GUNDAROO PUBLIC SCHOOL

STUDENT WELFARE POLICY

PURPOSE
Student welfare encompasses everything that the school community does to meet the personal and social needs of students and to enhance their well-being. It involves recognising, valuing and developing each student as a unique person in the context of society.

The ‘Student Welfare Program’ is the sum total of all of the policies, structures and activities which are planned and implemented by the school to promote student welfare.

RATIONALE
- Parents and families have the prime responsibility for the welfare of their children;
- The general community shares responsibility for the welfare of young people;
- Schools, as part of the general community, have a role in student welfare;
- Student welfare is integral to education and is the responsibility of all staff;
- The Department and other community agencies support the school in this task;
- Much of the caring in schools occurs spontaneously and incidentally as it does in any community of caring people;
- To maintain a positive learning atmosphere, the school has a right to insist on the appropriate behaviour from all its pupils.

OUTCOMES
Through its student welfare program, the school aims to help its students to develop:
- a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction from learning;
- an ability to communicate effectively;
- a coherent set of values to guide behaviour as set out in the document “The Values We Teach”;
- a sense of personal and social responsibility for their actions and decisions;
- a sense of personal dignity and worth;
- Resilience and self reliance
- a sense of cultural identity;
- a feeling of belonging to the wider community;
- social and parental expectations that children will learn in a caring community that is concerned for their welfare;
- a caring attitude and a respect for the diversity of beliefs and the values of others;
- an ability to form satisfying and stable relationships.

A school, co-operating with parents, can work towards realising these aims through learning programs and support services in three major areas:
1. general measures to promote the personal development of students;
2. preventative measures to ensure the safety and well-being of students;
3. remedial measures to overcome specific difficulties.