



The Springfield Anglican College

Student Care, Support and Counselling Policy

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1 Overarching policy

Board Policy No. 5 – Student Welfare Management Policy

2 Policy statement

The Springfield Anglican College (**College**) is committed to providing an environment for students which:

- is supportive, nurturing and provides for their wellbeing and healthy growth and development; and
- reduces the risks of self-harming behaviours amongst students.

The College has developed a student care framework through which appropriate care, support and counselling is available to students.

3 Special note

This policy should be read together with the Protecting Children and Young People in Anglican Education Policy, Guidelines and Procedures which deal with matters of harm, sexual abuse or inappropriate behaviour and must be kept at the forefront when considering and implementing the contents of this policy. In the event that reasonable suspicions exist that harm, and/or sexual abuse has occurred or is likely to occur, the Protecting Children and Young People in Anglican Education Policy, Guidelines and Procedures must be followed.

4 Scope

This policy applies to all members of The Board, College Council, staff, students, parents and volunteers associated with the College.

5 Principles

5.1 Within a College environment, students may experience a wide range of behavioural, emotional, social and psychological issues that may, if left untreated, jeopardise their wellbeing and learning. Examples of such issues include:

- mental illness;
- friendship difficulties;
- family breakdowns;
- relationship issues;
- eating disorders;
- bullying;
- traumatic events;
- alcohol and substance abuse;
- self-esteem and identity issues; and
- self-harming behaviours.



- 5.2 The College offers student care, support, and counselling to assist students to develop appropriate skills and attitudes to help them resolve any academic, psychological, emotional, or social issues that they may experience.
- 5.3 Student care, support and counselling is undertaken within the framework of the whole school community, involving staff and parents as required.

6 Our policy

- 6.1 The College is committed to providing a safe environment and assisting students develop appropriate skills, attitudes and resilience to resolve problems in academic, psychological, emotional and social contexts and to reduce the risk of self-harming behaviours.
- 6.2 The College has established a Student Care Leadership Team and employs a College Psychologist to assist students to easily access the care, support and counselling services that they need.
- 6.3 Student care, support and counselling is managed by the College through the Student Care, Support and Counselling Procedure.
- 6.4 Student self-harm incidents are managed by the College through the Student Self Harm Procedure.

7 Policy administration

This policy will be reviewed 3 years from the date of the approval shown herein unless circumstances require that an earlier review be conducted.