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Purpose

St Nicholas is committed to the delivery of services consistent with the principles and standards detailed in the resources Integrity in the Service of the Church. St Nicholas will promote collaborative partnerships with families supported by inclusive environments that encourage active exploration, recognition of diversity and respect for families and children’s beliefs, values, and philosophies.

Policy Statement

St Nicholas will establish collaborative partnerships with families that support the health, well being and development of children.

Definitions

Collaborative partnerships mean involvement for families and education in

- Enrolment and orientation

- Access
- Separation
- Grievance resolution

“Families” means the parents, guardians and children who utilise the Service.

“Well-being” is defined in accordance with the Health and Well Being Policy.

“Development of children” means the curriculum and program content of the Service.

“Duty of care” is defined as the responsibility of care.

Scope

This policy applies to all persons representing Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Early Education Service in a paid or unpaid capacity and includes (but is not limited to) employees, Trustees and Advisory Council members.

Policy Context

This policy must be read in conjunction with the Integrity in the Service of the Church and Privacy policy.

Relationships to Standards

Std 1: Education Program and Practice

Std 2: Children’s Health and Safety

Std 5: Relationships with Children

Std 6: Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities

Responsibilities

All staff, volunteers and families are responsible for complying with the policy.

Managers are responsible for communicating the policy to their staff.

Legislative/Professional Guidelines

Early Learning Years Framework (2009)

Education and Care Services National Regulation (amended 2018)

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2018 National Quality Standard (NQS)

Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2012A00197>

Australian Privacy Principles

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/australian-privacy-principles/>

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