
PASTORAL CARE

The pastoral care system at Overnewton is what holds the school together. It provides for individual assistance, care and monitoring of all students on the one hand, and houses the discipline and administrative processes on the other.

The heart of the system is the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher is charged with the responsibility of looking after the development of each of the students in his/her care and liaising with parents and specialist teachers as appropriate. Parents should feel that they have the right to contact classroom teachers whenever they wish.

Sometimes matters will need to be drawn to the attention of the co-ordinators of the Prep - Year 2 or Year 3 - 4 department, who will then become involved. Departmental co-ordinators have the responsibility of making sure the school day flows efficiently and that everyone in their particular section is achieving to their potential. They are always available for help and advice. The Deputy Head of Junior School, Pastoral Care is the next port of call and is able to assist in any matters arising of a pastoral or well-being nature. The Head of the Junior School is always available for consultation either before or after any of the above processes have taken place. The College also provides psychotherapeutic services on a referral basis. This service deals with a wide range of problems such as personal development, family stress, marriage guidance, and so on. (For more details contact the relevant Head of School.)

A major aim of the school's work is to help each student set and achieve realistic personal goals that match their potential. Transition to the Middle School is obviously an important part of the classroom program and a student's development. In all we do, the focus is on individual development and care.

Counselling Referrals – Junior School

All students requiring counselling will be referred to the counselling service by the Deputy Head of Junior School - Pastoral, or the Head of the Junior School.

Parents may also refer their child directly to the counsellor.

