implementation:
- Developing the wellbeing of our students is central to our role as a school, and is reflected in our whole school philosophy
- Our school values will underpin our relationships, engagement of all stakeholders and our teaching and learning.
- A culture of positive reinforcement and encouragement will permeate all facets of our school
- Student work and achievements will be regularly showcased and publicly recognised
- Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School will value and encourage student individuality, difference and diversity
- Programs that support the wellbeing of parents and families will be available.
- The school will provide a trained Student Wellbeing Coordinator, and will access Catholic Education Office regional and network staff with wellbeing expertise as required.
- The Student Wellbeing Support Group will include the Principal, Student Wellbeing Coordinator and staff representatives who will meet once a week to support staff of referred students

Developed 2011
Review 2014
The Student Wellbeing Coordinator will liaise with community agencies to provide on-going assessments and support to members of our school community.

National and State Government initiatives such as Values Education, Drug Education and National Safe Schools will form part of the school’s Student Wellbeing program.

**Evaluation:**
This policy will be reviewed as part of the School Improvement Plan, Wellbeing sphere.

This policy is written in keeping with the sector authorities Pastoral Care of Students in Catholic Schools policy. For further reference: Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV), Pastoral Care of Students in Catholic Schools CECV Policy 1.144 [http://www.cecv.vic.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.cecv.vic.catholic.edu.au/)