

**SAFE AT SCHOOL POLICY**

**Rationale**

St Francis de Sales School strives to be a caring, Catholic school where each community member feels safe, included and respected.

This Safe School Policy of St Francis de Sales School is based on the National Safe Schools Framework and seeks to promote these principles:

* All individuals have a right to feel safe and secure
* All individuals are to be valued and treated with respect
* All individuals have a right to work and play in safety and without interference

In stating the above beliefs we recognise the importance of the development of a healthy and confident self image, a sense of belonging and the fostering of authentic self discipline.

At St Francis de Sales we define inappropriate behaviour as behaviour which harms self, others or the social order i.e., agreed and established expectations of behaviour.

We further recognise that many of our students may lack knowledge and skill resulting in inappropriate choices and actions. Whatever the cause of inappropriate behaviours, the school recognises its responsibility to support students through education in the values, attitudes, knowledge and skills which underlie effectiveness in building and maintaining relationships.

**Values**

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St Francis de Sales School is a Catholic Parish Primary School committed to the development of the whole person and to the provision of a safe, caring environment. The Safe School Policy reflects the values espoused in the Mission of a Catholic school. It seeks to promote the values and attitudes of care, respect and responsibility and responsiveness.