



St Pius x High School

INCLUSIVE SCHOOL POLICY

1. RATIONALE

St..Pius X High School supports the concept of the Inclusive School, fully endorsing the policy of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Diocese has embraced the Salamanca Statement (adopted by UNESCO in 1994). This Statement states:

“The fundamental principle of the inclusive school is that all children should learn together, wherever possible, regardless of any difficulties or differences they may have. Inclusive schools must recognise and respond to the diverse learning needs of their students, accommodating both the different styles and rates of learning and ensuring quality education to all through appropriate curricula, organisational arrangements, teaching strategies, resource use and partnerships with their communities”

As members of the SPX community ALL students have the right to;

- Enjoy a safe and healthy school environment
- Be free from discrimination and bullying
- Be supported in their educational goals
- Learn about and model Christ’s teaching
- Express their own individuality
- Join in school activities and have fun.

2. AIMS

- 2.1 That the school recognises its responsibility for meeting the educational needs of all students
- 2.2 That, as far as possible, all students are given the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of school life.
- 2.3 That the school recognises the individuality and dignity of each young person and fosters the development of each one’s unique potential.
- 2.4 That the school provide pastoral care for all students and have concern for those who may be disadvantaged in any way.

3. STRATEGIES

- 3.1 Cater for students with severe learning difficulties through the operation of the Special Needs Unit
- 3.2 Assist students with language difficulties through the operation of the ESL Unit
- 3.3 Modify work to cater for the wide range of student ability in mixed classes
- 3.4 Place students in ability appropriate classes.
- 3.5 Maintain equipment and infrastructure to enable students with physical limitations to move around the school.
- 3.6 Ensure that all students are involved in regular classes at least some of the time during the school week.
- 3.7 Grant concessions and exemptions to students with financial difficulties so that all have access to the school and activities.
- 3.8 Work to eliminate discrimination of any kind within the school.
- 3.9 Utilize Restorative Justice practices to repair relationships when necessary
- 3.10 Utilize external community based services and Catholic Schools Office services to assist with the integration of students from different cultures into the St.Pius X community.

4. EVALUATION

This policy will be evaluated in a manner and time decided by the school executive.