



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Scope: This policy applies to all in Catholic kindergartens, schools and colleges (including the Catholic Education Office) (referred to as 'school') conducted by Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as CEDR).

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) exists to provide quality Catholic schooling in the Diocese of Rockhampton in accordance with the vision and the evangelizing mission of the Catholic Church.

Families are the first educators of their children. CEDR 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, inclusive and engaging relationships
- service to others
- collaboration for the benefit of students and the wider community.

2. DESCRIPTION

The Catholic Church within the Diocese of Rockhampton establishes 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

CEDR actively involved in shaping a socially just and sustainable future by:

- providing opportunities for prayer and worship
- fostering service to others through social action and justice
- providing a quality education in a safe and caring environment
- supporting all students to achieve to their potential
- promoting parental engagement in education
- creating pathways in life for students to pursue their hopes
- nurturing the holistic development of the child

- demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement
- being open to all who seek our values.

4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton Vision Statement
- [Catholic Education Charter](#) 2018
- Catholic Education [Strategic Plan 2023-2025](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#) v4 2022
- [Right Relationships Parent Code of Conduct](#) 2017
- [School Improvement Framework](#) v2 2017
- [Teaching and Learning Framework](#) 2019
- [Statement of Principles for Employment in Catholic Schools](#)
- [Anti-Bullying](#) 2018/06
- [Privacy](#) 2023/04
- [Right Relationships Parent and Student Grievance and Resolution](#) 2019/02
- [Student Counselling in Catholic Schools and Colleges](#) 2022/02
- [Student Protection](#) 2023/01
- [Workplace Health and Safety](#) 2021/03
- [Right Relationships Parent and Student Grievance and Resolution Procedures](#) v6 2023
- [Student Protection](#) 2019 (Brochure)
- [Integrity in Relationships](#) 2019 (Brochure)
- [Catholic Ethos and Identity Audit](#)

LEGISLATION*

State legislation (non-exhaustive list):

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

Commonwealth legislation (non-exhaustive list):

- [Australian Education Act 2013](#)
- [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#)
- [Disability Standards for Education 2005](#)
- [Fair Work Act 2009](#)



- [Fair Work Regulation 2011](#)
- [Guide to the Australian Education Act 2013](#)
- [Privacy Act 1988](#)
- [Schools Assistance Act 2008](#)
- [Schools Assistance Regulation 2009](#)

*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