



DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO STUDENTS POLICY

Preamble

The College provides counselling services for its students as part of its Pastoral Care Program. These are provided through Counsellors employed by the College.

Counselling at Marymede Catholic College – Things You Should Know

Students are encouraged to make use of these services if they need assistance. There is 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 College, not the Counsellor.
2. The College is very conscious of the need for confidentiality between the Counsellor and student. However, at times it may be necessary for the Counsellor to divulge the contents of discussions or records to the Principal if the Principal or Counsellor considers it necessary for the student's welfare to discharge the College's duty of care to the student.
3. It is also possible that the Principal 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 student 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 College.