STUDENTS

PROTECTION OF STUDENTS

RATIONALE

Daramalan College exists to proclaim and witness to the love of God. It aims to make the Gospel values real in the lives of young people and their families. Thus, any incidence of physical, sexual or emotional abuse of students within the school by school personnel is deeply distressing. It betrays the trust that parents and/or students have placed in the school and undermines the school's commitment to enhance and protect the welfare of the young people entrusted to its care.

POLICY

The principles and procedures outlined by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in the booklet “Towards Healing” will form the basis of a response to any complaints of physical, sexual or emotional abuse. The College will comply with all ACT legal requirements relating to the protection of children and young people.

APPLICATION

To ensure the welfare and protection of students who are entrusted to its care the school shall:

1. put in place appropriate practices and procedures;
2. respond, as required under mandatory reporting law, to any allegations of physical, sexual or emotional abuse;
3. offer care and support to those affected by the incident, which may include professional counselling and therapy;
4. treat with justice and compassion those against whom allegations are made;
5. if necessary, stand down school personnel against whom an allegation has been made until an investigation is concluded;
6. terminate the contracts of school personnel who are found to have offended in serious cases.

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