



Statement on Bullying

St Patrick's College community takes the view that any form of bullying or harassment is unacceptable. Bullying is a breach of the student code of rights and responsibilities.

As a Catholic school in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice, every member of the College community has a right to feel protected, nurtured and valued. The College seeks to reinforce the values of care and consideration for others, to be respectful of each individual and to be a witness to these Christian values.

There are many adults at school who want to help you too; perhaps you could talk to your teachers, your Year Coordinator or the College Counsellors. They can help you decide how to handle the situation and they can take action.

Remember, we are on your side. We take bullying seriously and want to stop it.

What can you do if you are a witness to bullying?

There is a risk that you can become the victim, or be labelled a dobber, but we need to work together if we are to be effective.

we hope that you care enough to want to do something.

if possible, you could intervene as the bullying occurs by simply saying "cut it out", "leave him alone", "quit it". This is very useful if you have influence with the bully: e.g. are older, a friend, a College prefect, or team captain.

if you cannot act immediately, it is helpful to report the incident to someone you trust as soon as you can. You may need to establish that you want privacy and confidentiality. Alternatively you may wish to make an anonymous report on CANVAS that will provide details on the issue you are witness to