



Disclosure Statement to Students

The following disclosure statement is made available to parents/carers on our College Website.

Sacred Heart College – Things You Should Know

The School provides support for students via their House Mentor and Student Development Coordinator as part of its pastoral care support. On occasions short term counselling services are provided through our College psychologist and/or social workers employed by the School.

Students are encouraged to make use of these services if directed by Student Development Coordinator. There are however a number of things that students and their parents should know before using the counselling service.

1. Records will be made of counselling sessions and because the counsellor is an employee, those records belong to the school, not the counsellor.
2. The School is very conscious of the need for confidentiality between counsellor and student. However, at times it may be necessary for the Counsellor to divulge the contents of discussions or records to the Principal (or delegate) if the Principal (or delegate) or the Counsellor considers it necessary for the student's welfare to discharge the school's duty of care to the student.
3. It is also possible that the Principal (or delegate) may need to disclose aspects of discussions with counsellors to others in order to assist the student.
4. Where a disclosure is made it would be limited to those who need to know, unless the students consents to some wider disclosure.

We emphasise that disclosures (if any) would be very limited. However, if a student is not prepared to use the counselling services on the basis set out above the student will need to obtain counselling services from outside the school.