Pastoral Care at MCS – Parent / Guardian Opt Out Form

At MCS all teachers have a pastoral care role. This pastoral care program operates within a Home Group structure. The Home Group teacher works closely with the Year Level Co-ordinators to enhance the pastoral care of the students. Our School Chaplains partly funded under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP) and the School Counsellor support the staff in their role of pastoral care.

Our School Chaplains and School Counsellor have up to date qualifications and training in pastoral care, counselling and psychology and only provide services appropriate to their level of training and availability. These services might therefore include helping families find the most appropriate support in the community when the skills and capacity of the Pastoral Care team cannot adequately ensure the safety and well-being of a particular student.

While referrals to the program can be made by teaching staff and parents / guardians, students can also refer themselves.

The program is completely voluntary. If you DO NOT WANT your child to make use of this service please complete the OPT OUT INSTRUCTION below.

A Register of students whose parents / guardians have opted out of the Pastoral Care program will be kept by the School Principal and consulted by all teachers before referring students to the Pastoral Care Team.

Year Level Co-ordinators will directly consult with students and parents /guardians when they are concerned about the well-being of these students to discuss the most appropriate support available outside of the Pastoral Care Team.

The program is confidential. Our Pastoral Care Team are bound by a professional Code of Conduct requirement to respect the confidentiality of all students. Confidentiality will not apply when students appear to be at risk of harming themselves, harming someone else or the Pastoral Care Team become aware of students being at risk of being harmed by someone else. In these situations the Pastoral Care Team will discuss their concerns with the student as well as with the appropriate Head of Campus and other external parties in the student’s life that need to work together to ensure their safety.

Opt Out Instruction:

I (Name of Parent /s or Guardian/s)___________________________________
(both parents to be named in case of dual custody)

DO NOT CONSENT for my child (Name of Child)__________________________
in Year Level__________ to work with any member of the Pastoral Care Team
(School Chaplains and School Counsellors).

Signed:________________________________ Dated:___________________

(Signed:________________________________ Dated:___________________
(both parents to sign in case of dual custody)

Office Notes – Please provide completed copy to: Principal’s Executive Assistant (SMC) and School Counsellor (RWA).