

# **St Pius X Primary School**



# **Pastoral Care Policy**

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# RATIONALE

*“This is what the Lord asks of you:  
only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God:  
Micah 6:8*

## Beliefs

### 1. *Personal Relationship with God*

Each child will be encouraged to develop a special, personal relationship with God.

### 2. *Shared Ministry*

Parents, School and Parish work in partnership as a shared ministry to engender and affirm the Catholic Faith according to the appropriate level of a child’s faith development

### 3. *Faith Community*

Children will be valued, active members of a Spirit-filled Faith Community. This encompasses the initiation and immersion into the Sacramental life of the church, rich liturgical experiences and frequent opportunities for prayer.

### 4. *Witness to Faith*

As Christians we develop a sense of responsibility to actively witness and share our faith, particularly in the fostering of gospel values in the wider community.

### 5. *Social Responsibility*

By developing an awareness of the value of God’s creation, we will foster a responsible, balanced attitude towards the community and the environment.

### 6. *Self Esteem*

Fostering self-esteem is essential for the cognitive development and education of the ‘whole person’. Children need to be allowed to grow as valued members of the school community.

# Induction and Welcome

## Issues

## Examples

### 1. Children

Welcoming Liturgy  
Playground/Bus buddies  
Child teacher to check on child throughout the day  
Peer Support Programme  
Assembly to welcome children back to school first day of each term  
Kindergarten Orientation Day  
Kinder Transition program  
S.R.C. Programme

### 2. Families

New Kindergarten's Welcoming Morning Tea  
New Parents BBQ  
Personal Contact – P &F / Parish invitations to become involved  
Names of new families in newsletter  
Class gatherings organized by class parent

### 3. Teachers / New Staff

Staff Dinners  
Names in newsletter  
Staff Drinks  
Assembly - introduction to children  
Mentors for new teachers

### 4. Farewell

High School Transition  
Graduation Mass and Dinner

# Support Networks

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<b>1. Grief and Loss</b>	<b>Sympathy Cards / newsletter Visitation Memorial garden</b>
<b>2. Financial Support</b>	<b>School fees Book fees Shows Excursions</b>
<b>3. Counselling</b>	<b>Centacare Priests School Councillor e.g. O.T., speech CEO Specialists</b>
<b>4. Staff Support</b>	<b>Staff Meetings – Pastoral Care Awareness Send newsletters home to teachers who may be on extended leave and invite them to staff functions</b>
<b>5. Sense of Belonging</b>	<b>Peer Support Grandparent Day / Mass Birthday awards at assembly S. R. C</b>
<b>6. Referral Procedures</b>	<b>Locating suitable personnel Referral process Referral Forms Available Agencies – Data base</b>

# Promoting Self Esteem

## Issues

## Examples

### 1. Affirmation Strategies

Lolly jar – child and teacher  
Class awards  
Principal Awards  
Access to Principal  
Student achievements and work published in school newsletter, Catholic Observer, local newspaper  
Charts in classroom  
Work displays  
Peer Support  
Religious Education Curriculum  
Assemblies  
S.R.C.  
Buddies

### 2. Personal Development

Years 5 & 6  
P.D. Program taught to children

# Student Leadership

## Issues

## Examples

### 1. Selection of Leaders

Nominations, speeches

### 2. Commissioning

Transfer of badges – liturgy  
Inviting parents

### 3. Leadership Roles

Class Captain  
Peer Support  
School Captains  
Sport Captains  
Library Monitors  
Student Council  
Representation at significant events e.g. ANZAC day  
Buddy Systems – K and Yr 6  
Bus Monitors  
Bell Duty  
Peer Tutoring  
S. R. C.  
Choir – Parish Masses

# Community Outreach

## Issues

## Examples

### 1. Charitable Works

Money raising for Missions  
Mufti Days  
St. Vincent De Paul Hampers  
Supporting Peru gift stall

### 2. Community Involvement

ANZAC March  
Eisteddfod  
Lantern Festival

### 3. Parish Sacraments

Reflection Days  
Spirit Day  
Thanksgiving Mass / BBQ  
All classes involved – prayers, letters /cards

### 4. Parish Links

Welcoming forms  
Circulate information  
Altar servers

### 5. Family Acknowledgement

Birth of siblings  
Sympathy  
Achievements  
Supporting families during difficult times