

# Student Wellbeing Policy

## 2021 - 2022

**POLICY OWNER:**

**APPROVED BY:**

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## 1. PURPOSE

Maplewood Canadian International School expects those who are a part of the community to consider student wellbeing in all decisions made regarding School business. Student Wellbeing helps to build and support the school community through its focus upon the wellbeing of individuals and the development of the whole person. This is achieved through a combination of balanced and structured activities encompassing social, emotional, mental, spiritual, academic and physical development. Every staff member (teaching and general) has responsibilities with respect to the wellbeing of students in their care. All individual students are valued and supported to:

- Develop their own potential and become independent learners
- Enjoy a sense of belonging and connectedness to other members of the school community
- Enjoy a successful transition from year to year, with consideration given to their social, emotional and academic wellbeing.
- Develop self-esteem and confidence and to make contributions to the school.
- Enjoy and value all facets of the activities they participate in at School.
- Take pride in achieving high standards.
- Take responsibility for themselves and others.
- Become involved and interested in service to the community through leadership opportunities.
- For parents to work in partnership with the school to support student learning, personal growth and positive self-esteem of students.
- To build positive relationships between teachers, students and parents.

This policy is closely aligned to the School's strategic plan and a number of other policies with a focus upon the wellbeing of students generally. All members of the School community are expected to support this policy.

## 2. SCOPE

This policy and associated procedures, applies to all members of Maplewood International School community and is inclusive of all school environments. It is also applicable to approved visitors, pre-service teachers, guest presenters and any other community member within the school.

## 3. ALIGNMENT TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN

### **Maplewood Canadian International School Core Values:**

**Respect- Care – Empathy – Honesty – Tolerance – Integrity – Resilience**

### **Strategic Plan Goals and pathways:**

**Student wellbeing:** a supportive, caring and inspiring environment where all can thrive.

- a. Create a culture which promotes a positive sense of wellbeing and self-worth.
- b. Maintain a safe and secure environment with an emphasis on pastoral care that nurtures each individual.
- c. Equip students with confidence, based upon our values, so they may be valuable, caring and respectful members of the community.
- d. Develop programs that teach leadership to encourage an aspirational mind-set and willingness for personal improvement.
- e. Ensure the School provides for the developmental needs of each student, enhanced through the Primary and Secondary school structure.

**Teaching and learning:** engaged and motivated students striving to learn and grow.

- a. Provide opportunities to unlock individual strengths and virtues by providing a lively learning environment where young people flourish.
- b. Deliver a rigorous education with a balance of process and content that empowers individuals and prepares them for success.
- c. Affirm our academic culture to challenge students to pursue their personal best and realise their individual talents.
- d. Promote excellence, innovation and continuous improvement.
- e. Implement approaches to learning to cater for students from diverse backgrounds and abilities.

#### **Desired Outcomes**

Deliver improvements in performance across all areas, including our academic, wellbeing and co-curricular programs.

#### **4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:**

- MCIS Child Safety policy.
- MCIS Information and Communication Technologies policy
- MCIS Social Media policy
- MCIS Anti-bullying policy
- MCIS Staff Professional Expectations policy
- Behaviour policy
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Internet Acceptable Use - Code of Conduct - Student Agreement
- Attendance policy.

## 5. MCIS STUDENT WELLBEING POLICY

### 5.1 RATIONALE

All members of the MWIS, including students, parents, teachers and non-teaching staff, have the right to benefit from the opportunities that exist from being members of our community. They should behave within and outside of the School in such a manner that the image of the School is not negatively affected or brought into disrepute. MWIS is committed to creating an inclusive learning environment that supports and develops the wellbeing of all students. Student Wellbeing is fundamental to successful learning. Students who are predominantly happy, confident, resilient and able to establish functional and meaningful relationships with themselves and others are better placed to achieve positive learning outcomes. MWIS seeks to be proactive in developing opportunities for students through a wide range of curriculum and co-curricular activities that fosters a sense of connectedness to a safe school community and that assists in developing social, emotional and resilience skills.

### 5.2 GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is applicable to all students who attend MWIS. The relationship that student wellbeing has to positive behaviour development procedures are specific to the Primary and Secondary Schools as they are implemented using a school-based approach deemed relevant to that particular school setting.

### 5.3. WHOLE SCHOOL CHARTER

The Whole School Charter, designed in consultation with staff provides an outline to guide teachers when they are looking after the academic and emotional wellbeing of students in their care. Each member of the school community should be mindful that their actions have consequences and that they as individuals, are responsible for their own behaviour choices. At MWIS, staff believe in a positive and proactive approach to student behaviour expectations with the intent to facilitate a school climate where personal responsibility and self-discipline are developed and acknowledged. Our school prohibits corporal punishment.

At Maplewood International School:

We Believe:

**THE TEACHER**

**Passionate:** Teachers display enthusiasm for their students' learning and inspire them to aim for excellence.

**Role Model:** Teachers set an example as responsible and professional members of the Hume Anglican Grammar community.

**Organised:** Teachers prepare thoroughly for all stages of the learning process.

**Caring:** Teachers take an interest in all students and strive to develop a positive relationship with them.

## THE CLASSROOM

**Safe:** Students are supported and cared for in a comfortable, clean and welcoming environment.

**Interactive:** Students and teachers are actively engaged in a resources rich and dynamic learning space.

**Stimulating:** Students and teachers are actively engaged in creating learning spaces that are motivational and educational.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

**Consistent:** Classroom expectations and consequences are fair, transparent and equitable, whilst taking into consideration students with special needs.

**Boundaries:** Teachers support each other by behaving and responding similarly and consistently to reinforce the behavioural standards of the school.

**Respectful:** Relationships within our school community are based on integrity and mutual respect: teacher-student and student-student.

**Work / Study Habits:** Teachers establish effective routines that help students become successful and independent learners.

## STUDENT WELLBEING

**Relationships:** Teachers aim to nurture children with a holistic understanding of the individual needs of each child within a caring and inclusive Christian environment.

**Valued:** Teachers appreciate and are empathetic to the personalities and diverse backgrounds of their students.

**Inclusive:** Teachers are proactive in monitoring student wellbeing and students learning in a place where they belong.

**Resilience:** Teachers guide students to develop perseverance and determination when facing adversity.

## THE LEARNING

**Engaging:** Quality lessons are relevant, well planned, flexible and stimulating.

**Challenging:** Lessons allow students to set goals to aspire to and enable students to be extended in a supportive environment.

**Feedback:** Teachers provide timely, specific and meaningful feedback that encourages students in their pursuit of learning.

**Multi-Modal:** Lessons employ a range of 21st century learning experiences that allow students to display their knowledge and skills using a range of tools to prepare them for a global society.

**Individual Differences:** Teachers design accessible learning experiences that facilitate success for each student.

## 5.4 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All members in the school community including students, families, teachers and nonteaching staff, share responsibility for student wellbeing. The School has a responsibility to ensure students whose wellbeing is compromised are supported and assisted with, including consultation with the Student counsellor where applicable.

## 5.5 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Maplewood International School will make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a student with a disability. An adjustment is a measure or action taken to assist a student with disability to participate in education and training on the same basis as other students. An adjustment is reasonable if it does this while taking into account the students' learning needs and balancing the interests of all parties affected, including those of the student with the disability, the education provider, staff and other students.

Maplewood International School takes into account information about:

- The nature of the student's disability
- The student's preferred adjustment

- Any adjustments that have been provided previously
- Any recommended or alternative adjustments

This information might come from the student, an associate of the student, independent experts, or a combination of these people.

The School ensures that the student, or an associate of the student, has timely information about the processes for determining whether the proposed adjustment would cause unjustifiable hardship to Maplewood International School. The School also ensures that these processes maintain the dignity, respect, privacy and confidentiality of the student and the associates of the student, consistent with the rights of the rest of the community.

The School considers all likely costs and benefits both direct and indirect for MWIS , the student and any associates of the student, and any other persons in the learning or wider community including

- Costs associated with additional staffing, providing special resources or modifying the curriculum.
- Costs resulting from the student's participation in the learning environment, including any adverse impact on learning and social outcomes for the student, other students and teachers.
- Benefits of the student's participation in the learning environment, including positive learning and social outcomes for the student, other students and teachers, and any financial incentives, such as subsidies or grants, available to the provider if the student participates.

## **6. REVIEWING THIS POLICY**

The School undertakes to not only adhere to this policy but also monitor adherence to the policy. This will be part of the review process but also be ongoing.

## **7. COMMUNICATION OF THIS POLICY**

This policy will be publicly available via the school website and our Learning Management System. Regular communication with regards to the policy will occur for the whole school community.