

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT.

We in St. Peter's College Secondary school value and encourage the participation of students in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. The school recognises the dignity and rights of all young people and is committed to ensuring their protection and support. Management and staff accept and recognise our responsibilities to develop awareness of the practices, which cause children harm.

We will endeavour to safeguard our students by

- Good communication among all the partners associated with St. Peter's College Secondary School.**
- Careful selection of staff.**
- Raising awareness of Child Protection Issues among the staff**
- Provision of training for the Designated Liaison Person**
- Ensuring that all staff understand the need for, and the importance of maintaining confidentiality, as well as its limits within the context of child protection**
- Ensuring that all staff are aware of and fully support the "Code of Conduct" as printed below.**
- The Board of Management and the staff fully endorse and support the Department of Education and Science guidelines on Child Protection**

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL WORKING WITH AND IN CONTACT WITH STUDENTS

- 1. Teachers and school staff should endeavour not to be alone with a student. If in a room alone with a student the room should have easy visibility from outside or door should be left open.**
- 2. Particular care should be taken to ensure that the privacy of students is respected in places such as Swimming Pools, Showers, Toilets and Changing Rooms.**
- 3. When working with students, teachers should avoid becoming a 'Parental Figure' or becoming over involved with a particular student.**
- 4. Taking photographs of students while they are in changing areas is prohibited at all times.**
- 5. Use only age appropriate language, media products and activities when engaging with students.**
- 6. Written consent must be obtained from Parents/ Guardians before organising schools tours. Tours organised by teachers require careful advanced planning and briefing and an appropriate number of suitable personnel to provide adequate supervision.**
- 7. Under no circumstances give alcohol, non-prescribed drugs or tobacco to students, or consent to their use in school or during school related activities.**

The Principal is the "Designated Liaison Person". The Deputy Principal is the "Deputy Designated Liaison Person".

Students should also use the school's established Pastoral Care structure of Class Tutor, Year Head and Chaplain to report any concerns

"Designated Liaison Person" means the person to whom concerns or reports should be addressed.

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