



## PASTORAL CARE

### RATIONALE:

Pastoral care in St Patrick's is an attempt to take account of the personal and emotional needs of the pupils within the Catholic ethos of our school.

### PURPOSES:

The goal of the Pastoral Care Policy is to help raise pupils' self-esteem, a pride in their own appearance and achievements, confidence as a developing young person and to encourage pupils to find avenues for positive involvement in school life.

### GUIDELINES:

Referral of pupils may be made by Headteacher, Deputy Head, Special Needs Teacher, or Form Tutors; in response to the identification of a particular pastoral issue.

"Induction" of any new pupil into school (excluding first year pupils).

Dealing with any pupil who has experienced a serious upheaval, e.g., death in family, fire, illness, hospitalization of parent etc.

Record all interviews/special notebook (open access to Headteacher/Deputy Head).

Dealings with home if and when necessary.

Arrangements with Nurse/Doctor - re: health and development etc., of pupils. St Patrick's will also offer a Program of outside speakers for the pupils on health, hygiene, first-aid, smoking etc.

Responsibility for producing and updating, in consultation with the Headteacher, a clear statement of the rules of the school in respect of matters such as uniform grooming, the wearing of make-up, the wearing of jewelry and to the matter of general good manners and good conduct.

Responsibility for an ongoing appraisal of these rules in the light of changing circumstances and changing fashions and an annual review of the section of the School Rule Book which deals with the matters previously indicated.

**P.S.E. PROGRAMME:** There will be a coordinator(s) to develop, implement and monitor a comprehensive Personal & Social Education Program for pupils throughout St. Patrick's. This program will take account of the Rationale, Purposes and Guidelines as laid down.