

## **POLICY ON A SOCIALLY SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Each member of our school community has a right to be educated within a socially safe environment.

### **PURPOSE**

- a. The school aims to provide an environment which will ensure that all members of the school community can develop and mature without feeling threatened and inhibited by anti-social, aggressive or violent behaviour of others.
- b. The school aims to regularly remind all members of the school community about this policy.

### **GUIDELINES**

1. Acts of anti-social behaviour are dealt with by the staff and/or Principal, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees.
2. The Guidance Network of Pastoral care is very strong. Students are encouraged to refer to the Guidance Counsellor, Senior Management, the Deans or their Vertical Form teachers, for personal assistance in cases of anti-social/inappropriate behaviour.
3. Complaints about anti-social/inappropriate behaviour will always be taken seriously.
4. Monitoring and follow-up will take place to ensure as far as reasonably possible that anti-social/inappropriate behaviour stops.
5. A culture of respect and caring for others will be reinforced by developing interpersonal skills through direct teaching, building a positive classroom climate and the use of related programmes that develop self-esteem. School assemblies will reinforce this policy.
6. An anti-bullying programme will be run in the Health programme at junior level.
7. School grounds are kept clean and safe. Staff and senior students are on duty during the day. All entries to and exits from the school are to be with the knowledge of school authorities.
8. All visitors to the school are at the discretion of, and must have the permission of, the Principal. The Principal or Senior Management has the legal right to refuse permission for such access to the school.

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