

SECTION 1 : MISSION & ETHOS

1.6 PASTORAL CARE

RATIONALE

In the spirit of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, a strong pastoral care system is appropriate in any Catholic school. Some Gospel values that characterise the approach to pastoral care at Daramalan College as an MSC school are love, compassion, and respect for every individual.

POLICY

Pastoral Care at Daramalan College will reflect the MSC Ethos and will embrace all members of its community.

APPLICATION

1. Pastoral Care underpins all aspects of College life.
2. Pastoral Care at Daramalan is concerned with the intrinsic value and well being of each person. It is effected in the development of quality relationships which are based on trust, respect, commitment, acceptance of others and personal attentiveness to their needs. It is effected in the provision of care networks which foster and support the total well being of each person in the school community. It is effected through meaningful and positive learning experiences.
3. Pastoral Care builds community through affirmation of the unique gifts of each individual. This affirmation springs from a compassionate heart which expresses itself in welcoming, listening, supporting, sharing, challenging and forgiving.
4. Pastoral Care will be evident in the practice of self discipline, which is essential for each person to attain his/her full potential. It is also evident in the overall discipline procedures within the school which exist to protect the rights of students and staff.
5. The responsibility for Pastoral Care at Daramalan rests initially with staff, who work with one another, with students and their families to build up and sustain a supportive community.

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