

# De La Salle College



## Confidentiality Policy

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The welfare and self-confidence of students is a central concern of College staff, informed by the College's ethos and aims, and by legal requirements. It is understood that serving as a Catholic educator is a privilege and a gift; the preservation of such a role as positive and unambiguous, that students are safe and that the teachers are protected and boundaries observed are all assumptions that inform this policy. Students are actively encouraged to raise personal and general concerns with members of staff and senior students and to seek advice in confidence.

It is important to note, however, that such discussions, whilst maintaining an appropriate confidence, must take into account a full appreciation of duty of care. This will mean that information may have to be shared with senior members of staff or parents on a need to know basis - not as a breach, but as an extension of a confidence given. This aspect of the policy will apply if there is a risk of an individual becoming a danger to himself or others. In such a situation a student will be counselled, that it is desirable for a confidence to be shared with others.