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## Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy

Belmont High School will provide a supportive, caring environment which promotes positive student and teacher relationships and fosters a positive attitude to learning and the pursuit of excellence in all students.

### Rationale

- The Pastoral care of all students is the essential focus of all teaching and learning at Belmont High School. It provides the optimum environment for learning and is the common responsibility for all staff at the school. It provides the very ethos upon which the school is founded and is best achieved through a caring and supportive environment.
- This school endeavours to promote a healthy, supportive and secure environment for all students and to raise awareness of what makes students resilient, to develop strategies to reduce vulnerabilities and increase coping skills.
- Student wellbeing is a shared responsibility between school, home and the community.
- Pastoral care is continuously reviewed to ensure it is meeting the needs of students, staff and community and that they are responsive to contemporary research findings, understandings and innovations.
- The House system and form room in particular are the fundamental pastoral structures within the school. It is also recognized, however, that pastoral care permeates all areas of activity within the school community.

### Aims

- All teachers assume responsibility for student wellbeing and pastoral care, endeavouring to provide successful and positive experiences.
- Students feel safe and secure in a supportive environment where a sense of belonging and wellbeing are strengthened.
- All members of the school community develop positive social behaviours and problem solving skills.
- Staff are confident, skilled and proactive in the management of student welfare issues and pastoral care.
- Communication processes and protocols are clear and well known to ensure the effectiveness of student support.

### AUTHORISATION

This policy and procedure was ratified by School Council on:

20.6.17

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (School Council President)

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