



St Paul Apostle South Community Code of Practice

All students enrolled have a right to feel safe and be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority and we have zero tolerance to child abuse. We aim to create a child safe and child friendly environment where children feel safe and are free to enjoy life to the full without any impediments for their safety.

St Paul Apostle South Primary School provides a high-quality educational program for students. The school relies on, and values, close interaction with parents, caregivers, guardians, surrounding schools and the local community.

Community involvement, support and assistance in the school is **actively encouraged** through:

- parent involvement in school programs and parish sacramental programs
- the Education Board
- the Parents and Friends Association

The community **is kept informed** of the school's activities and achievements through:

- the weekly newsletter
- regular communication through the seesaw and skoolbag apps
- regular communication through media releases to the local media, businesses and other organisations
- holding regular meetings with parents, PFA and Education Board
- encouraging an 'open door' approach to the community and establishing clear points of first contact with the school
- participation in appropriate open days, curriculum focus days and special events, Parent Teacher interviews etc.
- celebrating Parish Family Masses and Class Masses
- displays of student work.

The school will **facilitate community response** to the school's performance by:

- parent and PFA meetings
- parent/teacher interviews
- Education Board
- parent opinion surveys

St Paul Apostle South Primary School **expects all families** to support:

- the school's educational policies and programs
- the school's Student Welfare program
- the school's Student Code of Conduct
- the determination of the Education Board

PROTOCOLS

St Paul Apostle South Primary School will have **appropriate protocols** to ensure:

- that all persons are welcomed
- the rights of community members are respected
- all school community members are to deal with each other in a respectful manner by being courteous to staff, pupils and each other
- all persons respect the cultural and social diversity within our school community
- parents are able to raise difficult issues with the Parish Priest, the Principal or representative in order to achieve a positive resolution
- the school deals with issues of conflict between members of its community and therefore personal approaches are avoided between students and community members by referring any issues to the principal and/or class teacher
- trespass orders will be enforced for members of the school community who are not treating facilities and personnel with due care and consideration
- all members of the community must officially register to the school office as first point of contact during school hours
- that the school is informed of the health, medical and personal needs of students
- that the school is informed of changes to registered details of students and families
- that the school is informed of students' absences and signing out the register for early dismissal when taking children home during school hours

This practice has been reviewed by the School Principal – February 2022