

# HIGHVIEW COLLEGE STUDENT PASTORAL CARE POLICY

**Person Responsible – Heads of School OPERATIONAL**



(Reviewed in odd years)

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## Rationale

The Pastoral Care System is the primary support for all students. The system incorporates not only the care of the students but also the Discipline Policy. This Policy fits within the College Mission Statements, as the students grow towards wholeness.

## Aims

- For Highview College to be a safe environment for all students
- To be a place where a student can be themselves and seek assistance/ guidance within their adolescent challenges
- To be a school where the Christian values of justice and fairness for all prevails
- To enable students to learn and grow from their mistakes and to accept that there are consequences for inappropriate behaviour

## Communication

- Keep the lines of communication active
- Parents often call – it is far better if the Head of School knows what is going on
- A problem shared is a problem halved!

## The Pastoral Care Structure

1. DELTA Mentor
2. Head of School
3. Principal

## DELTA Mentor

- The DELTA Mentor sees his/her students every day
- Each school day commences with a pastoral care session
- DELTA sessions run every day before lunch
- The DELTA Mentor is the most important and first person for a parent to contact with any concerns
- DELTA Mentors will track the wellbeing of the students in their DELTA group

## Heads of School

- There is a Pastoral Care Co-ordinator for each of the three sub schools
- Heads of School are a resource for DELTA Mentors.
- Any pastoral issue can be discussed with the Head of School
- Discipline / Behaviour Management issues should be discussed with the Heads of School
- Heads of School meet regularly
- Maintain constant contact with staff and families if any issues are evident
- Deal with the more serious issues, either in regard to Pastoral Care or discipline
- Organises opportunities for students to meet with the Chaplain