

# Catholic School Community

## Policy statement

The Catholic Church within the Diocese of Parramatta establishes schools as centres of faith and learning where students are enabled to develop:

- personal 'integration of faith and life'<sup>i</sup>
- active participation in the parish and within the wider community<sup>ii</sup>
- life-long learning.

Parents are the first educators of their children.<sup>iii</sup> Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese (CEDP) works with parents, parishes, the wider Church and other agencies to foster:

- a whole school community approach to student wellbeing
- active participation of all school community members in developing and maintaining positive, respectful and engaging relationships
- diversity as the norm
- service to others
- collaboration for the benefit of students and the wider community<sup>iv</sup>.

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102300

Implementation date  
3 December 2012

Service area  
SAS

Location  
Public

## 2. Context

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) exists to provide quality Catholic schooling in accordance with its strategic intent and the evangelising mission of the Church.

## 3. Scope and application

Recognising that we are all learners in the enterprise of education this policy applies to all members of our CEDP learning communities.

## 4. Related documents

- The Parramatta Education Framework and its [Theory of Action](#)
- Student Wellbeing Procedures and Guidelines (being drafted)
- [Procedural Fairness Guidelines](#)
- [Child Protection Policy](#)
- [Countering Discrimination Harassment and Bullying](#)
- Complaint Handling [Procedures](#) and [Guidelines](#)

- [Anti-Bullying Policy – Students](#)
- [Occupational Health and Safety Policy](#)
- Responsible Use of ICT and Social Media – [Procedures](#), [Staff Guidelines](#) and [Student Guidelines](#)
- Privacy [Procedures](#) and [Guidelines](#)
- Diocesan Privacy Policy
- [Pastors and Principals in Partnership](#)
- [Openings and Blessings Manual](#)
- Drug Related Issues in Schools (being drafted)
- [Managing a Safe School Environment](#)

## 5. Relevant law

- Education Act 1990 NSW
- Children and Young People Care and Protection Act 1998 Cth
- Child Protection Working With Children Act 2012 Cth
- Anti-discrimination laws NSW and Commonwealth
- Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011 NSW

<sup>i</sup> The Catholic School, Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican 19 March 1977 para 32, 45-48, 50

<sup>ii</sup> The Catholic School, Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican 19 March 1977 para 13-14

<sup>iii</sup> Pastoral Letter to Families, John Paul II, Vatican, 2 February 1994, para 16

<sup>iv</sup> The Catholic School, Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, Vatican 19 March 1977 para 67, 70

