What is Pastoral Care at St Mary’s College?

Pastoral Care is at the very core of the St Mary’s College experience. Students are supported and challenged to achieve their best both personally and in their school work. Pastoral Care cares for students by giving them a support network of peers and school staff to meet their needs as they work through their secondary school years.

What does a Pastoral Care lesson look like?

- Students meet with their pastoral care groups daily. In the mornings, the PC group gives students the information they need for the day ahead but also gives PC teachers a chance to check how their students are travelling that day.
- Once a week, we have extended PC (Pastoral Care). During that time, PC groups work as a team to build relationships and support students.

Support for students and families

While all staff at St Mary’s College work to support student, there are specific staff members who students will connect with. They include:

- Pastoral Care Teacher – meets with students every day
- Pastoral Care group – our PC groups consist of students from years 7 – 12. A group students see every day of their life at the college.
- House Leaders – Each house is led by a house leader. They oversee the pastoral program but are actively involved in supporting students.
- Campus Minister – provides support to students and families in times of need.
- School Counsellor – works alongside students to assist with all things minor to major, depending on the needs of the student.

Pastoral Care works for students because…..

- Our students exhibit a very strong sense of belonging to their House because of the number of diverse and engaging activities that they participate in as part of their House.
- Students learn to relate to students of all ages and develop a strong sense of appreciation for the issues that other age groups face because of the vertical nature of our PC Classes.

We strive to be true to the premise that at St Mary’s we look after each other and look out for others.