



MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Because I have seen the Lord"

Hands Off Policy

Rationale

As a Catholic school, we have a responsibility to promote peace and harmony within our school community. All members of the Magdalene Catholic High School community realise the importance of respecting the rights of others. This policy is to promote an atmosphere and general conduct which discourages/limits the opportunities for Bullying and Harassment and promotes student/staff safety and security.

Guidelines

1. No student is to touch another student in a manner judged inappropriate by staff.
2. No student is to use any form of physical violence against other students, even in "fun" or as a "practical joke".
3. Bullying or any other kind of stand-over tactics will not be tolerated.
4. These principles and/or guidelines will be espoused by the Principal and other school leaders and staff at school assemblies, in the classroom and around the school.
5. During homeroom, teachers will remind students of Hands-Off Policy.
6. School leaders and senior students are to model these guidelines at all times.
7. School leaders should be involved in reinforcing this policy in their dealings with other students at school, sporting venues and on buses to and from school.
8. Students who are observed inappropriately touching another student will be instructed to stop. If he or she does not, he or she is to be referred to the Coordinator who will take action to modify the inappropriate behaviour. This may include issuing a Thursday afternoon detention.

Basis of Discretion

The Principal may use his discretionary powers in dealing with students who offend this policy.

Supporting Documents

- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Gender Equity Policy
- Anti-Bullying & Harassment Policy

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2015.