



# Good Counsel Parish Schools Board

## POLICY GUIDELINE/PROCEDURE COVER SHEET

FOR

### Catholic Education Services - Family Law Matters for Schools

<b>Good Counsel Parish Schools Board</b> (incorporating Good Counsel Primary School, Good Counsel College and St. Rita's Primary School)	
<b>Policy Domain:</b> Managing Relations	Adopted: 14 October 2014 To be reviewed: 12 months
<b>STATEMENT</b> In keeping with their Mission Statements, our schools work to develop an environment that supports the student and the family in areas that are governed through relevant Laws and Regulations.	
<b>CONTEXT</b> Our schools are places where a lived faith is as significant to a person as is the human learning that equips people for the future. Catholic education is conducted in an increasingly secular environment where a growing spiritual poverty impacts on how families maintain faith and human integrity. In addition, our schools also attract students and teachers from diverse family backgrounds. To ensure relationships are maintained, our schools are expected to understand the changing nature of families and the laws that affect them.	
<b>RATIONALE</b> To ensure that our College is able to maintain positive relationships with parents and students with a wide range of family situations and be required to implement all directions in legal matters regarding to obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving their children's education at school.	

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE**

John 15:13 "*A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*"

**RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- Family Law Matters for Schools – Catholic Education Services Cairns
- Refer to Primary and Secondary School Procedures and CES Website.
- All other related documents as outlined by Catholic Education Services Cairns.
- 1975 Family Law Act