

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Scope: This policy applies to all Catholic schools and colleges conducted by Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as Catholic Education in the document).

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Catholic Education exists to provide quality Catholic schooling in accordance with the vision and the evangelizing mission of the Catholic Church.

Families are the first educators of their children. Catholic Education works with parents, parishes, the wider Church and other agencies to foster:

- a whole school community approach to student wellbeing
- active participation of all school community members in developing and maintaining positive, respectful and engaging relationships
- diversity as the norm
- service to others
- collaboration for the benefit of students and the wider community.

2. DESCRIPTION

The Catholic Church within the Diocese of Rockhampton establishes schools as centres of faith and learning where all members are invited to:

- participate in the Church's mission of proclaiming the Good News
- walk in partnership with families, parishes and communities
- assist individuals to grow to the fullness of their potential
- foster safe, inclusive, enjoyable, collaborative, challenging and empowering learning environments
- nurture a love of learning and inquiry

3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton are actively involved in shaping a socially just and sustainable future.

4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- Rockhampton Diocesan Vision Statement
- [Catholic Education Charter](#) 2016
- Catholic Education *Strategic Plan* 2018 - 2020
- [Code of Conduct](#) 2018
- [Integrity in Relationships](#) 2013 (Brochure)
- [Statement of Principles](#)
- [Learning Framework](#) 2010
- [Counselling in Catholic Schools and College](#) 2017/02
- [Student Protection](#) 2018/01
- [Anti Bullying](#) 2013/07
- [Workplace Health and Safety](#) 2016/03
- [Privacy](#) 2014/04
- [Right Relationships Parent Code of Conduct](#) 2017
- [Right Relationships Parent Grievance Procedures and Guidelines Position Statement](#) 2017
- [Student Protection](#) 2013 (Brochure)
- *School Improvement Framework* 2016
- *Catholic Ethos and Identity Audit*

LEGISLATION*

State legislation (non-exhaustive list):

- [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006](#)
- [Education \(General Provisions\) Regulation 2006](#)
- [Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Act 2017](#)
- [Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Regulation 2017](#)
- [Education \(Queensland College of Teachers\) Act 2005](#)
- [Education \(Queensland College of Teachers\) Regulation 2016](#)
- [Education \(Capital Assistance\) Act 1993](#)
- [Education \(Capital Assistance\) Regulation 2015](#)
- [Child Protection Act 1999](#)
- [Working with Children \(Risk Management and Screening\) Act 2000](#)
- [Working with Children \(Risk Management and Screening\) Regulation 2011](#)
- [Anti-Discrimination Act 1999](#)
- [Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#)
- [Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011](#)
- [Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003](#)
- [Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Regulation 2003](#)

Commonwealth legislation (non-exhaustive list):

- [Schools Assistance Act 2008](#)
- [Schools Assistance Regulation 2009](#)
- [Australian Education Act 2013](#)
- [Guide to the Australian Education Act 2013](#)



- [Fair Work Act 2009](#)
- [Fair Work Regulation 2011](#)
- [Privacy Act 1988](#)
- [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#)
- [Disability Standards for Education 2005](#)

*These links will take you to the Office of Qld Parliamentary Council website. Here you will find the current legislation.

RESOURCES

- Congregation for Catholic Education *The Catholic School* 1977
- John Paul II *Pastoral Letter to Families* 1994